



Building and Improvement



LOCAL BUILDING WEAKER IN JULY

Condition, However, General Throughout Pacific Coast Area

Building during the month of July this year was at the lowest point of 1927, when new construction amounted to only \$1,925. Ten permits were issued but no homes were included.

Contractors still expect the building activities here to picken in the fall and look forward to a good year in 1928.

Oregon permits as a whole were much less than in July, 1926 when the figure was \$4,252,374. This year's July total was \$2,032,559—less than half of last year.

Oregon cities, excepting Astoria, Eugene and Klamath Falls, did not show gains. The permits for the month of July follow:

City	Total
Astoria	\$19,800
Eugene	\$18,400
Klamath Falls	\$27,450
La Grande	1,925
Medford	4,195
Portland	186,255
Seattle	1,053,455
Total	\$2,032,559

La Grande's 1926 July figure was \$17,920 and during June this year \$27,657, worth of building was started.

General Over Cost
Although many of the smaller cities of the Pacific Coast area report a marked increase in building activity, the larger centers, with few exceptions, show notable reductions from last year's figures in the record of building permits during July. S. W. Stearns & Co., report. The total for July this year is given as the lowest since February and is 21 per cent below the comparable figure for 1926.

TWO WOMEN INJURED
VALLEJO, Cal., Aug. 15. (AP)—Mrs. A. H. Bonkup, 210 Laurel street, Medford, Ore., and Mrs. J. S. Cooney, 314 1/2 St. George, were injured yesterday when the auto in which they were riding with their husbands was struck by a hit and run machine three miles south of here on the Siskiyou road.

Their automobile was turned completely over and the two women were thrown out. The men escaped injury. After the women had received medical attention at a hospital here they went on to San Francisco.

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Two New Homes To Be Built In This City Soon

Building permits in La Grande apparently started a revival last week when six were issued calling for nearly \$4,500 worth of new building and including a \$2,000 residence building to be erected on Box Elder street between Adams and Jefferson avenues by Bird Bennett.

In addition, this morning a permit was issued to William Rollins to build a one-story dwelling place on Thirteenth street between J and Washington at a cost of \$4,000.

Permits issued last week follow:

Aug. 10—John Stewart, to alter and repair a garage on Spruce between R and S, work to cost \$75.

Aug. 10—C. S. Shultz, to alter and repair a dwelling place on N between Willow and the O-W, work to cost \$1,000.

Aug. 11—H. P. Nelson, to alter and repair the Arcade theater on Adams between Fourth and Depot, work to cost \$150.

Aug. 12—Robert Young, to alter and repair a dwelling on Second between Crook and Z, work to cost \$100.

Aug. 12—Bird Bennett, to erect a one-story residence building on Box Elder between Adams and Jefferson, to cost \$5,000.

PARK PERSONALS

THE PARK (Specials)—Katie Reuter has returned to her home at Union after spending a week visiting with friends at the Park. Mrs. Moody, of Ogden, Utah, is visiting her brothers, J. W. Lay and J. C. Lay, this week.

Mrs. Tom Bratten and son, Kenneth were dinner guests of Mrs. Clarence Vanorder Friday.

J. C. Lay is busy helping fight forest fires in the mountains near Medford Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McMillan have moved from The Park to their home at Union.

Clarence Vanorder, motorist to Baker Wednesday afternoon. Miss Anna, the well known trick dog of Miss Ed Hunter, died Friday evening after being ill for several days.

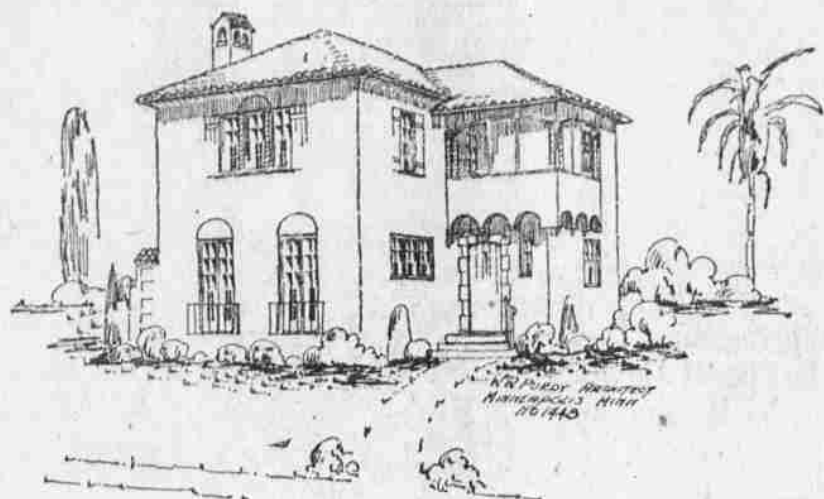
Mrs. William Wigglesworth and Mrs. Myra Gerbell and daughter are camping on Catherine creek.

Brown—I hear Jones is letting the rest of the world go by.

Greene—Retired, eh?

Brown—No, he bought a used car.

A SMALL SPANISH TYPE HOME



By W. W. Parry

The lines of this home, while simple, are of good proportions, and the color scheme most effective against the heavy foliage.

The exterior walls are of frame construction, with white cement plaster over metal lath, a bright red Spanish tile roof, and pale green trim, with ornamental iron of the same shade.

An ideal arrangement for a corner, the entrance is placed at the side, opening directly into a small hall. Note the convenience of the stairs, to front or rear, portion of the house, the east closet, etc.

Plaster arches separate the hall and living room as well as the dining and kitchen.

It would be difficult to find a more pleasing little living room than this one, with its ornamental Spanish fireplace, French doors, arched opening, rough plastered walls, and iron lighting fixtures.

The dining room and kitchen are good size. The rear entry provides a double door between kitchen and dining room.

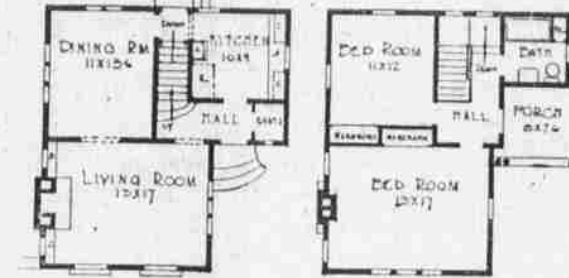
On the second floor are two good bedrooms, each with a built-in wardrobe. Bath with the floor, recess tub and tile wainscot is located off the hall, as well as a green-painted porch. This porch is large enough for a full size bed and could be glazed-in in the winter. A portion of this overlooks the front entrance.

The basement is complete with laundry, furnace and fuel bin.

Finishing the best grade of oak flooring, with oak trim for the first floor, stained and polished trim on the second floor, this home should be built for from \$2,500 to \$3,500, exclusive of heating and plumbing.

Most rayon or artificial silk is weak when wet and should be handled carefully in removing stains. Concentrated acids should not be used. Alkaline solutions and bleaching agents often are harmful. Diluted acids are recommended. Coffee stains not more than a few hours old can be removed from washable fabrics by pouring boiling water on the stain from a height of two to three feet. The solid part stretched over a large bowl.

The tender cuts in the carcasses of all meat animals are found along the back and behind the shoulders, including the ribs, loin, rump and other portions of the hind legs. The less tender parts are those in which the muscles have been more actively used and which contain large amounts of fine connective tissue, such as the neck, forelegs, shoulders and hind shanks.



UNION PERSONALS

UNION, Ore., (Specials)—After being closed down during the summer months, the Union Flouring mill, started operating Tuesday, making flour for shipment. Grain is being received from various parts of the valley and Bert Knight, head miller, has a day and night view of men at work keeping up with the big rush, grain being hauled in all night as well as in the day time. Trucks are doing most of the hauling, a single truck carrying from 50 to 60 sacks of grain.

L. A. Wright returned home Thursday from Portland where he attended a meeting of the game commission, of which he is a member.

Miss Thelma Hess, who recently underwent an operation at Hot Lake is reported to be rapidly improving.

The school buildings are being renovated and necessary repairs being made in preparation for the opening of the school term which will begin Sept. 5.

M. S. Levy and Miss Luthi Ryder motored to La Grande Sunday evening where they attended the theater.

Charlie Kuhn, who has been at Hot Lake for the past four weeks with a broken arm, returned to his home here Monday.

Merton Kiddle, of Island City, was at Union Friday and Saturday transacting business.

Mrs. A. E. Huff spent Saturday evening and Sunday in La Grande visiting at the home of her son Arthur L. Huff.

Alex White was taken to Hot Lake last week where he underwent a major operation Monday morning.

Mrs. Minnie Pickett and daughter Ethel left Friday for their home in Kansas City after several weeks visit at the home of their

cousin, W. O. Hangerly.

Miss Clara Vanhouten, who is employed at the post office, left Tuesday for Spokane where she will spend her vacation visiting relatives. She expects to be gone about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Huff and daughter Kathleen, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Spencer and son Joseph, of La Grande, were Sunday evening visitors at Union at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Knight.

Nowell Martens, who recently underwent an operation at Hot Lake, returned to his home here Tuesday—very much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conklin left Thursday for Wallawa where they will spend a few days visiting with relatives and friends.

Frank Sturgill, who has been a patient at Hot Lake for the past two months, was able to return to his home at Union Saturday.

Mrs. James Walsh was a business visitor at La Grande Wednesday.

Mrs. Vera Huick returned Tuesday to her home at Spokane having been called here by the death of her brother.

Miss Lillie Lewin returned last Friday to her home in San Francisco after a few weeks visit with her mother Mrs. Helen Lewin and other relatives and friends.

Miss Lottella Delaney and Jack Griffith were Sunday evening visitors at La Grande.

Miss Sylvia Hughes arrived at Union Wednesday from Portland and will visit for an indefinite time at the home of her uncle W. B. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Mitchell left Friday for the mountains where they will spend the next two weeks camping.

Miss Marion Phyl who underwent an appendix operation this week at Hot Lake is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Pratt and family of La Grande were Union

visitors Wednesday afternoon and attended the Old Folks' picnic at the Goodland lake.

Mrs. Della Mahaffey and daughter Nell, of La Grande, and Thomas Hughes, of Pendleton, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Conner were La Grande visitors Sunday afternoon.

HILGARD PERSONALS

HILGARD (Specials)—Among those that attended the dance here Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Jean Bonham, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Stevens, of Pendleton, Ivy Saling, of La Grande, and Clarence Stevenson of Perry.

Those that went to Corn swimming Sunday were Leonard Ferguson, Junius Thompson, John Price and Marie Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanford were in La Grande Sunday.

Geneva Cole, of La Grande, is visiting with Junius Thompson for a few days.

Mr. Hoyt, of La Grande, was a visitor of Howard Starlet Monday.

Miss Vera Weaver spent Wednesday visiting in Walla Walla. She was accompanied by Rex Hartman.

Rex Brown was at Menham Friday.

Those that attended the Kamela dance Friday night were Leonard Ferguson, Marie Sanford and John Price.



Old times have returned again. I am almost too busy to even talk to you. It isn't a week yet and already 32 thousand shingles have left the yard, besides we took an order for 25 thousand of those composition shingles in the 4-color blend and then we took an order for 25 thousand more shingles in a re-shingling job; then we sold 10 gallon of 100% pure Monarch paint, 2 gallon of cheaper Weather Shield paint, 12 packages of Kalsomine and a lot of lumber, besides 4 rolls of heavy roofing. Now this didn't all take place in 50 minutes. Some of the old farmers knew I had a phone in my house and that one long ring would wake me up.

At the present time we have 13 men working out of the yard. One is a roofer, some painters, cabinet makers, kalsominers and carpenters. This is about all the bragging I could think of at one time but every word of it is true. We haven't got time to think up a lot of lies and we hope we wouldn't if we could.

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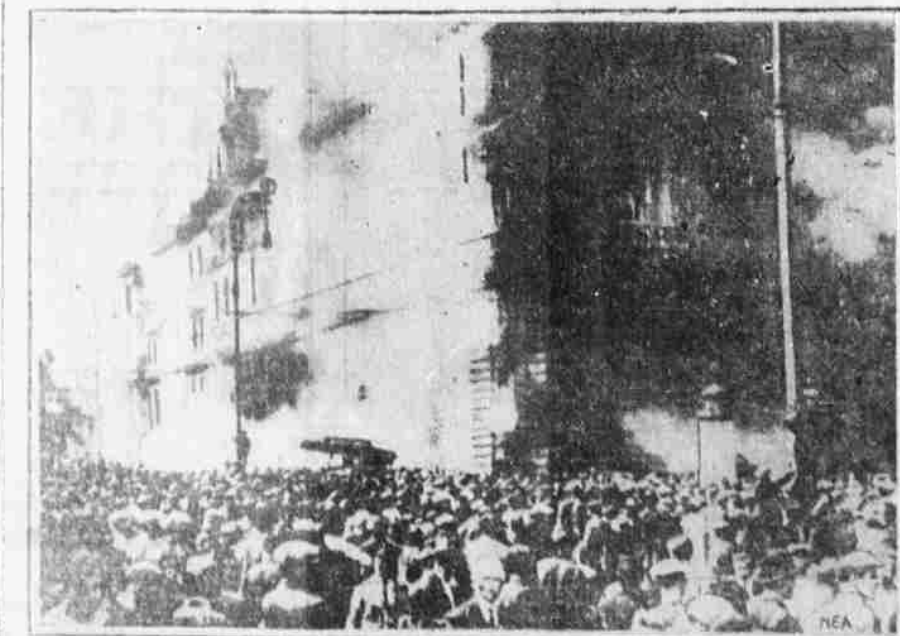
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The red riots in Vienna, Austria, are brought closer home with this NCA Service telephone to The Observer, showing the burning of the Palace of Justice, while great crowds in the street prevented firemen from extinguishing the flames.