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NOT ASKING HANNAS' RECALL.
It is not generally known here who has charge of the wireless or grape vine stations in Grants Pass for the Medford daily papers but many of the news stories about this city appearing in those papers are both perille and amusing. The following paragraph taken from a news item in last Monday's Tribune is a fair example:

"Prohibitionists of Grants Pass and Josephine county are preparing to circulate recall petitions against Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna of the First judicial district of Oregon because of his recent decision sustaining the Medford charter. Ever since the decision was rendered there have been murmurs of discontent with Judge Hanna, which is reported to have culminated in the petition for his recall under the new state law."

The facts in the case are that there has never been any talk among the prohibitionists of either Grants Pass or Josephine county about the circulation of a recall petition, nor is there any thought at this time of any such action. While the prohibitionists here as elsewhere, regret the saloon embargo in Jackson county, those here who have known Judge Hanna for many years unhesitatingly express the belief that the judge granted and sustained the injunction against the enforcement of prohibition in Jackson county purely upon a legal basis—in accordance with the law and evidence—regardless of any personal or other consideration.

Moreover, the prohibitionists of Josephine county are disposed to allow the Jackson county people to pull their own chestnuts out of the fire, meanwhile awaiting the action of the supreme court on the case in question. Of course a majority of he people here are disposed to question the justice or wholesomeness of the law which Judge Hanna's decision tends to uphold, but those at all acquainted with the judge are in no sense inclined to impugn his motives, much less to invoke his recall as suggested by the Tribune's news item.


THE NEXT FEDERAL CENSUS.
The next federal census will be taken in 1910 and preparations for the great work are already being made by the census bureau at Washington city. This important department of the government will require about \$14,000,000 to pay the expenses of ascertaining the population, and the agricultural, commercial and industrial progress of the nation, says the Salem Statesman. There are to be upwards of 330 district supervisors, the number of enumerators is fixed at 8000, and the clerical force, at Washington and at headquarters of the 330 districts estimated at 5000.

There will be many changes in the method of doing the work—changes which experience in taking the census in previous years fully warrants. One of the changes will be in beginning the work on April 1, instead of on June 1, as in previous enumerations, and the reason for the change is due to the enumerators having been delayed in their work in the past through so many persons having been absent from their homes during the summer season, making the information obtained relative to them somewhat inaccurate.

PROHIBITION STANDARD BEARERS.

Eugene Chafin of Chicago for president and Aaron S. Watkins of Ada, Ohio, for vice-president are the standard bearers of the prohibition party nominated at its national convention held at Columbus, Ohio last Thursday.

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The supreme court of the state of Washington has sustained the validity of the law prohibiting theatrical entertainments on Sunday. This means that the Sunday theatre must go.

The Salem Statesman says one orchardist near The Dalles has sold this season \$1811 worth of cherries to the cannery of four acres of land, or an average of \$53 per acre. The Statesman further says that a Lane county grower last year raised on two acres of ground 12 tons of cherries which he sold at five cents per pound, while it is estimated that his this year's crop will aggregate 18 tons. It will, therefore, be seen that there is a handsome profit in cherry culture in Oregon. It should also be remembered that the Rogue River Valley is also finely adapted to the cherry as well as apples, pears, peaches grapes and all of the smaller fruit, while land can be had here now at less than half the price of the older fruit sections.

LOCAL EVENTS.

Nearly everyone who can get away is now headed for the creeks and hills for the annual summer outing.

The mercury was clear up in the king row Sunday—106 in the shade. It was the warmest day of the present season.

T. T. Pankoy, one of the local fishermen whose camp is on the other side of the river just above the park, caught 33 salmon Sunday night which weighed 500 pounds or an average of a little over 15 pounds each. There are 60 men engaged in fishing here at the present time.

Prof. R. R. Turner of the Grants Pass schools has been appointed a member of the state board of teachers' examiners. This board consists of eight members, and they review all the papers of applicants for state certificates and life diplomas. Prof. Turner will have jurisdiction over the Southern Oregon district.

It was learned here last Thursday that the Royal Tourist automobile, a \$4000 machine, which passed through here about two weeks ago, ostensibly en route to Portland, had been stolen by the four men aboard, at Oakland, Cal. The owner of the machine passed through here Thursday in quest of his machine and the thieves.

B. H. Harris of Medford narrowly escaped a tragic death Thursday of last week while at work at the mill in the Big Butte district. He was turned in the water out of a large ditch to repair the water wheel, when he was thrown into the stream and carried over a 30-foot embankment and over rapids for 100 feet. He was rescued by workmen at the mill and strange to say, no bones were broken.

The Pickett Creek Consolidated Mining Company will hereafter be officially known as the United Copper Gold Mines Company, the changing of the name being made necessary on account of the similarity of names with the Pickett Creek Mining Co. O. A. Thomas, the organizer of the United company expects to have all the business connected with the organization of the company completed this week.

Messrs. A. Vannoy and C. A. Whitsett have leased the dining room of the Layton hotel and will operate the same as a first class cafe. M. Vannoy is a California chef and knows what the people like and will exert his efforts to serve the people of Grants Pass in this line. Beside serving first class meals at regular hours they will also serve short order and cater to the general public. Mr. Johnson who has had charge of the Layton, will continue the place as a rooming house. The hungry will be amply served at the Layton cafe.

Tuesday while Carroll, the 13-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cornell of this city, who is spending the summer vacation with the family of J. C. Mattison at Galice, was out with a party picking huckleberries, he killed a 2-point buck deer with a 22-calibre rifle. He had taken his rifle and left the remainder of the party but a short time when he spied the deer in the brush. Slipping up at close range he killed the buck the first shot, the bullet having pierced the heart. He returned to the party to tell them of his success. Of course they were all "from Missouri," but Carroll was not long in "showing them."

Water System Discussed.

To the Rogue River Courier:
It is perhaps unfortunate for the city that the Council at its last meeting decided to take no further action towards the purchase of the franchise and plant of the Rogue River Water Co., as it is undoubtedly the wish of the inhabitants of this city that the corporation should own and operate its own system. A good water supply

and a modern system for its distribution is a question of paramount importance to be settled by every progressive city, before it can become prosperous and a desirable place for people to establish homes in. It is the history of water companies as read in the court reports of principally all the states, that they constantly encroach on the right of the people and advance their rates until suits and actions are resorted to for protection of the inhabitants, and the suit that is now in progress in our own court to establish a reasonable rate for the use of water, and to enjoin the present company from charging or collecting its exorbitant and unreasonable rates, is but a repetition of the experience of many other cities throughout the United States.

There can be no question that the present company is making a handsome profit on its plant and franchise, and that is the reason that it is resisting the people in their efforts to get water at lower rates, and the fear that this suit might result in some reduction undoubtedly caused Mr. Morrison to come before the council and offer to sell their system to the city for \$110,000. These concerns have a dread of law suits of this character of the one now in progress because the result of every lawsuit is problematical, and no one can reasonably foretell what will be the outcome.

While our city may have fair hopes of reducing the present rate by the courts decree, yet the result is not certain, and unquestionably will be a long time in the courts before a final decision is reached in the court of last resort. It is uncertain in its final outcome because the court must take into consideration the cost of the plant, cost of operation, deterioration and betterments, and fix such a rate as will yield to the water company a reasonable return of the money invested over the amounts paid out to operate and maintain the plant.

If, then, after the suit is determined the court must allow a fair profit to the water company on the amount invested, would it not be wise for our council to make another try looking towards the purchase of his plan, or if the same cannot be had for a reasonable price, to take steps for the building of a new system for the city, and let us divide the profits among the consumers and inhabitants by giving them water at less rates.

The present company has refused to extend its system in many directions within the corporation where the people have urgent need of water for household and domestic use simply because it would entail a considerable outlay to reach the sections requiring water, and the returns or income would not yield a ten per cent profit on the amount paid for laying down the extension.

We know that very many other cities in Oregon have sold their water bonds on long time issues and have installed, or bought their water plants and are operating them at a decided reduction in rates below any rates ever enjoyed by our people.
GEO. COLVIG.

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DON'T BUY Your wood until you have heard from Edwards on Jones Creek. Address H. L. Edwards, P. O. Box No. 5682 and I will call and see you. 7-17 3f

ONE JERSEY Bull, 15 months old, for sale cheap. Hayden Close, Phone 887, Wilderville. 7-24 1f

FOR SALE—One 4 year-old Swiss Jersey and Durham cow, gentle, will be fresh in October. Call at Courier office. 7-24 3t

Window glass at Hair-Riddle's.

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PIANO Pupils wanted—30 years experience in teaching. Address Mrs. E. E. Foster, J. N. 6th St., next to F. Coran. 7-17 4f.

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Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between us, the undersigned W. L. Dooley and John Smithpeter carrying on business as a cigar store, billiard hall and rooming house at Grants Pass, Oregon, under the style or firm name of Dooley & Smithpeter, was on the 12th day of June, 1908, dissolved by mutual consent, and that the business in future will be carried on by the said John Smithpeter alone who will pay all debts and liabilities and receive all moneys payable to the late firm Witness our hands this 12th day of June, 1908.

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