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CENSUS GIVES GRANTS  
PASS HIGH STANDING  
Has Made Big Growth and Future  
is Bright—Courier Leads  
City Papers.

Table with 2 columns: Census of Grants Pass, and Newspaper Circulation. Rows include Total Population, Total No. Dwellings, Average Size of Family, and Circulation for various papers like Rogue River Courier, Oregon Observer, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Ward No. and Population. Rows list wards 1 through 4 and a total.

Grants Pass and immediate vicinity contains a population of 8904. At its own initiative the Courier arranged for taking a census of the city by wards. This work has been finished. It is complete and accurate.

The smallness of the families is a noticeable feature in these census figures, but when the true status of Grants Pass is considered it can readily be seen that there is no race suicide in the metropolis of Southern Oregon.

Men who have kept in touch with the city's progress during the year will not be surprised at the census figures, albeit they show a very satisfactory growth. The increase in population since the state census was taken last June is 620, a gain of 19 per cent.

The story told by the census figures is full of interest and a careful study of the table published above, giving population by wards, will reveal many things to the analytical mind.

The Fourth ward is the largest in the city, both in number of residences and inhabitants, although its lead over the First and Second wards is very slight. It has three more houses than the First ward and 31 more than the Second ward, but only two more than the Third ward.

In this paper circulation the story is equally interesting. The figures may be a surprise to a few, but they will not be a surprise to the many.

At the end of every one hundred families in Grants Pass 67 are taking the Courier; 34 take the Observer, 23 the Journal, and 18 take no local newspaper at all, while three are unknown.

In the First ward all three of the local newspapers have a larger circulation than in any other ward in Grants Pass, while the number of families taking no newspaper at all is less there than in any other ward.

three, but the vast majority take the Courier and are content with getting all the news of Josephine county all the time.  
In the Second ward 137 families take the Courier, while the Observer is taken by 80 and the Journal by 61. This ward 35 families take no local paper—the largest number of any ward in the city.

THE 104 families of Grants Pass who take no local paper must not be understood to be non-readers because of that fact. The vast majority of them get the local paper through some relative who subscribes. Many young married couples, or old people because their immediate relatives get it and they have the benefit of reading it.

The column devoted to the "unknown" represents 31 families whose population was enumerated, but whose subscription to the local newspapers could not be ascertained. This was not because of their refusal to give the information sought, for this information was always cheerfully furnished by all families, but for the sufficient reason that they were absent—usually from the city—when the enumerator called.

The comparative circulation in the valleys and mining camps of Josephine county of the Courier, Observer and Journal is practically the same as in Grants Pass. In all communities more copies of the Courier are being taken than of the other two combined. The reasons are obvious.

These facts are appreciated by the people and the Courier's big circulation is the result. This newspaper reaches the homes. It is read by the men and women, whom the business men want to reach, and who can be reached only through the columns of the Courier. Here in Grants Pass two people read it to every one who reads the Observer, and nearly three people read it to every one reading the Mining Journal.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT PLEASE  
Sterling Silver Carving Sets  
Chafing Dishes  
Silver Knives and Forks  
Community Silverware  
Rogers 1847 Silverware  
Waterman Ideal Fountain Pens

Cramer Bros. Odd Fellows' Block. Advertisement for Christmas gifts including silverware, fountain pens, and other household items.

REAL ESTATE BUSINESS HAS STEADY INCREASE  
Both City and Town Property Selling at Good Prices—New Settlers Pleased.  
While Grants Pass and the adjacent section of Rogue River Valley is not in the midst of a boom, yet investors are coming in and property sales are being made at good prices.

GRANTS PASS PAYS NO COUNTY ROAD TAX  
Evades It Through Unconstitutional Clause in Charter—Injustice on Farmers.  
After a trial for nearly 50 years of a system of construction that has in that period, involved the expenditure of fully \$500,000 and not given to Josephine county one mile of road that is capable of standing heavy traffic during the winter.

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Circuit Court Jury List  
Wednesday, as provided by law, County Clerk S. F. Chesbire and Sheriff George W. Lewis drew the required number of names from the list of voters in Josephine county of the men who are to serve as jurors at the regular term of circuit court, which will be convened by Judge H. K. Hanna on Monday, January 8. The names of the jurymen are as follows:

George Wells, Kerby, farmer.  
R. L. Tolin, Dryden, farmer.  
N. Snow, Grants Pass, farmer.  
Wm. Turner, Dryden, farmer.  
John Patrick, Grants Pass, laborer.  
J. C. Smith, Grants Pass, physician.  
D. J. Lawton, Grants Pass, surveyor.  
F. O. Wilcox, Grants Pass, drayman.  
Harry Smith, Grants Pass, blacksmith.  
C. L. Swinden, Murphy, farmer.  
Clarence Messinger, Provolet, farmer.  
W. B. Yerx, Applegate, farmer.  
E. A. Wade, Grants Pass, merchant.  
A. F. Knox, Murphy, farmer.  
Frank Swacker, Grants Pass, laborer.  
C. L. Mangum, Grants Pass, miner.  
W. S. Wood, Grants Pass, hotel keeper.

MARRIED.  
NELSON—McMILLAN—At the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. John Summers, on Monday, December 18, 1905, Miss Elizabeth McMILLAN and L. S. Nelson, Rev. J. B. Travis, officiating.

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A.U. Bannard's BIG STORE. North Sixth Street. Advertisement for a store selling Christmas goods and other merchandise.

I Buy and Sell Real Estate. HOW IS THIS? \$650.00 Takes good 5-room house with barn and one acre of ground. \$600.00 Takes new 5-room house with lot, 50 by 100 feet. Plenty of other good snaps.

Joseph Moss, The Real Estate Man. 516 E Street, Grants Pass, Ore. HELLO 393 Office, 611 Residence.

Grants Pass Banking & Trust Co. Paid Up Capital Stock \$25,000.00. Transacts a general banking business. Receives deposits subject to check or on demand certificates.

Great Cut-Price Offer. Read every word of this announcement, for it is the opportunity of years. The three greatest magazines in this country have combined to be offered together at a greatly reduced rate.

White House GROCERY. The Tea and Coffee House. ALL FOR JUST \$3.50 IN COIN. THE COSMOPOLITAN. which was recently purchased by Mr. W. R. Hearst, has been greatly improved by the new management and is now the most popular ten-cent illustrated monthly in the world.

601. Six Hundred and One is the Tannery number of the best OAK SOLE LEATHER MONEY CAN BUY. Confirmed by FIVE Worlds' Fair Awards: St. Louis, grand prize, 1904; Paris, grand prize, 1900; Chicago, grand prize, 1893; Philadelphia, grand prize, 1876.