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## NEW HOMES NUMEROUS IN YEAR 1909

City's Expansion Has Been  
in All Directions Avoid-  
ing Sectional Growth  
or Wealth

NEW BUILDINGS TOTAL \$104,000

CARPENTERS KEPT BUSY CON-  
STRUCTING MANY COMFORT-  
ABLE HOMES HERE.

## IMPROVE AND REPAIR

Homes are Palatial But Average  
BUILT BY WORKINGMEN AND  
Though Small, Meet All  
Requirements.

La Grande can look back on build-  
ing activities for 1909 and feel justly  
proud. New residences, a few border-  
ing on palatial but a greater majority  
of them of the bungalow type, rang-  
ing in cost between \$1,000 and \$3,000,  
have been numerous and well scatter-  
ed about the city's topography, illus-  
trating the general spread of the city.  
Not only has there been almost an un-  
precedented activity in new residen-  
ces but homes are being beautified  
and their value enhanced by improved  
sidewalks and exterior repairs.

The Observer has compiled authen-  
tically and as exhaustively as possi-  
ble, the new buildings of a residence  
nature, and the general improvements  
looking toward a more attractive resi-  
dence and business district.

Contractors agree that there has  
never been more general building  
among the middle classes than there  
is this year. In addition to the build-

ings already planned there are sever-  
al in the embryo for next year and  
just as soon as climatic conditions  
will permit, these buildings are to be  
put into shape. From a residence  
standpoint the city is growing consis-  
tently and along lines that are  
more satisfactory than usual in cities  
of the size of La Grande, for the ex-  
pansion is in all directions and not in  
certain favored districts.

Among the new residences that have  
been constructed during the year 1909  
all adding to the reflection of pros-  
perity among people most of whom  
work for a living, are:

**New Residences.**  
M. & M. Building ..... \$60,000  
T. J. Scroggin, 4th and Wash. .... \$3,500  
Standard Oil Warehouse..... 3,000  
Foley Brick, Adams avenue ..... 3,000  
W. A. Ludker..... 1,500  
John Shea, Wash. & First ..... 3,000  
Boarding House, Palmer Mill ..... 6,000  
Mrs. Sullivan, Adams & Spruce 2,000  
Wesley Kivan, Oak & Jefferson 1,300  
Chas. Clements, Oak & Spring 1,100  
Lloyd Scriber, Oak & Walnut ..... 2,000  
C. E. Hopperett..... 2,500

Fred Holmes, Fourth st. .... 10,000  
W. H. Gibson, Adams avenue ..... 2,500  
J. L. Caviness, Fourth st. .... 2,500  
Total ..... \$104,000

**Repairs and Remodelling.**  
Residences improving and re-  
fracting has been a constant item. One con-  
tractor found spare time to make var-  
ious repairs of this sort about the city  
to such an extent that his wages from  
this source amounted to \$1,116. Other  
items of remodelling, new barns, addi-  
tions under supervision of contract-  
ors, etc., follow:

City Livery Repairs ..... \$500  
La Grande Meat Co. repairs ..... \$600  
Two Zuber residences repairs .. \$400  
Court House Repairs ..... 1,000  
Holmes residence, ..... 75  
Mrs. T. N. Murphy, Res. remod., 600  
Geo. T. Bernie Res. Rep. .... 500  
City Hall Addition ..... 1,500  
W. W. Kinzie, residence repairs .. 750  
Fair Store Repairs ..... 150  
W. L. Brenholts, new barn ..... 350  
C. S. Williams, new barn ..... 250  
Dalton Supply House, addition .. 715  
Mrs. Scott, res. rep. .... 500  
Carlson res. rep. .... 800  
John Keller, res. rep. .... 600

Other items include repairs to the  
Kelly Fish Market, extensive repairs  
to the C. C. Pennington store front,  
re-arrangement of the Newlin Drug  
Store front and other items to the  
business places which easily adds  
\$3,000 to the total repairs.

## PARKER CASE IS DECIDED

Local Officials Find Parker  
Omitted More Than he  
Committed in His  
Claim Deals

## BANKER CONVICTED LAST YEAR

ACCUSED OF SWEARING FALSELY  
AT TIME OF FILING ON HIS  
CLAIM AT LAND OFFICE.

## TO APPEAL IT LIKELY

Claim Held Here to Be Mineral Net-  
withstanding Charges in Filing  
Papers—Has Been in High  
Court Many Times.

By a decision filed today, the regis-  
ter and receiver of the U. S. land of-  
fice decided for the government in the  
famous Baker county case involving  
the timber claim of James H. Parker,  
a Baker City banker of prominence.  
The charge preferred against the  
valuable claim of Parker was that the  
land is mineral and at the time of  
filing had valuable and visible min-  
eral improvements on it. It was in  
connection with the oath Mr. Parker  
took in filing on this timber claim  
that he was convicted in the Federal  
courts at Portland last year, on the  
ground that the statement in the fil-  
ing papers that the land contained no  
mineral was false. The Circuit court  
of Appeals at San Francisco, later  
reversed that case and virtually threw  
the same out of court, holding that  
perjury could not be committed in  
connection with a mere government  
regulation as distinguished from a  
statement made by Congress.

The land office case was tried at  
Baker City last February and has been  
under consideration at the local land  
office for the past four or five months.  
The joint decision of the officials,  
written by Receiver Eberhard, is very  
brief and would indicate that the con-  
clusions here are that Mr. Parker  
made a very superficial examination  
of the claim and that the acts were  
more of omission. It is squarely held  
however, that the lands are mineral  
in character.

Appeal lies to the Commissioner of  
the General Land Office and in view  
of the fact that Parker's attorney,  
John L. Rand and C. A. Johns, made  
a stubborn fight for three or four days  
at the hearing, it is assumed that the  
case will be promptly carried higher.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Eaton of Union  
are making their home in Portland  
for the winter.

## ATTEL TRIMS JIM CARROL

Three Thousand Witness a  
Bantam Weight Fight  
In Portland Last  
Evening

## NO DECISION WAS RENDERED

ABE ON STREETS TODAY WITH-  
OUT A SCRATCH WHILE CAR-  
ROL SHOWS RESULTS.

## HEBREW PUNCH HARD

Attell Admitted to be Bantamweight  
Champion of the World on the  
Strength of The Showing of  
Last Night.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 31.—Three thou-  
sand and Portlanders who had the privi-  
lege of seeing last night's ten round  
boxing exhibition between Monte At-  
tell and Jimmy Carroll, both of San  
Francisco, today proclaiming the lit-  
tle Hebrew the rightful bantam  
weight champion of the world.

Attell is around the streets today  
without a scratch, while Carroll's  
right eye is closed and his face is badly  
battered and bruised.

Had a decision been rendered in  
the mill Attel would undoubtedly have  
been the winner of the hardly con-  
tested mill. He was the aggressor all  
the way through the fight which last-  
ed for ten rounds. In addition he land-  
ed his blows much cleaner and clear-  
cut and made them more effective. The  
little Hebrew had plenty of steam  
back of his blows and when they  
landed they made Carroll wince time  
after time, especially when he sent  
home his body blows.

Attel used his straight left often to  
a good advantage and during the first  
session caused the carlet to flow free-  
ly from Carroll's nose and partly  
closed his right eye. Carroll put up  
a gamy and clever fight but was out-  
classed.

Mrs. Frank Elliot and son John  
who have been visiting with Mrs.  
Elliot's sister and brother Mrs. A.  
T. Hill and Dr. J. C. Price, during the  
Christmas holidays, returned to their  
home in Newberg last evening.

**To Our Patrons.**  
We beg to extend our cordial thanks  
for the business you have favored us  
with during the current year, and as-  
sure you it has been appreciated.

Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous  
New Year, we remain,  
Yours truly,  
CITY GROCERY & BAKERY.

## Plans for School Building.

Publicity Manager Fred B. Curry  
has received several annual reports  
compiled by the state superintendent  
of instruction in Missouri, which if  
studied by school room builders in  
Oregon would materially lift the stan-  
dard of the local buildings. Halftones  
and pen pictures of the schools used  
in rural sections there fill the vol-  
umes. These reports are timely now  
that La Grande is on the school build-  
ing era. They may be seen at the club  
room office. Superintendent Gas-  
par of Jefferson City, Mo., has sent these re-  
ports in response to inquiries from  
Mr. Curry.

## EXPECTS A GREAT SHOW.

Frank W. Breed who will judge Poul-  
try Show Writes Encouragingly.

Frank A. Breed who will judge the  
poultry show to be held in La Grande  
writes the secretary that he expects  
a great meeting. As it has been his  
experience that at the first shows  
there are always a greater number of

first class birds than even those inter-  
ested expect. He had just returned  
from Pomeroy where he was inform-  
ed that there would be between 200  
and 300 but in fact there were 465  
birds to judge.

## Councilroom Torn Up.

The councilroom housing the city  
records, is torn to pieces today and  
is in process of enlargement. When it  
is opened again for business the place  
will be much larger. This part of the  
work marks the beginning of the end  
of the work of improving the city hall  
offices.

## I. O. O. F. TO HAVE BANQUET.

Local Lodge to be Host to all Camps  
in County Tonight.

Star Incampment 31, I. O. O. F. will  
tonight be host to the representatives  
from all the camps in the country. A  
large class is to be initiated and a  
good time is expected to be had in  
general, after which a banquet is to  
be served.

## Revolution to Continue.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—A Bluefields  
cable says that there has occurred an  
open rupture in the peace negotiations  
and that Estrada has announced that  
he will continue the revolution. His  
troops will be rushed at once toward  
Managua.

## NEW MONEY INVESTED IN REAL ESTATE

Unprecedented Influx Dur-  
ing 1909 Marks Path  
Taken by Investor  
in Real Estate

TOTAL DEALS REACH \$500,000

TRANSFERS IN CITY AND COUN-  
TRY PROPERTY ADJACENT TO  
CITY VERY LARGE.

## CITY DEALS ALSO BIG

The Total New Money in La Grande  
Territory is Between \$250,000  
And \$300,000 Say Men  
in the Business.

Two hundred and fifty thousand  
dollars, representing one half of the  
total real estate transactions made in  
and immediately about La Grande in  
1909, have been invested in real and  
city property here during the year  
mentioned by out-of-the-county home  
seekers and investors.

This in itself is ripe fruit of con-  
scientious boosting and public-  
given this locality by Union county  
Commercial Clubs and local real-  
estate dealers. Five hundred thousand  
—a quarter of a million—is the sum  
agreed upon as the most exact to rep-  
resent the total amount of real estate  
business for the year, but it is possi-  
ble that that figure is too small. The  
actual sum of money changing hands  
during the year through local real-  
estate mediums is \$401,750, all the re-  
sult of city and county sales by the  
C. J. Black Realty agency, the McKen-  
zie.

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## THE DAWNING YEAR AND ITS PROSPECTS FOR LA GRANDE.

Much can be said—and it is only right that such commendable con-  
ditions be given due publicity—of the accomplishments enacted in the  
county during the past year, but a peep into the possibilities of 1910  
is refreshing. Bright prospect face the city, continually. There are a  
score of municipal projects which either should or will assume tan-  
gible form. There are business thoroughfares that will be paved in  
the life of the coming year. The street sewerage system will get a  
share of attention in the way of construction, waters stored by a dam  
at Meadowbrook will percolate through the semi-arid districts of the  
Grande Ronde valley. The city park the idol of every loyal person  
in the city will be finished. Unless unforeseen things occur the Fed-  
eral building will be completed. A chautauqua, the first in Eastern  
Oregon will have proven a reality. The coming year will see the fair  
greatly enlarged in size and influence over its success of this year.  
These are some of the things La Grande is due to realize next year if  
there is no unwonted intervention on the part of fate.

Then too, there are things which La Grande should strive for with  
patience unceasing. Among such enterprises is the high school build-  
ing. That particular proposition will no doubt be one of the first to  
be cared for. When the time comes the city will not cast stigma its way  
by saying with the ballot that it does not want modern school facili-  
ties in La Grande. La Grande can now be provided with lower rates  
for city water and noticeable improvement in lawns will result.

Smokestacks is another crying need facing the city notwithstanding  
that already the city has more and larger varieties of manufacturing  
plants than any town East of Portland. The La Grande Thresher Co.  
will grow to a concern of power and wealth in a year's time or so if it  
is given half a chance from local money. A sash and door factory to  
prevent La Grande lumber being shipped East raw and returned at a  
great additional expense is also a needed concern. The coming year  
should and will see the Commercial clubs' pet scheme for an amal-  
gamation of industries perfected. Under this system a cannery, vinegar  
factory and a half dozen of industries looking toward consumption of  
the by-products of local fruit is to come under one central head.

All these things are but a few of the indexes of rapid expansion  
that will greet the city a year hence as the fruit of earnest striving  
by its people.

## ONE OF 1909 BUILDING PRODUCTS.



One of the largest business buildings finished this year is the M.  
and M. with actual floor space of 110x130, but excavated space un-  
der the building is 10 feet wider in each direction. The building  
was completed last May with a total expenditure of \$60,000. The  
Hotel Savoy is now housed on the upper floors of this portentous  
structure.