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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 water from melting snow is very good for chilblains; that is to say, it will produce a good crop. People brought up in Oregon cannot know how much amusement residents of less favored lands derive from chilblains. They yield more itching and burning to the foot than anything else.

Mr. Keene of North Yamhill, yesterday introduced Wm. J. Virgin, of New Richmond, Wis., to representative men of this city, in the hope of interesting him in a business here with which he is largely connected at home. He talks square, and we feel that Mr. Keene has done Yamhill county a service by introducing him here.

Jas. Withycombe of North Yamhill has an excellent letter in the Oregonian upon the danger to this state from neglect of the assembly to protect our ranges from the cattle plague. The Oregonian crows because Johnson has \$200,000 in cattle and Montana is beef bankrupt. There are more fearfully decimating causes for us to guard against than snow, sleet and frozen mercury in thermometers.

A deplorable state of affairs exists in Montana. Snow has drifted to enormous depths, and people living at the mountain bases are in imminent danger of meeting death beneath an avalanche, or freezing to death. Should another protracted storm occur it is believed that hundreds will succumb to its terrors. As it is, more people have frozen to death this winter than for twenty-five years. The cold has been intense, varying from 40 to 60 degrees below zero.

Yamhill County Assessments.

A comparison of the assessment rolls of Yamhill county shows that for 1886 there was an increase in valuations amounting to \$214,426, as follows:

Assessment for 1884.....	\$3,824,271
" " 1886.....	4,038,697
Increase.....	214,426

The returns made by Mr. T. B. Henderson were fully as satisfactory as any who preceded him, and the levy is less by a considerable, and putting this and that together shows a healthy condition of finances in Yamhill county.

Discussing county seat, the Telephone says: "That McMinnville wants the county seat everyone knows. We are a thriving, growing city, the metropolis of the county, are centrally located, easy of access by the most remote inhabitant of the county. We have colleges, schools and churches, in fact everything to make a great city. The county is badly in need of new buildings, and new ones will have to be built. The expense can be little or no greater if the county seat is removed than if it remains where it is. There many other towns in the county ambitious to obtain the prize, but we believe it is conceded that the two most important participants in the contest will be McMinnville and Lafayette. Let us avoid all spiteful flings and personalities. McMinnville has no ill will against any hamlet, village or city, but is willing to submit the question to the legal voters of the county. It is a long time yet before the matter comes to a vote, but when it does come, let us all abide, without a murmur, by the decision of the majority of the legal voters of Yamhill county."

The difference between the opinions of those who surely know something about railroad-ing and those who know nothing about it, was well stated in the views as presented by railroad officials at Salem on the pending Briggs and Wager bills and by members from the rural districts. The airing has thrown considerable light upon the subject of railroad earnings in this state and Washington territory, and shows that the net receipts of the same are not nearly the exorbitant amount that they are popularly supposed to be.

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