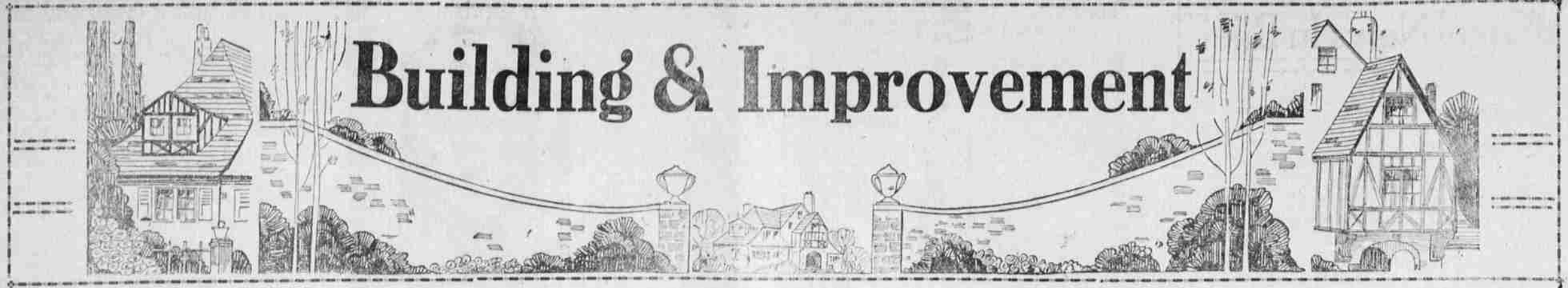

BUILDING HERE REMAINS BRISK

Building permits issued at the city office by J. E. Stearns, city recorder, May 7 to May 16, inclusive, assumed a healthy figure. Ten permits were granted, ranging from $30 for repairs to $10,000 for a business building. Two $2,500 homes were included in the permits. The total estimated cost of construction reached $18,315.

This indicates that the housing problem in La Grande has not thoroughly been solved yet and also that the business section is still expanding. The addition of the Roesch building on Adams avenue is mute proof of the growth of business in this city. The building is to be occupied, according to present plans, by Leibetter who will use it as a garage.

Lilly To Build Houses.

P. J. Lilly, through W. C. Kelly, contractor, will erect two new residences on Washington avenue between Tenth and Eleventh street.

Permits issued for the three buildings mentioned above follow:

May 13—Permit issued to W. C. Kelly, contractor, to erect for P. J. Lilly, two one-story residences buildings on Washington avenue between Tenth and Eleventh street, each to cost $2,500.

May 13—Permit issued to Julius Roesch to erect a one story brick business building on lots 24, 25, 26 and 27, Block 111, Chaplin's addition, fronting on Adams avenue between Fir and Greenwood, estimated cost $10,000.

In addition to these three permits, totalling $17,000, a $500 permit was issued making May 13th the banner day of the period with a total of $17,500.

SHOWERS HALT WORK

Spring showers, falling Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons last week, held up work of basement diggers in several sections of La Grande. The showers actually meant that residences to be constructed will not be finished for nearly a week later than was planned in some cases.

Only temporary layoffs were caused for exterior work and interior work went ahead without a halt.

SELLS CONNORDALE LOT

Lot 22, Block 1, Connordale's addition to the city of La Grande, was sold to L. Evans by the Pryse-Reid Land company during the past week.

The funniest news in the paper today is that a big chewing gum manufacturer chews tobacco.

Man stayed in the air 28 hours with a balloon. Some have been up 28 years without any balloon.

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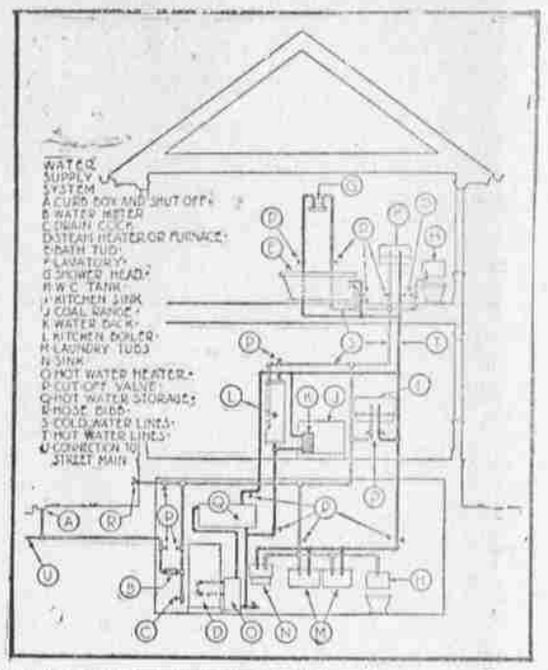
Plumbing Hints For Modern Home Buyer

Good health and comfort in the home are not possible without an adequate and efficient plumbing system. It is the source of water supply and the 24-hour-a-day servant of household sanitation.

Modern plumbing system comprise what may be described as two units. One unit is for sanitation and drainage; the other furnishes water supply. A typical water supply unit is illustrated in the diagram. The cold water lines are shown in outline; the hot water lines in full black.



Every supply system should incorporate a drain cock (C). This is placed at the low point of the system and every main slopes toward it. When the house is to stand empty for any length of time the system should be shut off by the valve outside the meter and the system emptied by the drain cock (C). The piping system should be liberally provided with shut-off valves (P). This is especially important for the branches, for if it is necessary to replace a washer in a leaky faucet, it is most inconvenient to shut off the whole system.

Ordinary pipe cannot escape rusting. Even before replacement is necessary such pipes often clog. The flow of water is obstructed and reduced. Particles of rust are detached and carried through faucets, not only making the water unpleasant for drinking purposes, but also staining fixtures and injuring fabrics in the laundry.

Plumbing pipes are concealed behind walls and under floors. To repair and then replace, rusted pipes, the walls and floors must be torn away. The home-builder or home-buyer seeking advice about how to forestall that sort of thing will find the plumber's answer to be "brass pipe."

When rust-free pipes in used, clean sparkling water is assured and plumbing troubles are eliminated at the start.

A point to be remembered is that pipe and pipe fittings are the smallest item of expense in any plumbing installation—only about ten per cent of the whole cost. In fact, only about nine cents of every dollar spent in building a home goes for the entire plumbing system and its installation. For hot water lines at least, brass pipe is advisable.

BAKER CHURCH PLANNED

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Baker is to have a new church building in the near future according to Rev. I. S. Leonard, who states that plans are being prepared for a new house of worship for the Calvary Baptists. The church will cost in the neighborhood of $25,000 and will be erected on the vacant lot between the present building and Center street.

HIDING UGLY RESIDENCES

Many yards have unsightly garages or other small buildings that it is desirable to hide or ugly board fences to disguise. Annual vines and some of the taller-growing annuals are admirable to use as screens in such cases.

The best annual to hide an unsightly object quickly is the castor bean, the most majestic annual in the flower list. The Zanzibar types are particularly fine. With the first warm days, the castor bean starts sending out its huge palmate leaves and spinning up a thick, sturdy stalk until it is six to eight feet tall with a wide spread.

The tall annual sunflowers of the old-fashioned, familiar "Russian" type now come in shades of red and tall doubles which make notable ornaments of bright and form a substantial screen.

Then there are the annual vines, the morning glory being the quickest and most effective and quickly covering any trellis or screen arranged for it and grabbing any support in sight if none is furnished. The Japanese morning glories offer a wonderful range of enormous and sparkling, particularly the imperial strain. They have leaves of varying shape and sometimes are attractively variegated.

The hyacinth bean and the old scarlet runner are valuable vines to furnish thick foliage, attractive clean and with handsome blossoms to go with it. The moonflower is another useful member of the morning glory tribe that will reach up to the second story in a hurry, once it gets going.

Vines of finer texture which furnish veils of concealment rather than screen are the handsome Cardinal climber, a gorgeous sight, and the cypress vine. Cobea scandens is another handsome climber of slender growth with beautiful purple bells. The seed should always be planted edgewise.

The old-fashioned madeira vine, tubers of which are now on sale, is coming into popularity again as a porch vine. It has leathery, glossy foliage and fragrant white sprays of flowers.

One of the quickest-growing annual vines is the wild cucumber. The gourds also are useful.

"CASTOR BEANS AND SUN FLOWERS ARE RAPID GROWER AND MAKE A EFFECTIVE SCREENS FOR HIDING FENCES AND UNSIGHTLY BUILDINGS"

Permits

May 7—Permit issued to Harry Meyers, owner, to repair and alter one and one-half story dwelling on O avenue between Seventh and Eighth street at an estimated cost of $400.

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May 11—Permit issued to J. L. Munhall, owner, to repair and alter a two story house on First street between Buton and Lane at an estimated cost of $500.

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May 12—Permit issued to Felix Asia, owner, to repair and alter a two story dwelling on Madison between Jefferson and Monroe. Estimated cost $250.

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May 13—Permit issued to W. C. Kelly to build a garage on Second street between N and O avenues for Charles Bingaman. Estimated cost of construction $300.

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May 15—Permit issued to C. D. Goodenough to erect a billboard on Fir street between U and V avenues at an estimated cost of $100.

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May 16—Permit issued to Elmer Nodiem to repair his home on U avenue between Greenwood and Spruce at an estimated cost of $35.

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May 16—Permit issued to J. E. Hilary to erect a one story barn on First street between N and Z avenues. Cost of construction estimated at $150.

STARTING WORK

J. L. Mars has started work on the U. Ladies store building on Adams avenue, across the street from the Evening Observer's office.

Coolidge, president, is for economy. But the electric horse he rides cost more than a real one.

Lumber Demand Shows Seasonal Expansion

Demand for lumber shows seasonal expansion, and during the week ended May 2 reports from 326 of the larger commercial softwood mills were that orders were 1515 per cent greater than for the corresponding period of 1924, although last year 21 fewer mills reported. Shipments during the week were 93 per cent, and orders 98 per cent, of production, so stocks are not accumulating. The market seems to be somewhat oversupplied, says the American Lumberman, Chicago, which points out that production schedules have not allowed for the release, through the reduction in time of rail movement, of about four billion feet of stock that formerly was constantly on wheels on the way from mills to buyers, this amounting to about a tenth of a year's total output. The market, however, shows a gradual adjustment to the new conditions, for a large volume of lumber is moving.

The larger southern pine mills (129) received orders during the week ended May 2 for 6 per cent more lumber than they produced. It is believed, however, that many of the smaller mills are forcing their output on the market and bearing prices. Therefore efficient producers are said to be closing down, finding that they can not continue to operate on present low prices.

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