



# Building and Improvement



## 10-MONTH PERMIT RECORD \$852,830

### New \$18,000 Ballroom and \$7,000 Business Building Swell Total

Building permits in La Grande at the end of the first ten months of the year have passed the \$850,000 mark with more than \$2000 to spare. The total for October was \$52,935, which, added to the value of permits issued during the first three-quarters of the year, brought the grand total to date to \$852,000. Included in the permits issued

last month were three large ones, including a new \$7000 building to be erected by Charles Harris, and the \$18,000 ballroom which is being built onto the La Grande hotel. Permits issued last week follow:

Oct. 24—Guy E. Kennedy, to alter a chicken house on X between Fir and Greenwood, work to cost \$10.

Oct. 24—G. W. Ballestrine, to erect a garage on Second between K and L, to cost \$160.

Oct. 24—Minnie Ainsworth, to erect a shed on Y between Pine and Maple, to cost \$50.

Oct. 25—W. C. Heckell, to erect a stucco ballroom on Adams between Fourth and Third, in connection with the new six-story La Grande hotel, to cost \$18,000.

Oct. 25—Fred Waldrop, to erect a woodshed on W between Cherry and Willow, to cost \$10.

Oct. 27—Charles Harris, to erect a one-story brick business building on Greenwood between Adams and Jefferson, to cost \$7000.

Oct. 28—H. White, to erect a shed on Washington between Twelfth and Thirteenth, to cost \$2.

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## ELGIN PERSONALS

ELGIN. (Special) — Mrs. Ed Brueger, who underwent an operation last week, is reported to be doing well. She is at the Grande (tonde) hospital.

Mrs. Clarence Smith and baby, Ruth, returned to Portland Sunday after a visit with Mrs. Sall's father, S. S. Thompson.

Miss Bertha Crankshank left Monday for Portland after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crankshank.

Mrs. Hazel Lyon, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, returned to her home in Portland Sunday.

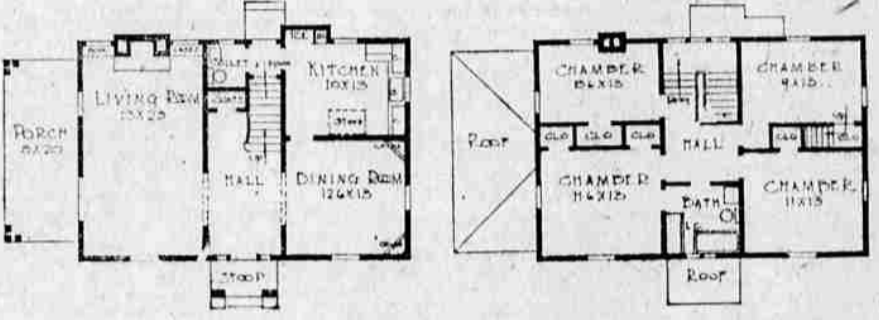
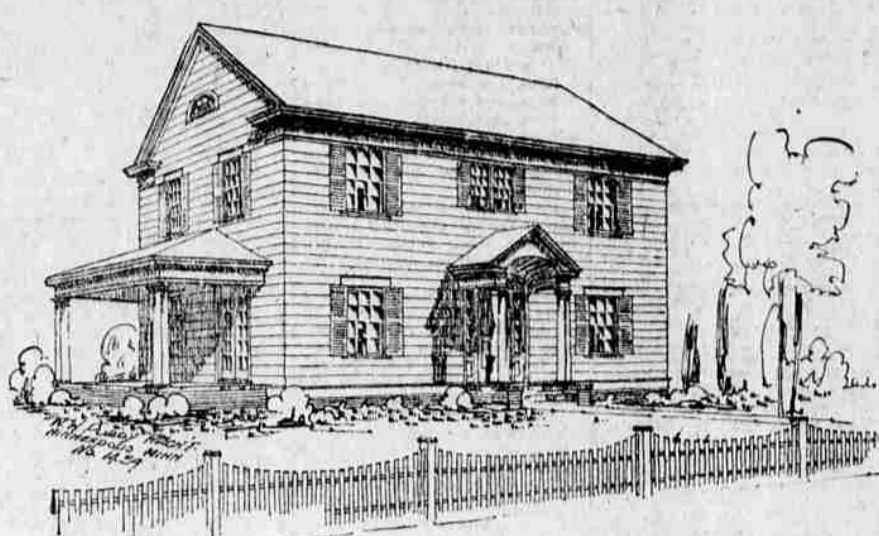
Ben Brueger is reported to be seriously ill at the home of his mother on the Flat.

The Improvement club entertained the teachers of the local school Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. Z. Terpany. After an interesting program light refreshments were served.

Mrs. Ethel Nicolson left Thursday for La Grande where she will spend a few days with her sister, Miss Blanche Hansen.

Mantus Witty and family moved

## AN ENGLISH COLONIAL



By W. W. Puddy

The English type Colonial home is perhaps most popular in the east, but in nearly every new section, even in our far western cities it is always in demand. The reason for this popularity is obvious as the center hall arrangement is hard to beat.

The house shown was planned for an east facing lot. Entrance is from a covered stoop directly into the center hall, from which the attractive Colonial entrance leads to the second floor. This, together with the Colonial details of the fire place and the corner china cupboard are readily observed as one enters this front hall.

The rooms are all a nice size, with good wall space to permit the placing of furniture. The kitchen portion is most pleasing and convenient. The first floor toilet does away with the necessity of an extra bathroom.

Four good chambers, one of the front ones having two closets, with a door direct into the bathroom without going into the hall is often desirable. A stairway leads from one of the closets to a good ventilated attic.

There is a full basement with the usual laundry, fruitroom, vegetable room and storage.

Birch is used for the floors throughout, with the tile in the bath. Linoleum in the kitchen. Birch is also used for the trim, which is ivory enameled, with the usual mahogany stain on the doors, stairs hand rail, etc. Pine might be substituted, where the woodwork is painted, thus saving about \$100 in most sections of the country.

Wide cedar siding is used on the outside, while shingles which have been stained a gray might be substituted with an equally pleasing effect. Green bluffs, grey, shingles on the roof. The cost is placed at \$6,000 to \$7,500, exclusive of heating and plumbing.

relatives recently. Mr. Crankshank and his wife and sister drove out on Cricket Flat Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crankshank.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bailey returned home the last of the week from a two weeks' visit to various points in Idaho.

**COSTS OF LIVING**

The United States department of labor for August of this year through the Monthly Labor Review gives some very interesting figures with respect to living costs from a summary made for 32 cities. Taking the year 1913 as a base, and comparing it with conditions prevailing in June, 1927, the advance in the cost of food has been 58.5 per cent, clothing 64.9 per cent, rent 62.1 per cent,

house-furnishing goods 105.2 per cent, miscellaneous 104.5 per cent. The average increase for all items is 73.4 per cent, while the cost of electricity has decreased 12.3 per cent.

**WE SHOULD CRY "FIRE!"**

A London restaurant has introduced chess sets. Just what is a waiter supposed to do when he presents the bill and both players start concentrating on a move?

Falling in love should be done intelligently, says a New York sociologist. Same thing, we suppose applies to falling out of a cherry tree or an airplane.

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But we can't afford a newspaper of our own. Besides, we're too busy with the lumber business.

So we have arranged for this little corner in the Observer and we're going to devote it to the news of our business.

We may not talk about lumber all the time. Maybe some of you La Grande folks may get your names into our "newspaper" occasionally.

Also, we may decide to write poetry or high brow editorials.

But we'll at least try to be interesting and we hope you'll watch for the Splinters each week.

There are lots of things around our place of business that we'd like to tell you about from time to time. New merchandise arriving.

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to Wallowa this past week. Mr. Witty has employment at that place.

Mrs. Cora Goff and William Blosser, of Minam, were at Elgin Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Barnes.

F. Z. Terpany left Sunday evening to attend the convention of the Western Union managers which was held in Yakima, Wash. Mr. Terpany is manager of the Western Union in La Grande.

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The Elgin Community club held its first meeting of the season at the K. of P. hall Friday evening. The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church served a chicken supper. Plates were laid for 44 guests.

Mrs. Nellie Schroeder and Ralph Coates went to Wallowa Sunday afternoon to visit their mother, Mrs. J. W. Coates. They remained there until Monday so as to be with Mrs. Coates when she underwent an operation at 9 o'clock Monday morning at the Wallowa hospital.

Lester Lang drove to Freewater Saturday to take his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Husow, home. Mr. Lang returned home Sunday to be ready to continue his work in the orchard.

John Crankshank was in from camp to spend the weekend with



We lost \$1000 last night. Someone set fire to the large house down on the Harding property that we had bought. It was a very good house setting on a stone foundation. The house could not be replaced for less than \$3000. We do not know what fun anyone can find in destroying property but they may know.

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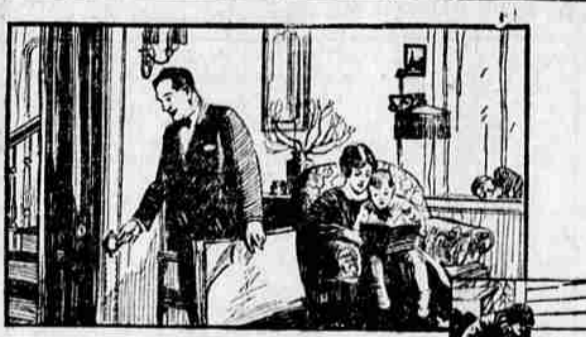
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