

For Better Homes

9 NEW HOMES DURING MONTH

Building permits issued in La Grande during the month of May totaled a healthy figure which compared with last year's May and this year's April records.

Twenty-five permits were issued, totaling \$34,030. The greater share of the larger permits called for residential construction. During the month permits were issued for nine homes.

Last Week's Permits: Permits issued during the last

week of the month:

May 24—Permit issued to H. E. Richey to alter and repair a dwelling place on I between Sixth and Seventh, work to cost \$175.

May 25—Permit issued to Dan R. Tanner to erect a concrete garage on Main between Cedar and Oak to cost \$500.

May 29—Permit issued to Bird Bennett to erect a one-story dwelling on Adams between Cherry and Willow to cost \$4000.

\$125,000 Salem Theater Is Formally Dedicated

SALEM, Ore., May 31. (AP)—Salem's new quarter million dollar theater, the Elsinore built by George B. Guthrie, was formally dedicated Friday night. In archi-

Here And There

REDSPOUT—Johnson Lumber company to rebuild mill.

ASTORIA—Presbyterians will build new \$65,000 church and civic center.

BURNS—New fireproof movie theater to cost \$25,000.

COTTAGE GROVE—Gottage Grove votes \$40,000 for city hall and waterworks improvement.

HILLSBORO—County fair board will build permanent buildings on present fair site.

STAYTON—Salem Lumber Mills will establish \$25,000 flax scutching plant here.

GARIBALDI—Mass meeting selects site for new \$40,000 school house.

ASTORIA—Work to begin soon on \$200,000 Lutheran hospital.

Bend—Silverton storage garage to cost \$25,000.

HALFWAY—Union high school to be built at a cost of \$35,000.

SALEM—Building record for April was \$561,375.

DETROIT—Brettenbush Hot Springs to have \$100,000 development.

KINGS VALLEY—Plans made for union high school to cost \$5000.

NEW CHURCH IN PENDLETON WILL COST \$27,000.00

PENDLETON, Ore., May 31.—A building permit for the construction of the new home of First Church of Christ, Scientist at 901 Main street across from the Pendleton hotel on the triangular adjoining the Umatilla river has been granted. N. J. McLeod of Walla Walla, building contractor, is holding the lowest bidder. The church, according to the building permit, is to cost \$27,000 and to be of Spanish mission type architecture.

The church is to be completed by December 1, according to terms of the building permit, which was passed by the city council at its regular meeting Wednesday evening. Work will start at once on the structure. It was announced, of the contract call for completion at the earliest possible date. Terms of the contract call for completion the latter part of September.

lecture and artistry of decoration the theater is said to excel any other in the west. Its seating capacity is 1435. Judge Percy H. Kelly, of Albany, gave the dedicatory address. Other addresses were given by Mayor John B. Giesy, Governor Pierce and Mr. Guthrie.



Saturday there were 25 gallons of paint sold right off our trucks. An old painter said, "Pratt, you ought to turn your paint upside down every few days so it wouldn't settle." The paint doesn't have time to get old or settle, as it hardly ever sets more than a week, and many times is sold before it gets there. We received notice that our car of No. 2 cedar shingles at \$1.95 per M. will be shipped right away. We are sending quite a lot of material up to the Wallowa Lake for the new summer resort homes.

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NEW ROOMS IN OLD ATTICS ADD TO HOUSE VALUE

Do the walls and foundations of your home yield you all the dividends you have a right to expect of them? They don't unless they afford you all the usable room they can carry. They are the main items in the cost of the house; they cost you almost as much if the upper half of the house is unfinished and empty as they would if it contained livable rooms.

If your home is a story and a half high, with the upper portion unfinished, you are not getting the full return from your investment. Inexpensive remodeling will make it yield you more accommodation and more comfort. One or more bedrooms, or a play room for the children, even if it is low and has sloping ceilings, will add to the value of your property if you hope to sell. Or it will enable you to keep the old home longer before

you must give it up for more spacious quarters.

Turning a wasted half-story into play space or larger living quarters need not be an expensive project. A stairway, a floor, walls and ceiling are all that are needed. The stairs would best be built by a carpenter. The man of the house can lay the rough flooring himself, taking care to put it diagonally across the joists; but the finished flooring also should be installed by a practiced mechanic.

When it comes to walls and ceilings and their decoration, the home-owner may select materials which will enable him to do the whole job himself. He might have difficulty in taping and plastering but he will find it simple to nail sheets of plaster wallboard to the studs and rafters, fill the joints and decorate the surface.

Such wallboards may be bought in sizes most convenient for the particular job in hand. They should be nailed to studs or joists with common nails, the square

edges of the boards being butted tight together. Then the joints are covered by a reinforcing fabric imbedded in a strong cement—a simple operation done with a putty knife. When the joint-cement is dry, the walls and ceilings are ready for decoration.

Paper, flat wall paint, calcimine or any of the plastic paints which give a rough texture and any desired color in one coat may be applied over the board. Beautiful walls result. Also these "rock boards" are fireproof—and the National Board of Fire Underwriters reports that nearly one-third of all dwelling house fires in this country start on or near the roof. Wallboards of the type described have high insulation-value. So fitting up the attic not only gives more space and adds value to the property; it also stops costly heat-leaks through the roof.

The center of population of the United States has never varied one degree north or south of the thirty-ninth parallel.

The largest library in Western Europe in 1373, owned by Charles V. King of France, consisted of 919 volumes.

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