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## THE REPORTER BY STEAM.

This is bad weather for building, but so soon as men can work to advantage, up goes the new Reporter office building on Third St., next to Henderson's Bros. livery stable, where our presses will be run by steam. After that we shall have something of interest TO SAY TO OUR PATRONS.

### The Enabling Act.

House bill No. 18, "an act to relocate the county seat of Yamhill county, Oregon; to provide for the submission of said relocation to the voters of said county, and regulate the manner and fix the time of said submission, and the construction of its county buildings," is now a law of the land. The measure passed both branches of the assembly almost unanimously, supported by the entire delegation from Yamhill county, both in the house and in the senate, and was voted for by democrats and republicans alike. Hence it can not be said that there was any other than simple justice in the measure. We give the bill as it passed:

Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon:

SEC. 1. That on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, A. D. 1887, the legal voters of Yamhill county, state of Oregon, shall vote upon the question of relocating the county seat of said Yamhill county. The poll books for said election shall be ruled and prepared so as to provide a sufficient number of columns for recording and counting all the votes cast for relocating the county seat of said Yamhill county.

SEC. 2. Each voter voting upon the question of relocating the said county seat shall have written or printed upon his ballot the name of the place for which he votes for county seat, and the place receiving a majority of all the legal votes cast for county seat, shall be the permanent county seat of said Yamhill county, until otherwise provided by law.

SEC. 3. If no one of the places voted for at said election as provided in section 1 and 2 of this act shall receive a majority of all the legal votes cast for county seat at said election, then at the next general election, the question shall, under this act, be again voted upon by the voters of said Yamhill county, for the purpose of relocating the county seat thereof, at which election the two places having the highest number of legal votes at the first election shall be voted upon for county seat; and the county clerk of said county shall prepare and rule, or have so prepared and ruled, the poll books for said election, so as to pro-

vide a column for recording and counting the votes cast for each place voted for, and the place receiving the highest number of legal votes cast for county seat at said election shall be the permanent county seat of said county of Yamhill, and state of Oregon, until otherwise provided by law.

SEC. 4. That any legal voter of said Yamhill county desiring to vote upon said question at either of said elections, shall vote in the precinct wherein he would vote, if voting for county officers of said county, and not elsewhere.

SEC. 5. If the location of the county seat, for Yamhill county, shall be changed, from Lafayette to some other point in said county, under the provisions of this act, that within two years thereafter, and at such time, as the county court, setting as a court for the transaction of county business, shall direct by an order upon its journal, all county business together with the holding of all courts of record for said county, shall be transacted and held at the new county seat, and all records shall on said day, so selected by said court, be moved to the new county seat. Due notice of this order by publication thereof for four weeks, prior to said removal, in some weekly newspaper published in said county shall be given by said court.

SEC. 6. Should the legal voters of said county decide to change the location of said county seat, and should the same be relocated at some other point than where the same now is, the county court of said county shall not have the power or authority to contract for or construct public buildings to exceed the cost of \$45,000, and shall not have power or authority to levy any tax upon the property of said county, in excess of two mills on the dollar of the taxable property of said county, annually, for said purpose.

SEC. 7. Inasmuch as the question of relocation of said county seat is to be voted upon soon, and inasmuch as it is a matter of much public concern in said county, this act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

The only amendment offered to the original draft being to strike out "first Monday in June," and insert first Tuesday after first Monday in November." This was made necessary by the adoption of the joint resolution fixing the time in November for voting upon three constitutional amendments, and thus avoid holding two special elections in one year, which will permit the people to vote upon the county seat question at the same election, without additional expense to the county.

The latest story about Miss Cleveland is that she is to marry in April a young clergyman who was a divinity student when she first went to the White House. For once report has it that the president is pleased with his sister's intentions, a thing that has not often occurred since they two were raked from obscurity.

Chinese pheasants are plenty about farmers barns and orchards up the valley, since the late storm. Some farmers say the pheasants do considerable damage and others claim they do not.

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