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Our County Buildings.

Every one has a right to an opinion, and those who express themselves freely are generally more honest in their convictions than the skulker. It is a self evident fact that Yamhill county has got to provide a better court house soon, and whether built at Lafayette or McMinnville, the people will have it to pay for. Hence we endorse this, from the Telephone of Friday: "In answer to an article in the last issue of the Register criticising the Telephone's editorial of the 15th regarding the condition of the county buildings, we have very little to say. We are not engaged just now in fighting the present county seat, or any of its inhabitants, neither have we, as said correspondent states "wilfully misrepresented the facts." The correspondent takes exceptions to the few lines in our article which said the county was badly in need of new buildings and new ones would have to be built, and accuses us of being ignorant of or misrepresenting the facts. There may be a difference of opinions regarding the condition of the county buildings, the correspondent of the Register notwithstanding. He may of the opinion that the county buildings are in a good condition; we do not question his sincerity. But we have heard it expressed, not only in McMinnville, but in almost every town in the county, by men who perhaps have just as much intelligence, and are probably just as well qualified to judge, as this correspondent, that the present county buildings are not in a good condition, and that the county does need new ones, hence our assertion. "Everyone" who has examined the county buildings do not agree with the Register's correspondent. In conclusion we will say with our opponent, "It is simply a business transaction for the tax payers of this county and if they think they can afford" to erect new buildings at Lafayette "it is their privilege

and duty to do so." But should they desire to erect them at some more prosperous and important center; McMinnville for instance; our people will welcome them with outstretched arms.

Salem Talk apologises for some of the faults of the house. It says: "vicious and not well considered legislation is promoted to a great degree by the misconstruction of representative hall where it is impossible for members to hear enough to keep the run of the business, being transacted. On being asked what has been done during a day's session members frequently answer, "don't know, can't hear." Such a thing should not be. If we send men to the assembly to do our business and protect our rights, we want them to know what they do while there. Haphazard legislation and set up jobs are things that should be strictly guarded against, as the people of this state want none of them. Just so long as such a state of things exists sharps will be able to get their jobs through on sight, without being observed. The house had much better go back to the library room and hold their sessions, where the members can hear the regular routine of business. The grand representative hall could be used to advantage for the deaf mute school, where pupils hear by sight alone, as it is well lighted. They would be pleased and instructed by its fine surroundings, without being subject to any embarrassment, and Prof. Knight should hold the gavel instead of Prof. Gregg.

A list of the acts passed by the assembly are now being printed. No assessment law passed, and all the work of the commission appointed in 1884 that was accomplished at considerable expense, has been thrown away. Perhaps it may serve some good purpose yet in maturing a suitable law. A cotemporary says: "It was hardly to be supposed that any legislature, composed largely of new men, and with no experience as to formulating revenue laws, could perform such an important work in so brief a session." Which is an argument in favor of our view that assemblymen should be elected for a term of not less than six years each.

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