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POPULATION OF GRANTS PASS.

It is now claimed on the authority
of the Pope directory that Grants
Pass has a population of 5859. That
is an estimate based on the fact that
the book prints a list of 1956 names
in the department of the directory
devoted to this city. The canvass
was made last September and fully
one hundred families have located
here since that time. They estimate
that there are three persons to every
name that appears and this makes
the population as above stated. By
this same method Medford has 7965
population and Ashland 6768. This
it must be admitted is a very loose
way of estimating and it reminds us
of the way they weighed pork in the
early Dutch settlements of Pennsyl-
vania. They would put a long slab

from the saw mill across a fence and
place the pork on one end of the
slab and balance it by piling stone on
the other; then they would estimate
the weight of the stone.

TREE ORDINANCE NEEDED.

The city council, it seems to us,
would do well to pass a tree planting
ordinance requiring that the principal
streets of the town have shade trees
planted on either side of the street.
Such an ordinance would reach vac-
ant lots which are held by specu-
lators and have never been improved
and the owners of which will not
plant shade trees unless they are
obliged to. Many of the streets in
the city, in fact a majority of them,
have fine shade trees growing along
the sidewalk, but most of the vacant
lots have nothing of the kind, and it
is high time that the city council
take this matter in hand and compel
those who own the property to do
their share in the civic betterment of
the city.

THE BALLINGER SCANDAL.

The Ballinger-Pinchot fight is still
on, though Mr. Pinchot is out of it,
being practically dead as far as the
world cares. Yet fair-minded men
will say of him that he was a patriot
and a loyal follower of ex-President
Roosevelt and that his advocacy of
preserving to the people the forests,
power sites and all that pertains to
the public domain except the rights
of the homesteader was worthy of
the twentieth century.

Pinchot, though removed by the

president, has left his name untarn-
ished. Ballinger whom the president
desired to save, simply because he
was a member of his cabinet has yet
to face a trial by a congressional
committee which will make him fair-
ly stench in the nostrils of the Ameri-
can people. At the best, through
the influence of the president, he can
only hope to secure a Scotch verdict
of "not proven."

Mr. Ballinger is truly to be pitied,
and he may be entirely innocent of
any wrong doing, yet he will in the
end be driven out of the cabinet. It
was said in these editorial columns
months ago that these charges
against Secretary Ballinger were un-
fortunate and that the chances were
he would be obliged to go, as the
American people demand a cabinet
officer should be like Caesar's wife,
"above suspicion." The president
evidently finds at this day that he
has been drawn into an affair inter-
minable and he sees only one way
of ridding his administration of a
scandal and himself of a responsibility
and that is to have the legislature
of the state of Washington take Bal-
linger off his hands by sending him
to the United States senate to suc-
ceed Senator Pyle.

GOVERNORS IN CONFERENCE.

Having for their object the fur-
therance of uniformity of state laws,
the executives of 30 states met in
Washington on the 18th and held a
three days' conference, which, it is
thought, will exert a tremendous in-
fluence on legislation in the common-
wealths represented. This was a
Roosevelt idea in the beginning,
though at first it only took up con-
servancy of the resources of the
states and nation. The meetings are
now taking a very important turn,
covering as they do, legislation, there
being many laws which should be
duplicated in all the states.

SONG WRITER IN POORHOUSE.

Just what kind of a wreck whiskey
will make of a man who can not re-
sist its use is well illustrated in the
case of Hugh Cannon, popular song
writer, whose ragtime melodies were
whistled and sung throughout the
English speaking world. On last
Monday a press dispatch from De-
troit, Mich, says he was sent to the
poorhouse. He was a perfect wreck
and, as he expressed it, was down
and out.

"I started the booze route when I
was 16 years of age, I'm 36 now and
except for seven months on the
wagon, during which time I got off
frequently to pick up the whip, I've
been pickled most of the time. It
was 20 years—20 black, nasty, sick

years—with only a little brightness
now and then when I made good with
some song.

"I quit the coke (cocaine) easy.
Fifteen days in jail cured me of that.
I hit the pipe in New York for a
year and stopped that. I went up
against morphine hard, but quit. But
the booze, the red, oily booze, that
got me for keeps."

It may sound strange to say that
there are many men just as brilliant
as this gifted song writer who are
victims to the drink habit. They are
in every state and community and
the great pity is that they cannot be
saved from this worse than death;
as long as the tempter can reach
them they not only drag themselves
down but their families and friends.
There appears to be only one way
to protect them, and that is to ban-
ish the liquor. Nothing short of this
will save men and women from this
evil and this is why men are banded
together to drive intoxicating liquors
from our counties, states and the na-
tion, and from what has happened in
the way of legislation along prohibi-
tion lines within the last 10 years, it
must be concluded that national pro-
hibition is in sight. There are many
men and women working to this end
who hope after a time to succeed.
They realize that they may encoun-
ter many failures but they believe
that it is better to have made the ef-
fort and failed than never to have
done anything to break the power of
the demon of intemperance. They
feel that success will come through
education, and a campaign is now be-
ing conducted with this end in view,
but they understand it cannot come
all at once.

SCHOOL BONDING QUESTION.

On another page will be found the
statement of the school board regard-
ing the election called for voting on
the proposition of issuing \$45,000
in bonds for the erection of a high
school building in this city, and for
the further purpose of selecting a
site whereon to place the high school
building. This is one of the most
important questions that has ever
come before the voters of Grants
Pass. It means the choosing of a
road that shall lead the city upward
and onward along the paths of high-
er education or the placing of a
stumbling block in the way of mak-
ing this a great educational center
which shall help the child of every
citizen to secure a high school edu-
cation.

There can be only one way to look
at this question and that is the bene-
fit it will be to Grants Pass. If
building this high school will give
our boys and girls a better opportu-

ity in life then it is our bounden
duty to vote the bonds.

If the fact that we will have supe-
rior opportunities for the education
of the young will bring to us a better
class of homeseekers who are par-
tial to such a location, and this will
help us in the upbuilding of the city,
then it is our duty to vote the bonds.
If better opportunities for educa-
tion along industrial lines are offer-
ed and this will save the already too
numerous class whom the county
court has been sending to reform in-
stitutions, then it is our duty to vote
the bonds.

If you think that making Grants
Pass a city noted for its educational
advantages and in public estimation
the equal in this respect of any other
city in the Rogue River valley is
desirable, then by all means vote
the bonds.

In this matter we must be broad
minded enough to look to the future
and wise enough to see that this
bonded debt will be paid not alone
by those who live here today, but
by that large class who will make
their homes with us, brought here
by our advantage of climate, soil,
location, business, educational ad-
vantages and numerous other things
which will surely make this a city
many times larger than it is today.
The day has come for us to consider
these things and build for the future
and not be confined to our present
environment, which is too apt to
warp our judgment and make our
expenditures for improvements use-
less before the present decade is
ended.

We are seemingly credibly inform-
ed that Bryan will again become a
candidate for presidential honors.
Giving Richard L. Metcalf, editor of
Bryan's Commoner, as authority, the
Omaha Bee makes the announce-
ment. On the same authority it is
announced that under no circum-
stances will Mr. Bryan be a candi-
date for United States senator from
the state of Nebraska.

Carpenters step into Cramer Bros.
and get a Zenith Penell free of
charge.

Harvey Crump, who has been con-
fined to the South Pacific hospital
for the past three weeks with a bul-
let wound in his head, has so far re-
covered that he left the hospital and
went to his home at Jacksonville
Thursday afternoon.

Barrel Spray Pumps, just the
kind for small orchards and small
trees at the Rogue River Hdwe. Co.'s.

BUSINESS POINTERS

Dr. Flanagan,
Physician and Surgeon.
Big Bargains in Heating Stoves
for a few days at the Rogue River
Hdwe. Co.'s.
Kindergarten, Primary, 411 C St.
J.E. Peterson, Pioneer Insurance Man.
Go to the Grants Pass Art Studio
for photographs of every kind.
Free to all carpenters, a Zenith
Carpenter's Pencil at Cramer Bros.
Alfred Letcher, Registered Opto-
metrist and Jeweler in Dixon's old
stand, Front St. Eyes tested free.
BIG DISCOUNT ON HEATING
STOVES at the Rogue River Hdwe.
Co.'s for a short time only.

Curtiss & Co., Jewelers, are still
in business at the same old stand.

Rannie, the plumber.
Highest cash price paid for green
and dry hides at J. H. Ahlf's meat
market. 10-1-tf

If you want fine portraits of your-
self or family call on Grants Pass
Art Studio. 12-31-tf

If you are going to need a heating
stove for next winter, you can save
a big proportion of the cost by buy-
ing now at the Rogue River Hdwe.
Co.'s.

COMING EVENTS.

Feb. 7, Monday—Annual meeting of
the Fair Association to lay plans
for the fair in Grants Pass next
fall.

Feb. 12, Saturday—Annual meeting
of the Fruit Exchange.

Since buying the Laurel Grove
Dairy I have been giving it a general
cleaning up and have also built a
new milk house, sanitary in every
particular, and the place is now as
recommended by the dairy inspector
to the former owner.
1-28-1t J. R. SCOVILL.

NOTICE.

Stockholders' Meeting.
The regular meeting of the stock-
holders of the Josephine County Ir-
rigation and Power Company will be
held on Monday, February 21, 1910,
at 2 o'clock p. m., in the Commercial
Club rooms in the city of Grants
Pass, Oregon, for the purpose of
electing a board of directors and the
transaction of such other business
as may come before the meeting.
Dated at Grants Pass, Oregon,
January 22, 1910. J. R. RIGGS,
Secretary.

GREAT WIND-UP SALE

Of All Water Damaged and Heavy Winter Goods

The fur will now fly—for we have determined to close out every dollar's worth of Winter Clothing, Overcoats, Trousers and Furnishings, with what water damaged goods we have left. All have received orders to vacate at once—and go they must, at some price.

**We Don't Want Profit These Days;
We want Customers**

Leave a portion of your money at home; come here with the balance and secure a splendid Suit or Overcoat or any other outfitting you may need for LESS THAN HALF its real value. You will find prices here no man can resist unless he is bargain proof.

Men's High Grade Suits

Money never did command such grand opportunities as we are now giving (all this season's garments, mind.) Garments that in material and workmanship are not surpassed by the very best custom products. Only about 60 left to close out at less than the cost of material. It will be like finding a suit. Come while your size is still here.

Men's Fine Overcoats

We shall now proceed to close out our Overcoats in short order. At the end of this sale we want every Overcoat out of our store. To do this we have decided to sell them at just

HALF PRICE

This means a \$15 Overcoat for \$7.50, etc., etc. Only about 30 left; so first here, first served.

About Trousers

We are sole agents for the Famous Dutchess Trousers, sold under the guarantee of ten cents a button or a dollar a rip. We have about 300 pairs of these, which we have placed in two lots.

Lot No. 1—Values \$2.50 to \$5.00 at.....\$1.98
Lot No. 2—Values \$1.25 to \$3.00 at.....98c

Men's \$3 Hats at.....\$1.98
Men's 75c to \$1.25 Caps.....49c

Men's Extra Heavy Work Sox.....7c
Regular 10c Canvas Gloves.....4c

Men's \$3 Sweaters at.....\$1.29
Men's \$3 Flannel Shirts.....\$1.98

AND YET THE STORY IS NOT HALF TOLD. WE CAN'T TELL IT IN THIS PAPER—THERE ISN'T ROOM—BUT WE WILL SELL THE GOODS AT SUCH PRICES AS WILL BRING BUYERS TO OUR STORE BY THE SCORE

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6th and
H Sts.

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