



Building and Improvement



JANUARY PERMIT TOTAL NOW \$4200

Third Week of Month Sees Gain in Building Activity in City

The third week in January saw a partial resuming of building operations in La Grande, with four permits, providing for \$2,000 worth of new construction, being issued by the city recorder, J. E. Stearns.

During the first half of the month permits totaled \$700 making a total for January to date of \$4,200.

One new home is to be erected and the Buchanan home on N ave-

nue, which was recently damaged by fire, is to be repaired at a cost of \$1,000.

The permits follow:

Jan. 17—Charles Goodnough for La Grande Con. Hotel Co., to alter and repair three-story brick building on Adams between Chestnut and Depot, work to cost \$500.

Jan. 18—W. E. Buchanan, to alter and repair home on N between Third and Fourth, work to cost \$1,000.

Jan. 18—Mrs. S. C. Zaher, to alter and repair two-story apartment house on Seventh between Pennsylvania and Washington, work to cost \$1,000.

Jan. 21—Alvin Campbell, to erect a dwelling place on E between 5th and Eighth, to cost \$1,000.

Public Utility Earnings Grow, Survey Reveals

NEW YORK (AP)—Growth of public utility earnings, which now approximate \$60,000,000 a month, is due in great measure to increased use of electrical devices in American homes.

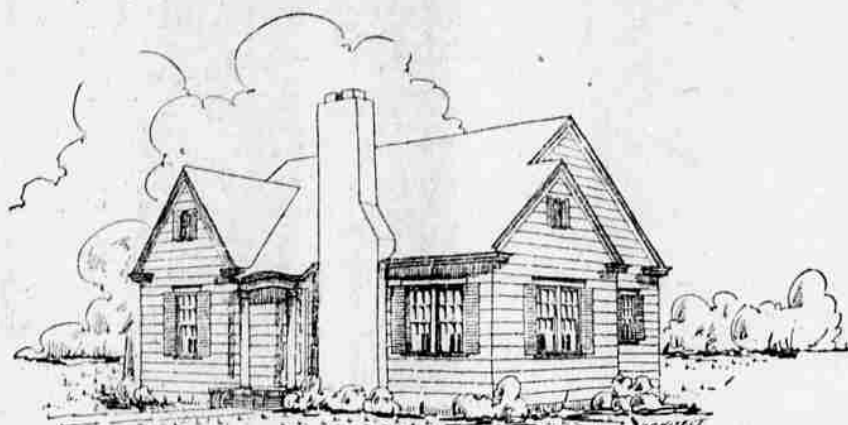
Central stations estimate that income from the various devices ranges from \$2 a year for the vacuum cleaner and washing machine to \$52 a year for the electric range. The electric refrigerator, using 140 worth of electric current yearly, ranks second in the range.

Further revenue is obtained from radiant heaters, worth \$9 yearly to the current producer, all electric radio sets, which require \$10.95 worth of current and ironing machines, operated at an expense of \$12. Toasters use \$3.75 worth of current, electric fans have a \$1.40 upkeep and electric irons cost \$5 yearly.

The electric devices are widely used in homes. It is estimated that 5,900,000 homes are equipped with vacuum cleaners, 12,800,000 with irons, 4,250,000 with washing machines, 280,000 with ironing machines, 290,000 with refrigerators and 480,000 with ranges.

Although there are only about 30,000,000 homes in America, so many homes may find use for more than one electrical appliance that the field is multiplied. In effect, therefore, salesmen have a field of 60,000,000 homes in which to sell some sort of electrical machine.

AN ATTRACTIVE COLONIAL COTTAGE



By W. W. Purdy

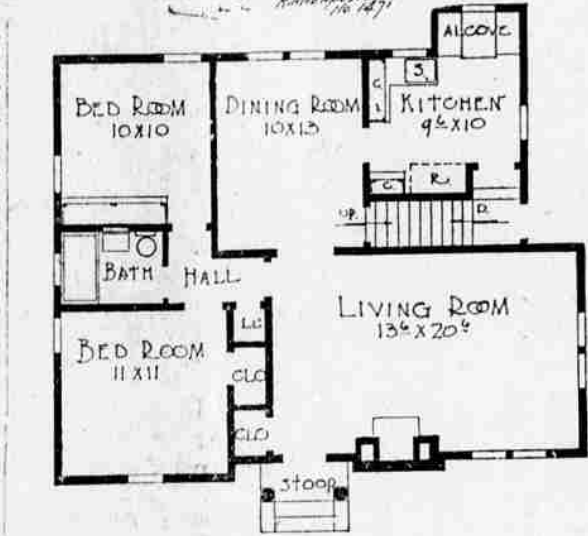
Picture this little colonial cottage, with its wide siding painted white, green blinds, and green shingled roof, nestled among the trees, a home in which you would be truly proud to call "Your Home."

Everything in the way of conveniences have been worked into this plan, the room sizes have been made generous, not cramped, note the large living-room with colonial mantel, attractive enough for a \$25,000 home. A fair sized dining-room, a convenient kitchen, two good bedrooms between a complete bath, what more could one wish for. A stairway provides entrance to a good sized attic, where an additional bedroom could be finished off if desired.

The home is large enough on the ground so that with a full basement, one secures, in addition to the furnace-room, laundry, storage and fruit rooms, a large play room which can be used for a dry room in stormy weather.

The floors throughout are of oak, tile in bath, and mahogany in the kitchen with pine, enameled, for the interior trim, the usual brick masonry doors being used.

The cost is given at \$4250 to \$5500, exclusive of heating and plumbing.



per cent in production. It also indicates that there will be strenuous efforts among the auto people.

The forecasts are that wages, living costs, and prices generally will be stable, and may show some slight advances but no very marked changes are indicated. — National Retail Lumber Dealer.

dinner, the guests spent the rest of the day visiting. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Speckhart of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Welch, of Imbler, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Wallingford, of Alsea. George Bryant has been on the sick list for a few days.

The young people have been en-

State Building Code Is To Be Ready in 1929

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23. (AP)—Before another meeting of the state building code committee which organized here at the office of Gov. Patterson and the secretary, Ben F. Osborne, of Portland, will communicate with similar organizations in other states for ideas to embody in a proposed building code for Oregon. The code to be prepared by the Oregon committee will be presented to the 1929 session of the state legislature.

Four sub-committees will shoulder the burden of the work for the committee. The chairman of these were elected yesterday and their associates are to be named later. The chairmen are: Code committee, H. E. Plummer, of Portland, representing the Oregon Technical Council; administrative committee, F. R. Upshaw, of Portland; technical committee, Carl M. Steinger, of Portland; finance committee, A. C. Dixon, of Eugene.

Among other things the committee will give attention to adequate lighting and ventilating for residences, this matter having been presented by Gov. Patterson who read a letter from Mary E. Munger, chairman of the housing committee of the Oregon consumers league.

Well, we know it's winter, now. The other day we saw a picture of some girls in bathing suits, sunning in the snow on the shore of Lake Michigan.

Enjoying skating on the river and sleigh during the week.

Jay Rossen and family went to Tolocum last Thursday to visit a niece, who is ill.

Sam Rickman, Ruth McKenna, Frank McKenna and Carl Fuller helped W. H. Ledbetter butcher last week.

Harold Wallingford, who has been spending some time in California, is expected to arrive home Monday night.

Mrs. Joe Taylor, of Elgin, spent a few days last week with her husband, who is feeding sheep on the Ted Conklin place.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Taylor were shopping in La Grande Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fuller spent Sunday at the W. E. Adler home in May Park.

ELGIN PERSONALS

ELGIN (Special)—What might have been a serious loss to Elgin was prevented last week, when Martin Larson discovered that the roof of the school house was on fire. He at once notified Superintendent E. E. Arant, who made good use of the hose in the building, throwing water up through the roof, onto the flames. The fire department responded promptly to the call for help and turned the water onto any part that had not been reached from the inside. The fire apparently started from sparks falling upon the roof, when the chimney was burned out a short time before.

The school board visited various Elgin schools last Wednesday and Thursday. This was not one of

the usual visits often made by the school board. They, with Superintendent Arant, went to each room where the pupils were given oral tests in one or more of the subjects taught in that grade.

Rev. W. A. Winters, of Cascade, Ida., was an Elgin visitor one day last week. Mr. Winters was pastor of the Methodist church here for two and a half years and came down to shake hands with old friends after attending the district conference in La Grande.

Mrs. J. P. Wood, who has been quite ill, is able to be about the house again.

Mrs. Ethel Nicolson spent Saturday and Sunday in La Grande with her sister, Mrs. Blanche Hansen.

Alice Young spent Sunday with her family at Elgin. Mr. Young is employed by the Loomis-Hicks Co. at Leo Clark's camp.

J. F. Hall was a business visitor in La Grande Wednesday.



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Building Volume May Be Greater Than Last Year

Most all of the authorities reviewing business conditions and the outlook are making predictions that 1928 will be a better year than 1927. For a start-off, money is plentiful and the indications are that interest rates will be low, at least the first part of the year. One estimate of money matters states that the bank deposits of the world now total about \$4 billion dollars, and that \$2 billion, or nearly 50 per cent, of this is in the United States. We are also told that savings accounts amount to about 24 billion, or half of the total, so there is evidence we are in good condition so far as money is concerned.

It is predicted that the building volume will be greater than in 1927 because of the prosperity and the promise of better employment. One factor that will help in employment is another prediction that there will be five million automobiles produced during the year and the automobile industries will furnish more employment than last year, as this represents a gain of 40

ALICEL PERSONALS

ALICEL (Special)—Mrs. John Wells and children, of Starkey, were visiting relatives in this vicinity last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruth McKenna and daughter, Evelyn, spent Sunday at the Arnoldus home near Summerville.

Miss Eva Ledbetter underwent an operation for gall stones last Friday at Emmanuel hospital in Portland, and is doing as well as could be expected. Her mother, Mrs. W. H. Ledbetter, is with her.

A birthday anniversary in honor of Uncle Ed Murphy's 83rd birthday was given Sunday by his nieces, Miss Mary and Miss Margaret Taylor. After a delicious

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The reeds of old Kentucky? Bosh! We've reeds much deadlier here in town. The Smiths one Monday hung their wash. Upon the aerial of Brown!

"Mr. Clark," blabbed a La Grande man emotionally, "I been drinkin' been in poker games two days an' now gotta go home and face m' wife. I want some flowers."

"A difficult situation," responded Mr. Clark. "Still, some appropriate blossom may assuage the lady's wrath. What would fit her general characteristics? Roses? Daisies? The delicate jasmine flower?"

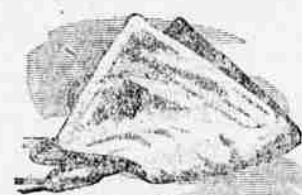
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