

SEVEN PLUMBING SHOPS PROSPER

Modern Equipment, Good Service Characterize Local Businesses

La Grande has seven plumbing shops, all of which are characterized by modern equipment and good service.

Nate Zweifel has been in the plumbing business in La Grande for the past 21 years and has in that period of time developed one of the largest and probably the most inclusive line of goods in the city. Besides doing all kinds of plumbing, sheet metal and heating work, Mr. Zweifel handles the Kohler lighting system, the Fathbanks-Morse water and lighting systems, the Galvinox refrigerating plants, the Olinette oil burners, and Savage washers and ironers.

In all of these lines, Mr. Zweifel has worked up an extensive business. Since the Olinette line was added, 22 of the oil furnaces have been installed. Installation of water systems numbers 175. These figures—of random—give an idea of the business which Mr. Zweifel has built up in the larger lines of his retail department. His plumbing line of fixtures and accessories is modern and complete in every respect. The plumbing and sheet metal department in a separate work shop, which is large and well equipped, also is extensively developed, four men being regularly employed in this branch of the business. For the past five years, Mr. Zweifel has had his establishment on Jefferson street next to the Gettings & Hanks garage. Previous to 1922 Mr. Zweifel was located on Depot street. Since his beginning two decades ago, Mr. Zweifel has built up an unusually fine business, embracing practically every branch of his trade.

Spaeth Plumbing Firm

In 1915 Fred Spaeth opened a plumbing shop in La Grande. In the following 14 years he has built up one of the heaviest businesses in the city, doing all kinds of plumbing, heating and sheet metal work.

His equipment is unusually complete and includes every line of machinery that is necessary for good work. Plumbing fixtures are also carried. Five men are regularly employed to take care of the three branches of his business, both in the shop, which is located on the corner between Washington and Adams, and at the house work. Mr. Spaeth sells the Sunbeam and Montag furnaces, both piped and pipeless and also has the agency for the Iron Fireman, and the Quiet May-oil burner. Besides his plumbing business, Mr. Spaeth, with Roy Hartenberger, does a heavy construction business, in cement sidewalks, laying, sewer installation and other branches of construction in Eastern Oregon and Idaho. Fourteen years have seen Mr. Spaeth develop a thriving business.

Since 1902 S. A. Weigel has been in the plumbing and repair business in La Grande. During that long period, Mr. Weigel has watched the growth of La Grande, and has managed one of the steadily growing businesses which has played a large part in the development of the business of La Grande. For the past seven years his shop has been located on North Fir and has been known as Art's Plumbing and Repair Shop. His equipment is modern in every respect as is the line of plumbing fixtures which he carries. Repair of anything from "harmonicas to hand saws" as Mr. Weigel expresses it, is done in the repair branch of his business. Mr. Weigel has in his lengthy experience become very proficient in all branches of his work and has largely on the strength of his reputation for unusually good service and workmanship built up an extensive business.

Anderson's

S. A. Anderson has been engaged in the plumbing business in La Grande for the past 14 years. Mr. Anderson's business is known as the Anderson Brothers, Plumbers, but since his brother's death three years ago, Mr. Anderson has been sole owner, retaining the name because of the long period in which the firm had been known under that title. Ventilating, heating, plumbing and heating are included in the business which Mr. Anderson does. Two years ago the location of the business was changed to Adams avenue in a large office and shop room next to the Model barber. Mr. Anderson's excellent location, and his well rounded out equipment are two aids to his heavy business.

Melville's

In connection with their hardware business, the Melville brothers do an exceedingly heavy business, having what is said to be one of the finest sets of machinery in this section of the state. The business, one of the heaviest of the city, is managed by Richard and Victor Melville, who employ from eight to 15 men in this department. The hardware fixture display, in connection with the hardware shop is unusually attractive.

For the past nine years, Karl Lynch has been connected with the plumbing business in La Grande, although it has only been since this business that he has operated a business for himself. With his son, Ray, Mr. Lynch is building up a splendid business in sheet metal work, heating and plumbing. His shop, on Fir street, is an attractive, roomy one. Plans for this fall include the addition of a well known heating line.

Fred Barstess has for many years done a plumbing and repair business in La Grande. Mr. Barstess has, on the strength of good equipment and workmanship, built up a fine trade in La Grande.

ROESCH BUSINESS BLOCK



The above block of fine brick business buildings is located on Adams avenue between Greenwood and Fir streets. Both large structures pictured belong to Julius Roesch, and the one at the right adjoins the new Sacramento seven-story hotel which Mr. Roesch is erecting. At the extreme right the open-front store room will be used as a part of the hotel dining room system. Building from left to right, the business places are as follows: Star Car garage, La Grande Evening Observer, La Grande Electric company and Electric Service Co., James Cash market, Pabst Wiggins grocery and the Sprague-Helfer Co. store. The buildings have all been constructed within the last several years and marked the first extensive expansion of the business section along Adams avenue.

La Grande Neighborhood Club One Of Pioneers in State of Oregon

The growth of the La Grande Neighborhood club and the work it has accomplished in the 22 years of its organization proves not only the growth of the city during that number of years, but shows the progressiveness of the women of the city and their desire to make La Grande the most beautiful and best city in which to make a home.

The organization was started as a Neighborhood club in the literal meaning of the word, just 22 years ago by a small group of La Grande women, but since that time has expanded to such an extent that it is not only an entire Union county, but to the entire Oregon Federation. During the past year the club has been instrumental in establishing a number of similar or clubs of the county in the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, a large civic organization of Oregon women, working co-operatively in the betterment of the state and their respective communities.

One of Pioneers.

The Neighborhood club was one of the first clubs of its kind in the state. When the State and General Federation of Women's clubs were organized, the La Grande club was among the first to give hearty co-operation and delegates attended the first State Federation meeting held in Portland.

Mrs. Jessie L. Cayana, a woman of vast experience and intellect, was the first president of the local club, and under her guidance the organization began a career founded upon firm principles. The traditions of those early beginnings have been kept alive up to the present time.

Self improvement saturated the group for a time but there came an urge to go out, to explore the work being done by women, "to strive to touch and know the great common women's heart for its all" and so application for membership to the General Federation of Clubs was made. This membership was granted in the year 1896, making the club one of the first of Oregon to receive this honor.

Charter Member

When the State Federation was organized in 1895 the local club became a charter member. Many of its members have served and are serving as officers of the State organization. Others have served in important positions of the General Federation.

A marked change came in the life of the club when it was permitted the use of the commercial club rooms for a meeting place for its regular meetings. The membership was no longer limited and a desire was created to unite forces with this civic organization for the betterment of the city and community. The civic work of the club, which has played so great a part all through the years dates from this time.

No club year passed without some civic undertaking. One of the outstanding accomplishments was the planting of 300 Norway Maple trees along the Victory way, leading to Riverside Park, in memory to the heroes of the World War. The trees are being cared for by the club and new ones planted when necessary.

May Day Breakfast

Since 1913 the club has observed the annual feature of a May Day breakfast, during the entire membership terms out to talk over the year's achievements and draw plans for the future.

The club turns with pride to its Christmas seal sale each year, the campaign against tuberculosis. In its contribution to the endowment fund and especially the scholarship loan fund the club has always been most generous.

Sponsors Flower Show

The annual flower show and special meetings to discuss gardens and homes have done much toward encouraging the people of La Grande to beautify their homes and by planting flower trees and shrubs. The first flower show was held four years ago and plans are now being formulated for the fourth annual show.

Musical art and dramatics have all been featured by the club. Many of the best American plays have been staged with most satisfactory results.

Municipal Improvements In Last Three Years Keep Pace with Growth

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and a large amount of macadam surfacing work is now under way to be completed late this fall and early next spring. Many miles of concrete sidewalks have also been installed last year and this summer, especially in the Old Town, Commercial and Northside districts, a large amount of both sanitary and storm sewers have also been laid by the city throughout the residential districts.

La Grande was incorporated in February, 1885, giving it a legal life of nearly 40 years, although the first settlements were made here in 1841.

The majority system of government was used until early in the twentieth century, when the commission-manager form of government was adopted. This has proven very successful in La Grande.

At present, A. T. Hill is president of the city commission, and the other two commissioners are Charles Playle and H. B. Coburn.

Mr. Coburn is the youngest member in point of service, taking the position formerly held by Dr. R. P. Landis, who was one of the most ardent supporters of the deep well experiment.

W. C. Crews is city manager and has been with the present administration almost since its election. He has supervised the entire construction work of the city during the last three years.

Other officials include: J. E. Stearns, city recorder; Emma Fowler, city treasurer; Clint Haynes, chief of police; O. O. Marchison, fire chief; Horace Knapp, water superintendent; Orville Wright, street superintendent; and A. H. Metcalf, city engineer.

A large number of workmen are also employed by the city and its annual payroll amounts to about \$25,000. The bonded indebtedness of the city is around \$40,000 and present officials declare that the finances are in excellent condition.

THE NEW COVE LIBRARY



The charming structure pictured above is the new library built several months ago at Cove, following the destruction of the former library building by fire. The new structure, tasteful and almost fireproof, is one of the more attractive projects recently completed at Cove.

Item in Michigan paper: "Mr. to them yesterday morning. You and Mrs. Paul Larmer are the may be next. Why don't you buy a good parent, or a baby boy born in some fire insurance?"

Outdoor Theater Employs Vast Sets

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP)—Erecting scenery for St. Louis municipal outdoor theater where opera is staged the summer through is almost a job for a building contractor.

The day is the limit. Where indoor theaters roll down a drop to depict a building, imitation houses, walls and rocks are built on the vast outdoor stage, which is 120 feet wide and 90 feet deep. Scenic artists erect a 40-foot high wooden frame. Even a river which courses behind the stage was used for one scene.

In another opera the patrons use a horse and carriage approaching at a distance of 170 feet from the apron of the stage. The effect was obtained by extending the stage to a bridge over the river.

More than 9,000 seats are provided for the audience on a hill overlooking away from the stage.

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New Fall Styles

There is a delightful surprise for you this season, for never before were styles so different, so entrancing; never were colors and materials so lovely; and never such unusual effects produced by stitching and other new trimming innovations.

Smart frocks and coats, with their acknowledged accessories, are reproduced from the inspired creations of master stylists of Paris. Frocks are aglow with the zest and spirit of autumn—the silks gracefully drooping and rich in lustrous black, woody tans, and deep autumn greens. The newest coats are of varied fabrics, equally varied models, smartly trimmed with fur—and reasonably priced, too.

Chic New Hats

In the Millinery Section you can glimpse the authentic style which distinguishes Fisk hats—shown exclusively here—originals and reproductions whose uncommon smartness and distinction are certain to appeal to you who seek the individual in Fall millinery.

School Frocks

The college girl and the high school miss who wishes both practical quality and entrancing style will find pleasure in selecting from these new frocks. Perfectly designed, well tailored, they are lovely to see and fit your clothes budget as well.

Our New Shoe Department

Seeking to serve the discriminating woman completely in her wardrobe needs, we will open a shoe department early in September and promise you style and value in footwear that cannot be excelled. Watch for our formal announcement of this additional service.



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