



Building and Improvement



BUILDING SLUMP IS NOTED HERE

June Totals for Pacific Coast Area 23 Per Cent Less Than June, 1923

La Grande's building permit total for June, which was \$37,725, compared favorably with many cities throughout the northwestern country, according to figures shown in the monthly Pacific coast survey by S. W. Strauss & company.

The survey, incidentally, stated that a reduction amounting to eight per cent in the cost volume of building permits on the coast was noted in comparing the six months of 1927 with the first half of last year. Of 92 cities checked, only

25 show gains—with La Grande included in the 29. Oregon permits for June follow: Astoria, \$3,800; Eugene, \$169,250; Klamath Falls, \$286,954; Marshfield, \$6,125; Medford, \$51,455; Portland, \$2,372,240; Salem, \$300,725.

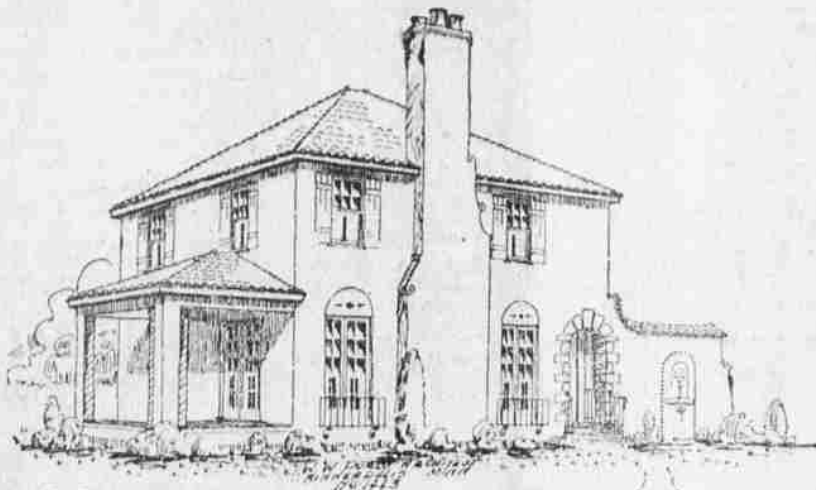
Permits issued during June in other cities totaled as follows: Logan, Utah, \$47,000; Aberdeen, Wash., \$51,938; Hoquiam, \$34,229; Longview, \$17,872; Wenatchee, \$29,726; Yakima, \$44,950; Reno, Nev., \$47,150; Boise, \$59,628; Lexington, \$59,155; Nampa, \$24,380.

The figures for June this year are 23 per cent below the total for June during 1923.

Building is taking a seasonal slump in La Grande, however, as in other parts of the country and it is not expected that any large gains will be made until the fall season.

During the past week, only one permit was issued here, that to Claude Mackay, providing for repairs to his home on First street between Jefferson and Adams avenue amounting to \$75.

A DESIGN ON SPANISH LINES



By W. W. Purdy

In many of our large cities the Spanish type of architecture has become very popular in residence designing. The smooth white cement plastered exterior, with bright red Spanish tile roof is most striking.

The home here illustrated, an almost square house, with its plain hip roof, is most economical to build. The living room extends across the front, with its massive chimney, French doors and iron balconies the only ornamental features. Entrance is from the stoop, into a vestibule, off of which is a coat closet.

French doors lead onto the porch from the living room, while plaster arches separate the living and dining room, and are also used to great effect enclosing the main stair.

This kitchen is well equipped, with breakfast nook, good wall space for range, sink, and cupboards. The ice box is off the entry, with broom closet. There is also a toilet.

On the second floor are three good sized chambers and plenty of closet space, where the tub has been omitted and shower, all in tile, substituted.

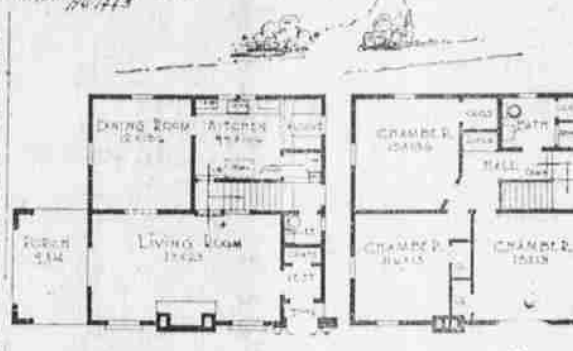
There is a full basement, with furnace room, storage, laundry, fruit and vegetable room.

The interior construction is of the best, oak floors being used throughout, with tile in bath and vestibule. "A" grade linoleum in kitchen, oak in main rooms, balance in brick, very enameled, with walnut stained doors. Rough plaster stippled, and wrought iron lighting fixtures. The cost is placed at \$8,000 to \$10,000, exclusive of heating and plumbing.

Greedy Fish Left By Tide. ABERDEEN, Scotland.—Early morning bathers at Aberdeen found thousands of greedy whiting left on the shore by a receding tide. The news spread, and Scotch housekeepers laden with baskets of fish were seen wending their way homeward.

The whiting came into shallow water at high tide to feed on sprats and, heavy with eating, were unable to move swiftly enough to escape when the tide went out.

A 122-year-old Russian has retired with the declaration that 12 years of work is enough. Wonder what his wife's mother thinks about it?



The Garden

THE SCARLET SAGES

The blinding scarlet of the malvius is one of the glories of the fall garden for no matter how freely and hotly they bloom all summer the color never seems so brilliant as during the late fall months before the first frosts nip them. Grown with some of the yellow fall perennials such as the golden belemnia they make one of the most striking groups in the fall garden. Salvias, or scarlet sage, can always be procured from plant dealers but they are a very easily raised annual from seed and seed may be sown now for the fall garden.

Many gardeners who do not like such fierce color during the hot months purposely plant them late so they will not come into bloom until early September. Planted now, they will be in their glory during the fall months. There are numerous varieties of dwarf compact growth and there have also been developed white, purple and rose colors but none are comparable in beauty to the scarlet type.

The original species, salvia splendens, a tall grower, waits until fall to burst forth in its scarlet glory, but the compact dwarf forms now popular for bedding and for edgings are early and all summer bloomers. Plants from seed sown now may be transplanted into some convenient reserve garden and at favorable opportunity moved to permanent quarters later in the season to give the fall garden.

They are not particular as to soil

but are sun lovers and rejoice in midsummer heat, providing they can have moisture about the roots. In dry spells they droop so they must be provided with a good soaking from time to time in long dry spells.

There is little choice among the dwarf compact types. All are excellent. It is worth while to sow a few seeds of the old-type plant, salvia splendens, which by fall will make an imposing bush with two to three foot tall hung with its fiery spikes which are longer than those of the dwarf compact types.

KANSAS ELECTION. ATCHAFON, Kan.—An election in which the candidates had no opposition was held here recently. A state law forced the city to hold the election.

Because of a copper shortage in Russia, a method of recovering copper and silver from brass shavings has been worked out by Russian chemists.

THE SIEGE OF DAUDET



(LINA, Paris Bureau) First photos, these, of the sensational 19-day siege of Leon Daudet in the very heart of Paris. Daudet, editor of L'Aktion Française, refused to submit to arrest to serve a five-month sentence for libel and harassment against himself in his newspaper office. Police by the hundreds gathered outside to take him into custody. Above you see him on a balcony listening to the authorities' appeal for peaceful surrender. Below, M. Guichard (left), head of the municipal police, Maurice Pons (center), one of Daudet's editors, and M. Chaigne, prefect of police, coaching the understanding which led to Daudet's eventual capitulation.

IMBLER PERSONALS

IMBLER. (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinnis went to Huntington last Friday to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmont Thatcher.

Bob Keenan and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Keenan drove over to Union last Sunday to meet a sister and family from Durkee. From there they went fishing and camping on Catherine creek.

Miss Opal Skilling is visiting friends here. Her home is at Walltown.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blacker, of Pine Valley, came Friday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nodine. Mrs. Blacker is a sister of Mr. Nodine.

Mr. and Mrs. John Skilling were here Sunday from Walltown. Jack Escherrill, of La Grande, attended the union Sunday school here last Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lay, of Enterprise, preached last Sunday at the Union hall.

Miss Archelene Keown spent the week end with her grandmother. Mr. and Mrs. Linas Kassinger, of Portland, arrived here Sunday morning to visit with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kassinger, Theo Hahn, and Clarence Keown was in La Grande Saturday night.

There will be an ice cream social at the home of Ella M. Walker Tuesday night. Several Imblerites attended the movies in La Grande Saturday night.

COVE PERSONALS

COVE (Special)—Farmers are all busy in the hay fields. There is an exceptionally good first crop of alfalfa. The rain did not damage the hay much.

Jesse Smith and family, of Rainier, Ore., are camped at the Nell Knight farm helping with the haying.

Mrs. A. J. Becker has returned from Baker where she was taking medical treatment. Mrs. Lynn Chadwick has purchased a sedan.

T. B. Johnson and wife with their son, L. V. Johnson, and wife, of La Grande, left Wednesday for a two weeks trip to coast towns.

Mrs. Spencer, of La Grande, is spending two weeks with Grandma Thompson while the Johnsons are on their vacation.

N. Haron and family spent Sunday with relatives at Pleasant Valley.

Neison Knight, of Willapa, arrived Thursday to visit his son, Neil P. Knight.

Mrs. Leah Becker and daughters, Dorothy and Harriet, are spending the summer on the farm here.

Warner Bevan and niece, Miss

Marion Bevan spent the fourth at

home. J. B. Tallent delivered fat hogs to the Grande Route Meat company Thursday.

Howard Gassett and wife spent Sunday on Indian creek. Elma and Lester Johnson, of La

Grande, are visiting at the home of

their grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Bradley.

Wardens of the Dutch Reformed church in rural districts of Holland have refused to marry women having bobbed hair.

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NORTH POWDER PERSONALS

NORTH POWDER. (Special)—Mrs. Thomas Beaumont, of Haines, is under medical treatment here suffering pneumonia. In her confinement from a bunion. She is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Katie Pearson.

John Gray, of Nampa, Ida., is visiting his aunt, Flossie Pearson. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dahlstrom sold their household goods to Jay Hatten. The Dahlstroms are leaving for Washington.

Albert Hutchinson, Ray Hobbs and Adrian Sloan left Sunday for the harvest fields at Walla Walla. At Craig's niece from Seattle is visiting them this week.

Everett Pearson and family and Harry Slater and wife spent Sunday salmon fishing on Catherine creek.

Tom Rencortox and Roy Gihlson left Sunday morning for East Kootenai in time valley to visit Roy's father who has mining interests there.

Al Branham, City marshal, is back on duty after a week's vacation.

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