

Building and Improvement

BUILDING IN CITY HEALTHY

Despite a slowing down in construction during June, the records of the city recorder's office show that building permits issued in La Grande during the first half of 1926 called for building worth \$184,957, a figure in excess of several years' totals since 1920.

Building has been mostly in the residential district, although several business additions are included, among them being a new \$10,000 foundry the La Grande Iron Works is just starting to build; the new Nash garage building on Adams and several filling stations.

Permits By Months.

Building totals by months in La Grande follow: January, \$21,755; February, \$20,580; March, \$40,580; April, \$20,402; May, \$34,030; June, \$137,099.

Substantial gains in building construction were recorded throughout the Pacific Northwest during the first six months of this year, according to a survey recently completed by the Pacific Building and Engineer. The only substantial gains in construction during the January-June period were in the four largest cities of the northwest—Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane, with the largest slump in Portland. Increases in building operations in the minor

cities and small towns are responsible for the total gain. Prominent among the cities now undergoing building booms are: Lewiston, Ida.; Longview, Wash.; Klamath Falls, Ore.; and Bozeman, Mont.

Klamath Booming.

Klamath Falls, at the end of June, 1925, showed a total of \$667,095, and at the end of June this year the total was \$1,092,603. A permit has not yet been secured for the \$800,000 S. P. terminal within the city limits nor for three hotels and apartments with the cost announced as totaling \$324,000.

Eugene, Ore., is experiencing a healthy building year, with permits for the first six months reaching \$998,525. Permits issued in June totaled \$271,525.

Salem Spends Much.

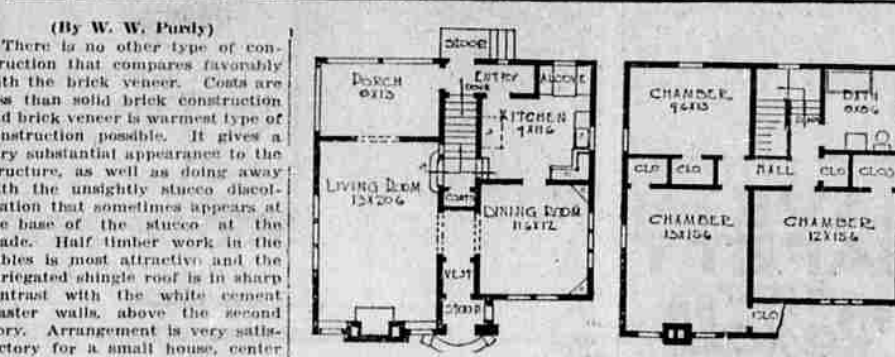
Salem, Ore., spent \$1,458,020 during the January-June period and indications are that \$1,000,000 will be exceeded in the next six months, according to The Associated Press, with an 11-story bank building, a new Presbyterian church, and an eight-story office building and auditorium on the program. Residence building for the six months was more than a house a day.

Baker, Ore., experienced a big six months of building although official figures have not yet been made public.

NEED HIS OVERCOAT.

PAUL SMITH, New York—President Coolidge will need his overcoat on his summer vacation. Frost here this morning. Campers built fires last night to keep warm.

BRICK VENEER HOME



(By W. W. Purdy)

There is no other type of construction that compares favorably with the brick veneer. Costs are less than solid brick construction and brick veneer is warmest type of construction possible. It gives a very substantial appearance to the structure, as well as doing away with the unsightly stucco discoloration that sometimes appears at the base of the stucco at the grade. Half timber work in the gables is most attractive and the variegated shingle roof is in sharp contrast with the white cement plaster walls, above the second story. Arrangement is very satisfactory for a small house, center hall stairway goes up from both the living room and the kitchen and those to the basement from kitchen and rear porch.

The kitchen has a breakfast alcove and in the dining room there are built-in china closets. The second floor has three good sized bedrooms, and bath and extra large wardrobes. A full basement is provided for laundry, storage, furnace room, etc. The floors in the main part of the home are hardwood with pine for staming in the rest. The lighting fixtures are of English design in keeping with the rest of the plan and are quite unique.

Exclusive of heating and plumbing and built of the best construction, this home will run about \$7000 or \$8500.

Oregon is cutting two million feet of lumber per year. We'll be out of the woods before long.

Building Activity Now Under Way at Wallowa

WALLOWA, Ore., July 6.—Work on the new H. B. Halsten company building on Main street was started during the last week, when the garage housing the horse was moved out and over to the Halsten residence, the chapel and addition removed and annex torn out in preparation for excavation for the basement and erection of the side walls of concrete and brick.

This is the first construction work in the business district of Wallowa keeping step with the progressive spirit manifested when a paving contract was let for Main street.

The new building will be 55 feet by 125 over all, with a sales room 55 by 60, surrounded by a balcony.

The front end, facing south on Main, will consist of eight sections of plate glass, with supporting columns of brick two feet square, topped with sections of tapestry glass. The frontage will continue around the corner, facing on the side street east, the plate glass front continuing a depth of 15 feet. From the glass, the side wall will continue 44 more feet, ending with double doors, providing a 62-inch rear entrance to the salesroom.

The continuation of the building from this point will house the undertaking parlors, mortuary and mortuary warehouse. Tentative plans also include a room for the hearse.

The basement will be 30 by 60 feet with a depth of seven feet in the clear, and house the heating system, with floor space for subsequent plans.

Plans were prepared and construction is in charge of H. W. Bond, of Baker, who also is the architect for the new Lower Valley schoolhouse.

Permits

June 28—Permit issued to D. Brannon to alter and repair a one and a half story frame dwelling on Greenwood between Z and the city limits, work to cost \$1200.

June 28—Permit issued to D. Fitzgerald to erect a frame building to be used as a foundry on Cove between Cherry and the O-W tracks, to cost \$9000. Builder, Pete Bonovitz.

June 28—Permit issued to J. W. Well to alter and repair a dwelling on Y between Birch and Depot, work to cost \$250.

June 30—Permit issued to E. Schweigler to erect a garage on Adams avenue between Laim and Willow, to cost \$150.

July 30—Permit issued to E. O. Payton to alter and repair a two-story dwelling on Adams between Cedar and First, work to cost \$200.

Actress says she is mad at her husband. But that doesn't get her name in our newspaper. Nothing short of divorce goes.



This is the 6th of July and the people are rolling up their sleeves and building houses like two of a kind. We expect to be rushed from now on till snow flies, as building material always goes fast from the Fourth of July until a week before Christmas. Our paint business is very gratifying. We are shipping a 100 gallons up to Enterprise, Oregon; also a barrel of linseed oil. The same party is in the market for 100 pounds of kalsomine. We are being rushed to fill our orders, so will close.

P. S.—Everybody I have talked to today kinda raises the left arm and puts one foot on top of the other one and yawns like they have been out late at night.

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POLICE IMPARTIAL

NEW YORK — The police at Coney Island are quite impartial. If girls in bathing cannot wear one piece suits, those in cabarets must be careful as to wearing less than that. Eight girls in a hotel revue have been ordered to court.



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NEW NAME RHYMED

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—A member now explained that the board of education changed the name of the new high school from Wood Wilson to New Rochelle because of the pupils cheer for their athletic team, New Rochelle rhymes with "I yell" and Wilson doesn't.

SAVED SEVEN; DROWNED

DONNER LAKE, Cal.—Two U. S. air mail pilots circled over Donner Lake attempting to locate the body of Robert Van Gowing, who was drowned Saturday after saving the lives of seven persons in a capsized boat. Their search proved futile.

AUTOS, GIN DEADLIEST

LOS ANGELES — Automobiles and liquor caused more accidents than fireworks. Twenty-nine persons figured in automobile mishaps and liquor arrests while only one fireworks accident occurred.

BURN THE BLOODY FIELD

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The debut of Jim Barnes on the scene of conflict was a bit inauspicious. "Burn the bloody hay field," he cried, boosting his ball after various ineffectual attempts to get it in the hole or headed toward it.

Where The Building Dollar Goes

The comparative cost of each item in the average building job has been worked out by the United States Department of Labor so as to show just how the building dollar is divided. The figures include both labor and material costs, labor amounting to 59.5 per cent of the total. The New York Times thus reprints the Labor Department's estimates:

Material and Labor	Out of Building Dollar (In Cents)
Foundations and masonry	36.10
Carpentry	29.10
Plumbing	10.00
Heating	8.70
Hardware, metals	7.60
Paint	6.50
Electricity work and fixtures	2.00
Total	100.00

In this connection the Department presents figures showing the division of the construction cost of the average five-room-and-bath stucco house, costing \$8,000, with lot:

Work	Cost	Percentage
Excavation	\$60	.07
Masonry	480	6.00
Carpentry	600	7.05
Lumber	848	10.06
Hardware	120	1.05
Mill Work	935	11.67
Painting	380	4.17
Plastering and stucco	820	10.25
Tile bath	60	.07
Sidewalk	91	1.14
Grading and sodding	100	1.25
Furnace	330	4.16
Wiring	107	1.33
Fixtures	160	2.00
Plumbing	600	7.50
Papering	135	1.66

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