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NEW BUILDING IN JANUARY \$6,400

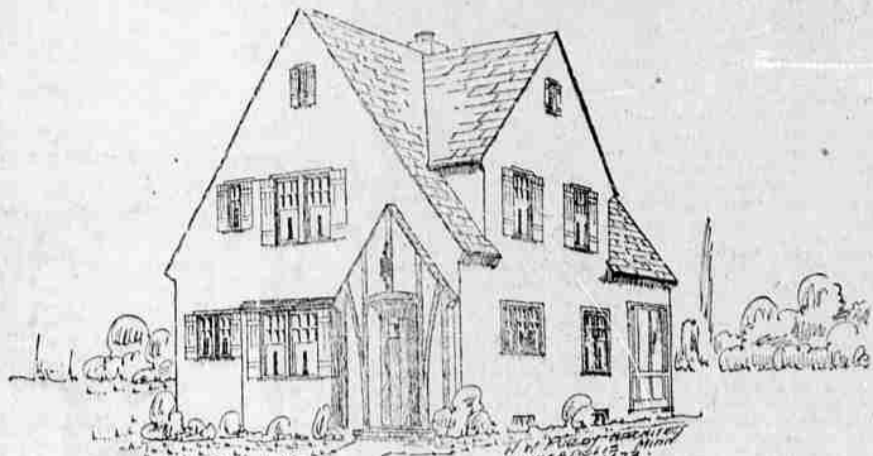
Figure About Normal for First Month of Year—One New Home Listed

During the month of January, new construction in La Grande reached a total of \$6,400, which is nearly normal for that month. Last year, when total permits issued were more than \$800,000, the January figure was only a little more than \$10,000.

One new home was provided for, the permits show, and several alterations and repair jobs, some as high as \$1000, were listed.

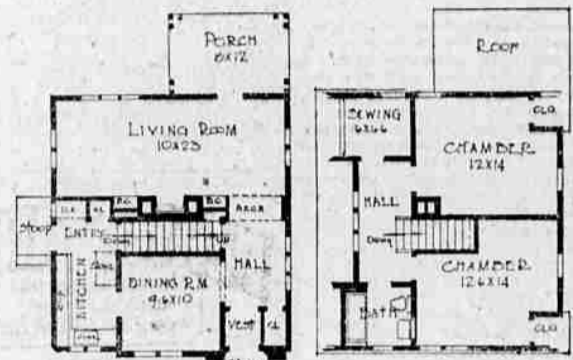
Two permits were issued during

AN ECONOMICAL COTTAGE



By W. W. Purdy

In this day and age, economy is practiced on every hand. Economy in government operation, tax reduction, and the like are heard wherever we go, one almost shudders at the thought of building a new home, the cost of which, including the taxes, etc. Behind all this, we find economy even gripping the building industry. The architects specializing in the planning of especially have condensed the outside dimensions so that the houses today are more compact, more convenient, more beautiful, and in proportion to other commodities more economical today than ever before.



HILGARD PERSONALS

HILGARD (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Alex Matheson and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Staret were La Grande visitors Saturday evening. John Thornbrough was in Perry Saturday evening.

Miss Eva Thornbrough who has been on the sick list for the past week is reported to be much better.

Miss Mary G. Young was in La Grande Saturday afternoon.

JUDGE ROSSMAN APPOINTED—SALLEM, Ore., Feb. 7. (AP)—Judge George Rossman, of the state supreme court, has been appointed a member of the committee to nominate court judges and

Identity of Dead Man Not Correct

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7. (AP)—When Freeman Vanderhoff, of Milwaukie, Ore., read in newspapers today that he had been killed by an automobile last night he advised officers that he was very much alive. Efforts were then made to identify the dead man. A bill fold, containing cards, a driver's license, and papers which Vanderhoff lost three weeks ago, was what caused the incorrect identification.

C. A. Edley, who drove the car which struck the man was not held after an investigation.

Officials of the United States federation is interested in the expeditious and effective administration of justice and the rehabilitation of offenders, and will make a survey to determine the methods of courts and institutions that are successfully doing that work.

Among the supporters of the federation is the Russell Sage foundation.

Finishing Ball Room in 7-Story Sacajawea Inn

The new seven-story Sacajawea Inn, which will be formally opened to the public on Saturday, Feb. 18, according to Julius Roesch, builder and owner, is almost completed. In fact, in the main building the finishing touches are being applied at present, the main work having all been completed.

Workmen are now busy in the bathroom, which is to be the largest in La Grande when completed. It is located above the stores between the Observer office and the Sacajawea, on the second floor. Last week the laying of the flooring was nearly finished and this week, it is said, will find the decorators, etc., applying the final touches to the large room.

Present plans provide for a business opening Saturday, Feb. 11.

PROMISE PERSONALS

PROMISE (Special)—Vesper Henderson made a trip to Willowa the first of the week bringing in gas and oil.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. McDonald, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Cora Pleshman and small children visited Tuesday at C. P. Carper's.

C. P. Carper received word Wednesday evening that their daughter, Mrs. Edith Lindsey, left that day for Portland taking her brother, Harold, there to be examined by a gaiter specialist.

Lillian Carper of district No. 49 and Lola Gorbett of district No. 38 received their eighth grade diplomas from Sup. Conley, Tuesday.

Bernice Newby, small daughter of Boles Newby, has been quite ill for several days and Wednesday night her parents took her to Willowa to consult a doctor. She is improving and they returned home Thursday evening.

Charles Carper went to Willowa Tuesday where he expects to work.

Ralph and Melvin Carper made a return trip to Ord Weyman's Wednesday.

E. H. Davis visited with Grandma Phillips Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carper made a trip to Maxville Thursday and returned by way of Lucy Trump's and spent the night visiting with them.

Mrs. Pearl Lively is still quite ill at the Willowa hospital. Her mother, Mrs. Julia Sannar went to Willowa, Friday to see her.

E. H. Davis returned to La Grande Thursday. He was accompanied home by his sister, Mrs. Bertha Carper and little daughter Luella.

ALICEL PERSONALS

ALICEL (Special)—Joe Taylor who is feeding sheep for Frank Wade on the George Conklin place, spent Saturday night with his family at Elgin.

Mrs. Date Conklin is on the sick list.

W. R. Ruckman, Wm. Kiehoff, Mrs. Ray Hayes and Mrs. Harvey Ruckman attended the dance in La Grande Thursday night.

Mrs. George Conklin visited Mrs. Date Conklin Thursday.

Routh McKennon loaded out a car load of horses Saturday for G. H. Howitt, of Portland.

Johnnie Lax, a mule buyer of Pendleton, was in the vicinity Friday looking for mules.

Thomas Walsinger Jr., who was operated Thursday night for appendicitis, is convalescing at the Grande Ronde hospital.

Mrs. Jack Bryant spent Saturday in La Grande on business.

Date Conklin and son, Datus, who have been cutting wood on the mountain east of Imbler, spent last Sunday with their home folks.

Mrs. Roy Wells underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Grande Ronde hospital last Monday night.

County Road Master Morgan and Commissioner Ledbetter, with a crew of men, spent Saturday blissing an ice jam at the Flay bridge east of Alicel.

Ed Clark and family are planning to move on to the Clark place west of Alicel. They formerly made their home in Idaho.

President Cosgrove called Chingano an "unbelievable city." And here, all the time, we had thought it was only the mayor who was spoofing us.

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The wallpaper and paint are going fast. You see, we are selling out several hundred rolls of wallpaper, beautiful patterns, the low cost price, in order to make room for the big spring shipment. In order to encourage the sale and make it possible for as many people as wanted to do some repainting we have put on several hundred gallons of paint and enamel for \$1.95 per gallon. The enamel is all white, and if you want to color it, that's optional with you.

One log house is all ready to be hauled away and window sash is being made. Besides Royal coal is leaving the yard and the snow is leaving the hills and here's hoping it doesn't come again.

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We hear that the next reduction on income taxes will effect incomes between \$20,000 and \$50,000. Justice at last! We've felt for a long time that the government ought to do something for us lumber yard managers.

The kalsomining season will soon be here. Make a good job of it this year by using VELVATONE. If you put it on yourself and like a good brush and don't care to spend the money on a real good one, we have a nice brush for about \$1.80, or if you don't like the idea of spending that much we will rent you one.

Several cases of spring fever reported in this community.

Are you contemplating a new fence, lattice work, garden benches, or yard furniture for the coming spring? We have a book of plans of just what you want. Drop in and borrow one from us.

From now on you should burn PEACOCK COAL in the kitchen range. You can warm the oven up faster. It hasn't so much soot to insulate the heating surface. PEACOCK is mined at ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo.

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