Building and Improvement

BUILDING TOTAL IS NOW $671,005

New Construction Started in La Grande During April $125,800

New construction in La Grande under way this year has reached the high figure of $671,005 as a result of building permits issued during April, records kept by City Recorder J. E. Stearns disclose.

This total is expected by many to pass the $1,000,000-mark before the year has ended, with several other building projects contemplated.

For the month of April the building total was $125,800, including the $90,000 three-story apartment house being erected at the corner of Third and Washington.

Many New Homes

In addition to the above mentioned permit, seven permits for residence buildings were issued calling for homes worth $3,000 or more and two of these were near $6,000.

During the past week, only three permits were issued, none larger than $1,000.

The permits for the week beginning April 25 and ending April 30 follow:

Apr. 27—S. M. Strain, to erect a garage on Oak between Jefferson and Grandy, to cost $200.

Apr. 28—Mrs. S. C. Zuber, to alter and repair a dwelling on Washington between Fir and Greenwood, work to cost $1,000.

Apr. 29—George Andrews to alter and repair a dwelling on Cherry between Adams and Jefferson, work to cost $125.

SCHOOL FOR SERVANTS

NEW YORK—Society is seeking to overcome the shortage of domestic servants by making them members of a profession. It has established a training school in the home of Mrs. Richard Boardman, president of an educational corporation founded by prominent matrons. The aim will be for graduates to have living conditions and social standing equivalent to those of their sisters in offices and stores. And a servant is to be addressed as "Miss" instead of mercly by her last name.

Here And There

COTTAGE GROVE—$25,000 city hall completed.

SALEM—Building five miles of houses a year, allowing 50-foot lots for each.

VALE—Construction to begin immediately at Harper on reclamation project.

ST. HELENS—Building new Knights of Pythias hall.

PORTLAND — Construction begins on $500,000 Meier & Frank warehouse.

TILLAMOOK — $7,500 site for new veneer plant purchased.

PORTLAND — Public service building now under way will cost $1,500,000.

TOLEDO — School board lets contract for $22,900 school house.

MYRTLE POINT — Three new business blocks will be built and Methodist church completed.

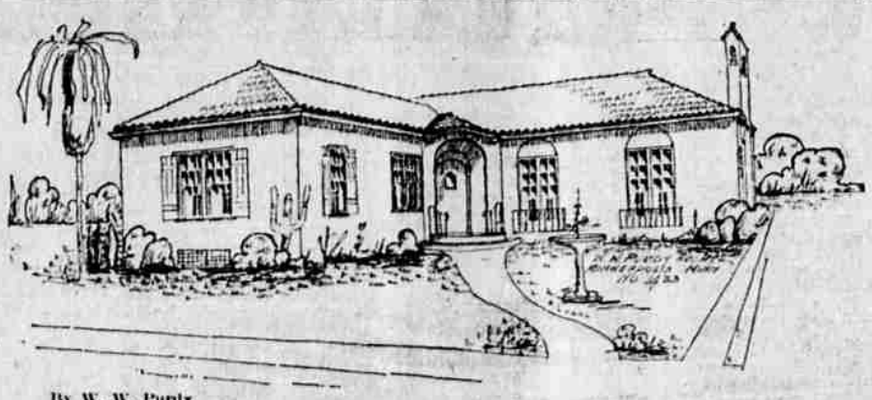
BREDSPORTS — Construction begins on new post office building.

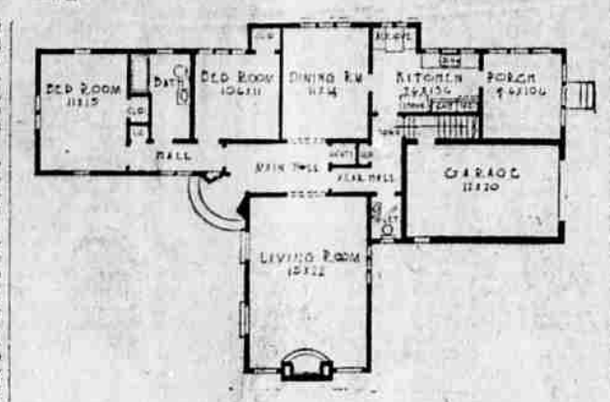
SHOWS COLLEGE WOMEN MAKE BETTER PARENTS

NEW YORK—College graduates make better parents than uneducated women of tenements districts, according to the intelligence tests prepared by Dr. Bess V. Cunningham of Teachers College, Columbia University, the report of which appears in the May issue of "Children, the Magazine for parents."

A graduate class of Columbia averaged 84 on questions relating to the formation of good social habits among children and to the control of adolescent boys' and girls' behavior. The same questions were put to several settlement Mothers' clubs, but they averaged only 29, 63, 69 and 78. A class of clinical psychologists averaged 87. The woman rating highest, according to Dr. Cunningham's tests, was Mrs. Sidonie M. Gruenberg, Director of the Child Study Association of America.

ATTRACTIVE BUNGALOW FOR SMALL FAMILY





By W. W. Purdy

This design, somewhat different in its arrangement, was planned for a corner lot, and while best suited to a southwest corner, on account of the arrangement of rooms, garage, etc., it could, of course, be placed on an inside lot 60 feet in width, with rear alley.

The plan provides for this home, built in the south, to be set on brick or concrete piers, with a small cellar under the rear portion only.

Entrance from the corner, is direct into a small main hall. The front portion is given over to two nice bedrooms and bath, each of which open off a small inner hall. At the opposite end is a rear hall which leads to the kitchen portion, garage and rear toilet, as well as down into the cellar. One coming in from the garage, comes directly into this hall, where he finds a small coat closet, a toilet, where he can wash up, before entering the living-room.

The kitchen portion is most complete, with the long sink, drains on each side, stove and built-in cupboards, with refrigerator space under. There is a screened-in porch at the rear, which can be used as an out-of-door eating porch. Note the convenience of the breakfast alcove, and the dining-room, which is good size.

The outside walls can be either frame stuccoed, or of tile, plastering direct onto the tile. The latter gives a somewhat more substantial construction, reduces settlement, minimizes cracks in plaster, reduces fire insurance, and the cost, only about 10 per cent additional. The garage is of tile, in order to comply with the building ordinance in many of our larger cities.

The roof is of bright red, Spanish tile.

Floors throughout are of hardwood, with ivory woodwork, and dark mahogany stained doors.

The plastering in the main rooms is the rough plaster, with a stippled finish, while the bedrooms have the colored plaster. Bathroom floor and wainscot is of tile.

The cost of this home as described should be about $6,000. This price is without heating, plumbing, and only a small cellar in rear.

CHANGE IT!

Now they have phonographs that change their own records and play for hours without stopping. They'd better not try to play ours without stopping. If these machines could play two or three different tunes at once they'd be almost as good as the radio. . . . There's one untried solution to the broadcasting station problem. Put them in the hands of the receivers. . . . Some radio entertainers play on the ordinary saw. Listeners could suggest a new use for the ordinary ax. . . But there are so many thousands who are not still. . . If all the saxophones in the United States were placed end to end they would not fill Lake Michigan. But many are in favor of trying it.

The Garden

ANNUALS FOR FRAGRANCE

Fragrance is needed to make a complete garden, and two annuals of insignificent beauty furnish it in greatest abundance, the mignonette by day and the night-scented stock in the evening. The old-fashioned mignonette, Reseda odorata, has no superior for fragrance among the finer and more highly developed forms. In fact some of these lack fragrance.

The night-scented stock by day looks like a bedraggled weed. In the catalogues it is listed as Mathiola bicornis. At night it perks up and opens tiny stars that freight the air with spicy fragrance. It is fine to tuck into a porch or window box or to grow near a porch or open window. It has no claim to beauty whatever, but its fragrance makes up.

Combining beauty and delightful fragrance are the ten weeks stocks. Handsome garden plants making a mass of bloom from July till frost with a spicy scent strongest in the evening. They are fine for cutting. One point in their culture must be heeded. They are lime lovers, and if the soil is deficient in lime they are likely to run too heavy clusters of leaves and no bloom.

The verbenas offer fine fragrance in connection with brilliant bloom, and the spice of the petunias is well known, the old-fashioned white being still grown despite its inferior bloom because of its heavy scent. The flowering tobacco, Nicotiana affinis, and its hybrids, which opens in the late afternoon, is well known and a favorite for its delightful scent as well as for making a showy and tall growing group.

The heliotrope is famous for its vanilla scent. It may be grown as an annual very easily, but it is usually bought as a plant for quicker results.

The annual evening primroses, Oenotheras, are also plants famous for carrying a heavy fragrance to the evening air as well as for their beautiful yellow and white blooms, which are always an attraction in the garden on moonlight nights when they shine forth.

New Premier.

Baron Giichi Tanaka has accepted the premiership of Japan. He succeeds Premier Wakatsuki, who resigned because of the financial crisis.

MEDICAL SPRINGS PERSONALS

MEDICAL SPRINGS (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. F. Whitten entertained at dinner Sunday. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flemings, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kennedy, Miss Edna Henner, Mr. and Mrs. F. Whitten and Everett and Leonard Whitten.

Several new cars are to be seen around Medical Springs recently.

Miss Iris Stone, of Whitney, spent the week end with Miss Maxine Duncan here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flemings, of Baker, and Miss Edna Henner, of North Powder, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Whitten.

The dance given at the school building Saturday evening was well attended and everyone reported a good time.

The Medical Springs school will close May 6. The school building will be enlarged and more teachers employed for next year's term.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. F. Whitten, Mr. J. F. Kennedy and Miss Wilma Kennedy were in Baker last week.

The warm weather of the past week has melted much of the snow in the mountains. Big creek is beginning to overflow its banks. Most of the farmers here are through with their spring farming.

Mrs. George South is spending this week at the South ranch at Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Whitten and Mr. and Mrs. George South attended the grange dance at Missouri flat recently.

Several families from Perry spent Sunday at Medical Springs looking at the new mill site and houses built for the mill employes. Machinery is arriving daily here. Plans are to start sawing about June 1.

COVE PERSONALS

COVE (Special)—Miss Ruth Jones, of Manila, Philippine Islands, is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Mills here. Miss Jones has been a teacher in the high schools at Manila for the past six years, previous to that time she was in the government employe as a reconstruction nurse at Presidio, San Francisco. Before that time she taught school at Carson City, Nevada. Miss Jones has been given six months leave of absence, which she will spent in the United States, visiting San Francisco, Los Angeles, Long Beach, the going to her former home in Fairbury, Nev. She will also visit Washington, D. C.

A delegation of women from the Cove Women's club visited the Muddy Creek Women's club Wednesday. Those going from here were Mrs. W. A. McNeill, Mrs. Helene Lincoln, Mrs. Lydia M. Lantz, Mrs. A. G. Conklin and Mrs. L. M. Laird. The Cove women are making an effort to get the Muddy creek club to join the Oregon Federation of Women's club.

Tom Towle found a nest of coyotes in the hills a few days ago and brought home seven of the baby coyotes, passing them around among his friends. One is being cared for by a mother dog along with her own puppies.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, who spent the winter at San Diego, Cal., have returned to Cove for the summer. While away they purchased a home at Pasadena, Cal., where they plan to spend every winter.

We have been up working since a little before 5 o'clock to see if we couldn't get caught up with our orders but as the day advances we keep getting in a little deeper. When night overtakes me I don't think there will be anything sticking out but my head and that will be lying on a pillow and then I will be sawing wood.

Another carload of shingles rolled in this morning. Where in the world do all the shingles go to anyway? I don't know of anyone flooring their kitchen with shingles and from the low market price on shingles no one is getting rich.

The light draft Snyder weeder is sure a wonder worker. It is death on morning glories, fire weeds or any other kind of weeds. The thing is arranged so that you can set it down just so deep and cut the morning glories off before they see daylight and by the time you do that several times they become discouraged and give up the fight. I don't know whether they go down towards China or just die a natural death.

We have the car number of the carload of fencing. It is Union Pacific 151015. It should have been on the track this morning.

The thing we are interested in now is getting busy on our orders so will see you when you come around. We will probably sell you a weeder or paint brush.

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ENTERPRISE PERSONALS

ENTERPRISE (Special)—With weather conditions much improved Wallowa Lake is the scene of many picnics. Among the many visitors during the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cock and son, Earl, Vic Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Benson, Pete Davis, Alice Hall, Edith Rovig, Mildred Fox, Gracia Haggerty, all of Union; Miss Johnson, of Wallowa, the Rev. and Mrs. Lee and L. Wright, of Union, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McClay and sons, of Enterprise.

C. W. Brown returned home Tuesday evening from a weeks visit in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spear and Mr. and Mrs. Kirkbride were La Grande visitors last Sunday.

Frank Conner and Dick Bonney, of Union, were at Enterprise Tuesday.

Herb Browning and Gus Reed, of La Grande, were business visitors at Enterprise Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Conley, of Flora, who have spent the winter with their daughter in Los Angeles, Cal., are at Enterprise for a visit with relatives.

The Chinese row reminds us that it's time for spring housecleaning.

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