

BUILDING AND REPAIRS TOTAL \$135,107.00

JULY DULLEST OF THE YEAR WITH OVER \$11,000 PROJECT

RECENT RESIDENCE RUN UP TO AVERAGE OF \$3,900

Building Permits Have Reached Startling Totals During the Past Five Months, and Lull in July Caused by Actual Construction of Houses Permitted Early in Summer and Spring

From March 1st to August 1st, the building activities in La Grande have totaled \$135,107.00. City records show that July was the dullest month of permit issuances but a greater portion of the permits issued in June and May are now under process of construction. The residences permitted construction during July ran up to an average of nearly \$3,000 each, while the great bulk of permits cover repairs of various sorts.

Recapitulation of permits issued up to last night follow:

Totals for Past Five Months.	
March	\$57,922.00
April	23,870.00
May	22,100.00
June	19,805.00
July	11,410.00

Total \$135,107.00
The itemized permits for June and July are:

June, 1912.	
J. L. Ruby, auto shed	\$ 5.00
Bert Brown, repairs to residence	500.00
Joe Turbno, rep. to res.	50.00
Grant Lincoln, rep. to res.	100.00
Ulrich Lottes, rep. to barn	135.00
Rose Harris, Rep. to store	200.00
C. D. Goodnough, rep. shop	100.00
W. W. Rogers, rep. res.	100.00
J. T. Price, repair of barn	60.00
Eva Macentyre, woodshed	100.00
S. C. Zuber, woodshed	300.00
Geo. Cochran, res. 1st St.	3,000.00
Cora Tucker, res. North Fir	500.00
C. P. Newlin, res. Main Ave.	2,800.00
C. S. Dunn, rep. res.	400.00
A. Bundy, res. N. Maple	200.00
J. E. Foley ice house brick	400.00
La Grande Floral company, green house	1,900.00
Ulrich Lottes, store brick on Jefferson ave.	3,000.00
Edward O'Brien, rep. store	500.00
W. C. Heese, rep. res.	50.00
W. A. Wade, res., Adams	5,400.00
A. F. McMillan, barn	60.00
L. P. Osterlund, rep. res.	400.00
Wm. Rollins, res., E. Penn	500.00
Total	\$18,805.00

July, 1912.	
S. A. Gardiner, rep. store	\$ 500.00
John A. Rogers, res. N 2nd	1,200.00
E. W. Kammerer, rep. Wash	400.00
Mary R. Hubers, res. res.	100.00
G. R. Gibson, res. 4th st.	500.00
D. A. Phillips, res N Greenwood	1,500.00
J. M. Kohl, res. 1st St.	3,500.00
Frank Carpenter, rep. res.	200.00
S. K. Baker, rep. res.	300.00
Nels Nelson, res. Oak St.	1,550.00
D. Gusnet, rep. res.	55.00
Joseph Palmer, rep. res.	100.00
Earns Thorsen, res. Div. av	1,000.00
L. Faus, res. First street	400.00
J. A. Woodell, barn	75.00
Frank Bartz, repair res.	30.00
Total	\$11,410.00

Parcel Post to Panama.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—The parcel post system recently agreed upon by the United States and the Republic of Panama was put into operation today. The agreement in regards to the weight, etc., is the same as the similar agreements existing between the United States and the principal European countries.

SAGE HENS FORSAKEN. Law Is Lifted Today and Gunners Can Shoot Freely for Some Time.

The season for shooting sage hens opened today. Many are cleaning their guns, smiling, and smacking their lips, in anticipation of shooting, getting and eating these small but delicious wild birds.

Third Party in Tennessee

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 1.—The Roosevelt supporters in Tennessee are arranging to hold a State convention of the Progressive party here tomorrow. It is expected that the convention will name candidates for governor and railroad commissioner, in addition to selecting delegates to the national convention at Chicago.

TAFT'S SPEECH IS LENGTHY ONE

ROOSEVELT'S NAME NOT MENTIONED BUT HINTED AT

Alleged Danger of Socialist Policies Is Pointed Out.

Washington, Aug. 1.—With Senator Root, chairman of the republican convention, acting as spokesman, President Taft was formally notified at the white house today of his nomination for the presidency. In a reply, which exceeded ten thousand words, the president formally accepted and while he attacked the leaders of the new progressive party, no personal mention was made of Roosevelt.

After expressing his gratitude at the victory won in Chicago, Taft said, the republican party was responsible for essentially all the progress and development of the country for the last 50 years. He said that in arousing the people to dangers threatening the country's civilization from abuses of concentrated wealth, public imagination has been wrought upon by sensational journalism and unjust and unprincipled muckraking followed in which much injustice was done honest men. He said he feared the ultimate analysis of equal opportunity which those who seek to proclaim the coming of so called justice involved a forced division of property which means socialism.

Roosevelt Speech Tuesday.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Instead of speaking Monday night as originally planned Roosevelt will deliver his "declaration of faith" Tuesday. Governor Johnson will call the convention to order at noon Monday.

OLD TIMER LEAVES.

Senator E. E. Taylor, Pioneer of Union County, Leaves for Walla Walla.

E. E. Taylor left this morning for Walla Walla where he will probably make his future home with his sons and daughters of that city. Mr. Taylor came to Union county in 1878 and has been a resident here ever since. Between 1885 and 1890 he was a member of three state legislatures and was one of the leaders among the democratic "war horses" of his time. Since his retirement from active political service he has lived on his farm near Elgin until the past few years, and of late he has lived in La Grande but spent his winters in Walla Walla.

Mrs. Slater of South La Grande is his sister. He has many other friends and relatives in this county. He is still interested enough in politics to be a strong advocate of Woodrow Wilson, Harry Lane and other democratic candidates.

Virginia Farmers' Institute.

Winchester, Va., Aug. 1.—The sixth annual meeting of the Virginia State Farmers' Institute began here today with a large and representative attendance. The sessions will continue over tomorrow.

TWO AMERICANS HANGED IN SONORA BY REBELS

Strict Investigation Ordered By State Department--Situation Becomes Grave

Washington, Aug. 1.—American consuls in Mexico have been ordered by the state department today to thoroughly investigate the reports that two Americans were hanged by rebels in the state of Sonora, Mexico. Officials of the department regard the Mexican situation as grave. Victims Identified. El Paso, Aug. 1.—A dispatch received today says the American hanged were identified as S. Schulbert of Douglas, Ariz., and S. Hurling, Conductor a Smuggler. Nurvo Laredo, Mex., Aug. 1.—The discovery of a number of rifles and 10,000 rounds of ammunition concealed in a sleeper of a train crossing the border, today led to the arrest of the American conductor and the porter, by the Mexican customs officers, on a charge of smuggling. Rurales took charge of the men and the train proceeded to Mexico City.

'DAGO FRANK' WEAKENS AND WILL CONFESS DETAILS OF THE ROSENTHAL SCANDAL

New York, Aug. 1.—Bargaining that his life might be spared, "Dago" Frank Cirofici, one of the assassins in the Rosenthal murder case, weakened today after an eye witness had identified him as an occupant of the murder car, and has notified District Attorney Whitman that he will make a complete confession. Cirofici declares either "Whitney" Lewis or "Lefty" Joe did the actual shooting. He is expected to tell sufficient of the facts at once to substantiate the story told by Harry Valton, Webber and Ross who declare that through Ben Schapps, Lieutenant Becker paid the gangsters to kill Rosenthal.

5 EXECUTIVES NOW AT BOISE

NORRIS OF MONTANA IS FIRST SPEAKER

Two More to Arrive, to Attend Annual Governors' Meeting.

Boise, Aug. 1.—With five governors in attendance, and two more due to arrive, the annual conference of governors convened today. Those present are: West of Oregon, Spry of Utah, Norris of Montana, Obdie of Nevada, and Hawley of Idaho. Norris made the first address at the session, speaking on the conservation question, advocating state control of resources.

Order of the Holy Cross.

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 1.—The general chapter of the Order of the Holy Cross, which meets once every six years to legislate for its members and consider proposed changes in the laws of the order, convened at the University of Notre Dame today for a week's session. Delegates are in attendance from Italy, France, India, Canada and the United States.

Anglo-American Wedding in Paris.

Paris, Aug. 1.—The wedding of Miss Charlotte E. Kennedy, daughter of Mr and Mrs. William N. Kennedy of Pittsburg, and Eustace Richardson-Cox, an English magistrate residing in Wilshire, took place today at the American embassy in this city.

Boston Ancients Coming Home.

London, Aug. 1.—The officers and members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, who have been paying a fraternal visit to the Honorable Artillery Company of London, sailed for New York today on the steamship Celtic.

NEW ORCHARD PLANNED. Will Plant Eighty Acres to Commercial Trees Next Spring.

Mr. Larsen of Imbler, who, in conjunction with Mr. Pratt, has just purchased 80 acres of the Joseph Woodell estate, lying between Alicel and Imbler, through the Geo. H. Currey real estate agency, was in the city today.

These gentlemen have had the land cultivated and are arranging to plant the entire tract to commercial apples next spring. Mr. Larsen has had considerable experience in growing fruit in Idaho and is enthusiastic over the future fruit possibilities of this country.

JEALOUS WIFE KILLS RIVAL

AMERICAN WOMAN IS SHOT BY FRENCH WRITER.

Paris, Aug. 1.—Madame Block, a writer, resenting the alleged attachment between her husband and Mrs. Minnie Bridgeman, an American woman, shot and killed the latter in her apartments. Madame Block stated that she appealed to Mrs. Bridgeman but without avail. The victim was the wife of James E. Bridgeman, cashier of the New York Life Insurance company, from whom she is said to have been long separated.

Colorado Day in Denver.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 1.—Colorado day the thirty-sixth anniversary of the admission of Colorado to Statehood, was observed as a semi-holiday in Denver today. City offices and banks were closed and appropriate exercises were held under the auspices of the various civic organizations.

WILL IMPROVE HONAN GROUNDS

Civics Committee and Library to Enhance Appearance of Place.

The Neighborhood club, through its civics committee and the house committee of the library commission are working in conjunction relative to a project of improving the grounds about Honan hall which houses the library, and to erect an arc light in front of the place. The work will be done just as speedily as possible as the light is badly needed and the improvement of the grounds about the attractive building is also desired. When these two committees finish this project the place will be more attractive than it is even now. The Guild will also assist in the project. The civics committee also anticipates that the new fountain which it caused to be erected on the high school campus will be in working order by the end of the week.

A Reception for Dr. and Mrs. Lane.

An informal reception will be held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Oliver in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Lane who have recently arrived from Alton, Ill., to take charge of the Presbyterian church of this place. The weather permitting, the evening will be spent on the lawn. A very pleasant evening is anticipated and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Horse and Buggy Gone.

Word was received at the sheriff's office today that a horse and buggy was stolen at North Powder last evening. The animal was hitched to a post but when the owner returned was not to be found. Nothing has been heard so far as to the whereabouts of the rig and it is thought that maybe the animal loosed itself and is wandering about driverless.

Marriage License Grandet.

Ed. Wright, the county clerk today issued a marriage license to George C. Kennedy and Mary Kinnard both of Elgin.

KANSAS CASES ARGUED BEFORE HIGHER COURTS

DEVANTER AND PITNEY HEAR ARGUMENT

JUSTICE PITNEY ARGUES WITH ROOSEVELT'S ATTORNEY

When Arguing Attorney Grows Enthusiastic, Court Hurls Back Sarcasm—Danger of "War, Political War" Eminent, Affirms Attorney Appearing for Colonel Roosevelt.

New York, Aug. 1.—The Kansas electoral case, involving the legality of future action of presidential electors in the state where the direct primary prevails, were taken up today by Justices Devanter and Pitney of the United States supreme court. The proceedings resulted in the Kansas supreme court's decision that the names of eight presidential electors should go on the official primary ballot in the republican column although it was announced that the electors would not support Taft and Sherman.

In arguing the Roosevelt side of the case, Attorney F. S. Jackson of Topeka said: "This case contains more dynamite than any to come before the supreme court since the reconstruction days. The matters involved are those that have plunged the states into war."

Justice Pitney interrupted Jackson at this stage in his argument, dryly remarking that he did not think there would be a war over the matter, and Jackson declared that everybody in Kansas knew the electors intended to support Roosevelt. Pitney interrupted Jackson again here, saying: "Promises must have been broken in this case."

Buffalo Vernon to Australia.

(Pendleton Live Wire.) Buffalo Vernon, bright and breezy as ever stopped off between trains today while en route to Australia where he will meet Charles McKinley for a steer bull-dogging match. McKinley won the first prize at Cheyenne last season, and Buffalo has longed to get back at his adversary for 10, these many moons. It will be bull-dogging to a finish, with both men on neutral ground.

Buffalo Vernon will leave on No. 17 today for Vancouver, B. C., where he will sail August 5th for Melbourne, Australia. He says the trip will take 23 days and he will be unable to get back for the round up. He does not like the idea of missing Pendleton's great spectacular show and losing a chance of taking part in it, but business comes before pleasure, and as Werth's circus had made him a flattering offer to meet McKinley, he has accepted.

With Mr. Vernon was Eddie McDonald, who will accompany him on his journey. Mr. McDonald is some cowboy himself, having ridden Old Steamboat, and as Buffalo Vernon put it, "He stayed with him, too, which is more than most of them do."

Mr. Vernon had intended to rope a steer from an automobile this fall, but his Australian trip will probably make it impossible for him to get back here in time. However, some arrangement may be made with the roundup directors today which may make this possible.

Colonel Conklin Retired.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—More than thirty-one year's service, Col. John Conklin, recently in command of the Second Field Artillery at Vancouver barracks, was placed on the retired list of the army today on his own application. Col. Conklin is from New York, and was graduated from West Point in 1884.