

Building and Improvement

BUILDING SEASON OPENS QUIETLY

Two Permits Issued by City Recorder During First 9 Days of Month

The 1928 building year in La Grande has opened rather quiet, with only one permit being issued during the first eight days of the month.

On Jan. 5 Wallace Anderson was granted a permit by City Recorder J. B. Stearns to erect an addition to his house to be used for a garage and kitchen. About \$450 will be spent on the project, located on Cedar street between Grandy and Jefferson avenues.

The second permit of the year was taken out yesterday morning, Jan. 9, when Leo Hanson applied for permission to build a brick garage on Adams avenue between Elm and Willow streets. He

estimates that the building will cost \$250.

Local contractors, however, believe that 1928 will be a good building year in La Grande, although it is not expected that last year's figure of more than \$850,000 will be exceeded.

Several business buildings and homes are expected to be built, among others a business structure on the corner of Pine and Adams to replace the present Grande House Valley house.

1927 Construction Short of 1925, 26

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 9.—The cost of new buildings in 1927 was \$144,200, it is announced by City Clerk Thelma Alfrey. The amount is less than one-third the value of permits issued either in 1925 or 1926.

The 195 residence permits amounted to \$99,520 and the 20 business building permits totaled \$44,680. There was about as many small buildings erected in 1927 as usual but the decrease in the total construction was due to the lack of large building projects. A number of large business buildings were created in 1925 and 1926.

Following is the total by months:

Month	No.	Value
January	1	\$ 5,900
February	7	15,300
March	21	25,650
April	16	21,700
May	7	2,620
June	7	2,850
July	11	11,250
August	12	11,650
September	17	15,950
October	16	21,220
November	6	3,025
December	3	4,575
Total	125	\$144,200

To Investigate Sterilization Law

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—The operation of the state sterilization law will be investigated today by Portland men who have been invited to appear before the state board of eugenics. It is charged that the law is unjustly applied in some cases. Invitations have been sent to newspaper men and to Judge Richard Deich of the Multnomah court of domestic relations.

If the next war is to be fought by wireless we hope it will not be as bad as it now sounds.

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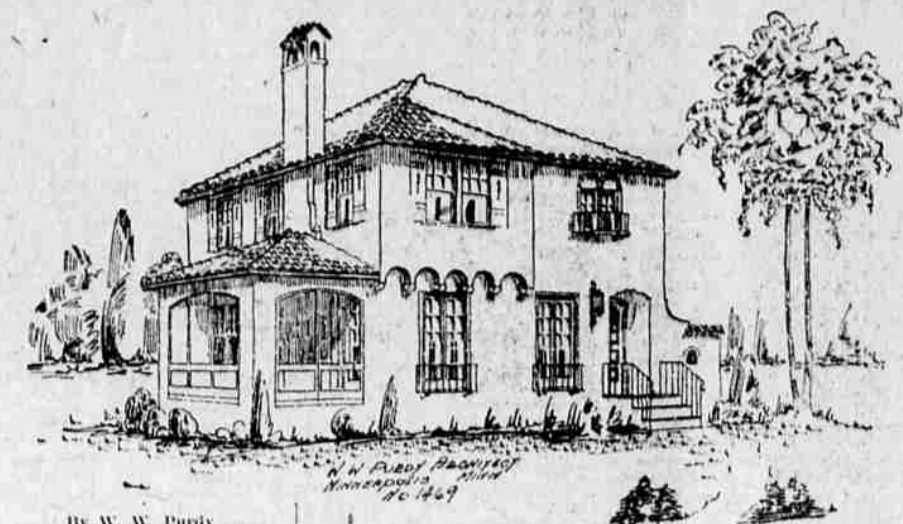
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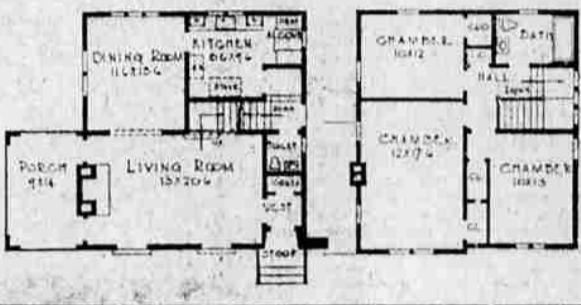
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A SPANISH HOME



By W. W. Purdy
The living room of this Spanish home runs across the front with the entrance to one side, eliminating the center hall and therefore giving the maximum space for living purposes.



The fireplace has been placed in the end of the living room, opposite the door, with French doors on each side leading onto the screened porch; at a slight additional cost the porch could be glazed in, so as to make a sun room, and an additional fireplace added.

The dining room is good size, well lighted, and the kitchen should prove to be a prize winner. The sink under the windows, with cupboards on either side, good space reserved for the range, as well as an electrical refrigerator. The dining alcove is most convenient. The grade entrance serves as the rear entry as well, and from this grade entrance, one reaches the toilet, a most convenient location for one on the first floor.

On the second floor are three good sized bedrooms, the front one is large enough for twin beds, a beautiful bedroom with four windows, and a good sized closet.

Australian Bound Plane Is Wrecked

MUNTOK, Banks Island Dutch West Indies, Jan. 10 (AP)—The airplane Red Rose in which Capt. W. W. Lancaster and Mrs. Keith Miller have been flying to Australia, from England, crashed here this morning.

Mrs. Miller's nose was broken, Capt. Lancaster's lip was cut and he sustained a slight concussion. The plane was badly damaged.

Capt. Lancaster and Mrs. Miller left Crofton, England, Oct. 14, on a 12,000-mile flight to Australia. They planned to make the trip by easy stages.

When the King of Spain is in England, one of his favorite pastimes is to mount a bus-top engine and ride about the town.

Governor John H. Trumbull of Connecticut is now entitled to an airplane pilot's license. He is believed to be the only flying governor.

Predicts 1928 Sound Building Year on Coast

By W. R. Howes
(Vice President, S. W. Straus Co.)
Sound stability in the building industry during the coming year is indicated by all the factors on which one must depend in any such forecast. It is doubtful if the total of new building construction in our Pacific Coast cities during 1928 will exceed that of 1927 by any substantial amount, but there is probability of any reduction.

There exists at the opening of the new year a very evident demand for new buildings of various types which must be supplied, a demand sufficient to keep the volume of construction up to that of 1927, at least, in all of the West Coast centers. In certain cities it is obvious that there is a surplus of certain types of structure, but such excesses are quite balanced by shortages of other types.

The last two years have shown a steady slowing down of building activity throughout the country in general, although not to so great a degree in these Western cities as elsewhere. The total of new construction for which building permits were issued in 34 Pacific Coast cities reported in the National Monthly Building Survey of S. W. Straus & Co. for 1925 was \$542,222,902, and for 1926 was \$495,699,852. The 1927 total is not yet compiled, but an estimate based on the record for the first 11 months indicates a figure of approximately \$465,000,000.

Analysis of the building industries have found official reports of building permits issued the most accurate index of pending operations, clearly and dependably reflecting labor employment and demand for financing and for materials. For the United States, as a whole, building activity has

slowed down during 1927 by approximately 13 per cent, while the reduction along the Pacific Coast has been less than seven per cent. This balances with the fact that there was much less danger from overbuilding in this area at the beginning of the year than was the case in Eastern cities.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10 (AP)—The Rt. Rev. A. F. Deane, lord bishop of Aberdeen, Scotland, has suggested the organization in Chicago of a protective union among carpenters to outlaw the murder of one another.

The lord bishop is on an American tour.

PRINCETON NOTES
CHICAGO—Take note, Harvard, of the awful things going on at Princeton. J. A. Murboske, European style expert, said that at a formal Princeton affair only two students had tail coats; the rest wore dinner coats, which in England would be an affront.

Baseball umpires on their vacation often resort to unusual duties. One is a florist and another is a toy maker and seller.

Arrows pointing north have been painted on 13 lighthouses on the east coast to guide aviators.

We suppose that when that average man leaves Iowa and goes South he'll be just middlin'.

Light and Power Utilities Chalk Up New Record

With the exception of matters involving disputes among some of the operators themselves, Oregon light and power utilities established another new record for decreasing representation in litigation before the commission. The electric utility docket at the end of the year just passed contained but a very few new matters, all of which were minor in character, and as for the formal complaints recorded for the period there is but two in which the consumer appears as plaintiff.

In formal matters submitted to the commission this year were, to a large extent, in the nature of applications dealing mainly with questions of extension service. However, inasmuch as the operators promptly gave these matters immediate and efficient attention, the Commission found no necessity for action other than cursory investigation. Next in number of informal proceedings involved matters pertaining to rates and rules governing electric heating, cooking, etc. These activities arose mostly through the desire of customers for further advice in regard to such service.

Viewing the year's record as a whole insofar as it applies to electric operations, utilities of this class have conducted their respective businesses in a manner most satisfactory to the general public. A study of the commission's records extending back to 1924 shows that at the end of each year the number of electric utility cases have been steadily reduced despite the fact that the development of the industry has advanced very rapidly along with the over-increasing number of consumers.

With each succeeding year indicating that the utilities and their customers require or ask for less and less assistance or regulation from the state department, there is no apparent reason to believe but what the operators are assuming their full share and more of the responsibilities for a better understanding with the public and the development of adequate service for a reasonable charge, in any event, if regulatory records can be relied upon as indication, the electric consuming public of Oregon is quite satisfied with the treatment it is receiving at the hands of the utilities. Otherwise the files of the commission would be overflowing with complaints and petitions—from Oregon Public Service Bureau Bulletin

HE DON'T GIVE A NEW YORK—Full text of an interview with Henry Ford about his wealth:

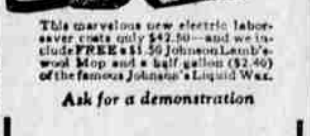
"Are you really a billionaire? What is the extent of your riches?" "I don't know and I don't care a damn."

The straight and narrow path is more than wide enough for the traffic it has to carry.

The test of the tennis court comes in the torrential downpour.

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Hoax checks, they say are a sign of health, if that's the case, we saw a girl yesterday who was healthy on one side thin one was on the other.

"Just before we got to the railroad crossing," explained the victim at the hospital, "we had lided down to 65 miles an hour."

We have a car of large split CEDAR LUMBER posts ordered. If you want any of these posts and all had them direct from the car, we will make you an attractive price.

Teacher: "Now Grace, you may tell the class what it is that elephants have that no other animal has." Grace: "Little elephants."

Speaking of speed, we read this morning about the dorking who ran so fast out of the melon patch that he round back about next day in the soles of his feet.

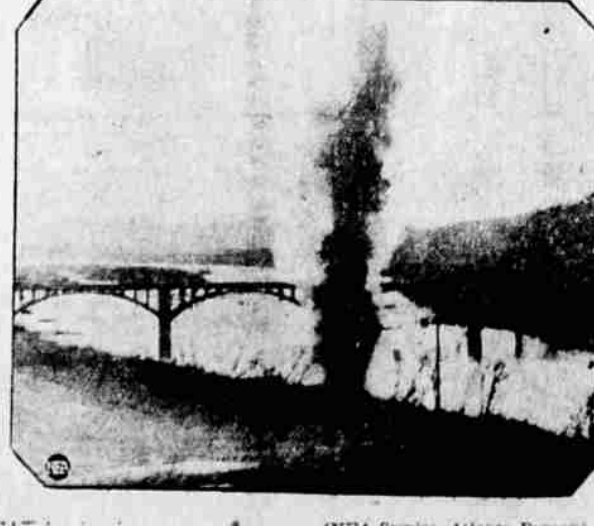
We are still selling a BIRD SPLINTER Glass now and then; it's fine for poultry houses and screened in porches.

Now that your Christmas bills are all paid, the next event will be the income tax.

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(NEA Service, Atlanta Bureau)
They had a war-like workout with their aerial bombs did Army airmen when they razed this concrete bridge erected for experimental engineering across the Pee Dee river in southern North Carolina. The moment of detonation of one of their big winged pellets of destruction is caught by the camera here.



Here goes the last ad for some little time, except what your kid brother, the people's fool, will put in.

An old gentleman came in today and told us that our lumber yard is located on La Grande's old circus grounds. That probably accounts for us cutting up so many capers but usually around circus grounds they try to short-change people and we hope we never get to that part of a circus.

I want you to treat the kid brother pretty good, however he is getting fat and so's your old man. Good-bye, I hope I get back.

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