

Building and Improvement

WINTER EASES UP BUILDING WORK

La Grande's Figures for November, However, Higher Than Average

Construction work in La Grande has definitely entered the annual winter slump, natural and due to endure at least until the worst of the cold season is ended.

Beginning about the middle of November, only half a dozen building permits have been issued—most of these of a minor nature, either calling for alterations and repairs or construction of out-houses.

Four Permits

So far this month few permits have been granted. Last week four were issued, entailing \$446 worth of work. They follow: Dec. 6—Vernil Koltz, alter and repair Kurler lodge on Washing-

ton between Fourth and Depot, work to cost \$275.

Dec. 6—Charles Glass alter and repair dwelling on Willow and V streets, work to cost \$29.

Dec. 8—John DeGraw, erect a woodshed on Ash and Fourth streets, to cost \$25.

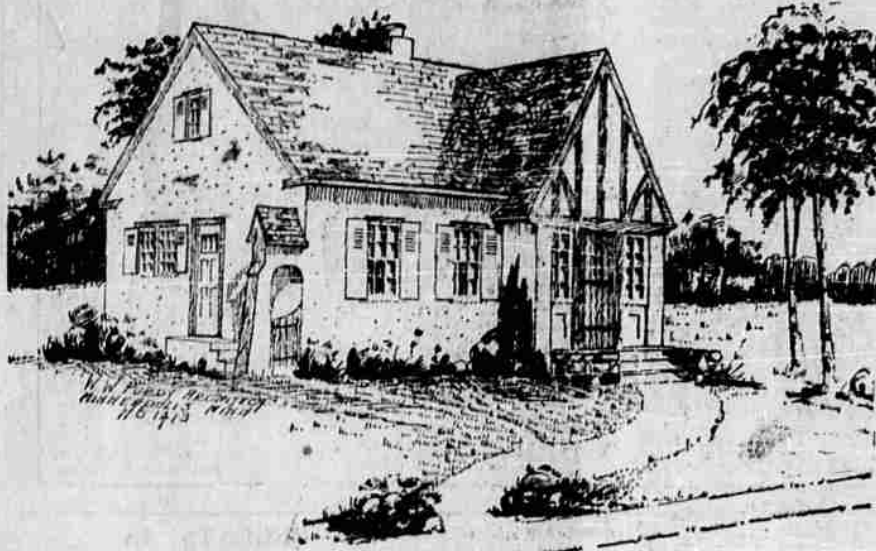
Dec. 10—Ed Fields, erect storehouse on X between Spruce and city limits, to cost \$125.

Slump Hits Others

The slump, although it hit La Grande the middle of November, will not go down on the western building record books until the December reports are compiled—because during the first week of November—La Grande issued enough permits to show a large gain for the month over November, 1925. Few western cities accomplished this. Besides La Grande, out of 96 in the Pacific coast area, only the following showed a gain:

Vancouver, B. C.; Seattle, Olympia and Walla Walla, Wash.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Salem, Ore.; Boise, Lewiston and Twin Falls, Idaho; Tucson, Ariz.; Reno, Nev.; San Diego, San Jose, Stockton,

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Burbank, Corvado, Culver City, Fullerton, Inglewood, Lynwood, Monrovia, Redondo Beach, Redwood City, San Gabriel, San Mateo, San Rafael, Santa Ana, South Gate, Torrance and Whittier, Cal. All others showed a reduction.

Coast permits from 97 cities for November involved \$31,429,736 in estimated construction costs, a 15 per cent reduction from the comparable figures of last year, and a 21 per cent reduction from the October totals of this year. Oregon's figure was November, 1926—\$2,522,465; November, 1925—\$3,415,570.

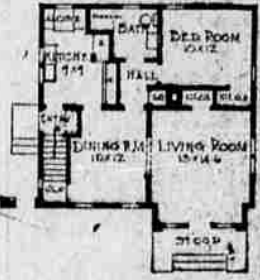
Building permits issued during November in other Oregon cities, as compared with La Grande's \$20,175, follow: Astoria—\$13,390; Eugene—\$50,990; Klamath Falls—\$106,150; Marshfield—\$225; Medford—\$55,100; Portland—\$2,099,925; Salem—\$155,104.

Reindeer meat from Alaska is shipped in large quantities to Seattle for consumption in the United States.

Wealth in America is at work, says Chauncey Depew. Probably he has been reading the election returns.

Famous last lines: "I'll just lean the gun on this fence while I crawl over."

Be patient. Ether was discovered in 1540 but didn't become popular until the Arid Era.



Here And There

PORTLAND—State of Oregon spent \$7,230,000 on hotels in last two years.

PORTLAND—Site to be cleared for \$1,550,000 veterans' hospital on Marquam hill.

ALBANY—Oregon Milk company will let contracts for new condenser.

MEDFORD—Sperry Flour company begins \$16,000 concrete warehouse.

MYRTLE POINT—New Mast and Wilson hospital, costing \$35,000, opened.

TUALATIN—Contract let for \$8,000 school house at Clpole.

SALEM—New 11-story First National bank building will be ready for use Jan. 1.

KIAMATH FALLS—Permit issued for \$12,000 restaurant and apartment house.

KIAMATH FALLS—Construction rushed on four new hotels.

The postoffice department in 1925 issued more than 17,000,000 stamps. In 1847 only 869,250 stamps were issued.

By W. W. PURDY

Whether one builds in the suburbs or in the ordinary city lot, the small English type cottage is always in good taste, and the owner can make a quick turnover, as the house, while small, has all the conveniences of the larger home. The construction is simple, hence economical.

Entrance to this little home is direct into the living-room, which is finished in oak, with oak floors. A wide casad opening connects the living and dining-room, which can be used as a bedroom if desired. The alcove in the kitchen is used for serving all meals in the case of a small family as this will easily accommodate three persons.

The tub in the bath has been omitted, and a shower substituted. The smaller linen closet off the hall is convenient. A stairway over the stairs to basement could be added and a room finished on the second floor at a slight additional expense if desired.

The refrigerator is placed in the entry, the stairs lead down to a full basement.

Finish in the front portion is oak, balance in pine painted, it is estimated that this home can be built for from \$4,000 to \$5,000, exclusive of heating and plumbing.

Exterior walls are cement plaster, with brick around the front entrance gable, stained shingles on the roof. Half timbered work is a chocolate brown, with blue green shutters.

Lynchers Beware!



This benign looking gentleman is Judge Harry Day Reed, of the Georgia superior court. By the heavy sentences he recently imposed upon nine self-confessed members of a lynch mob, he has proclaimed that the midnight mob is not to replace the law's orderly course in Georgia, so far as he is able to prevent it. Of the nine men who pleaded guilty before him, one was sent to the penitentiary for life, and the others were given terms of from four to twenty years' imprisonment.



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A truck and wagon is just pulling into the yard now so I will have to hang up the receiver and start on the dead run.

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SWIMMERS BREAK RECORDS

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