



Building and Improvement

NEW SUB-STATION WILL BE ERECTED

Eastern Oregon Development Co. Gets Permit for \$12,000 Project

With the taking out of a \$12,000 permit by the Eastern Oregon Development company, holding firm of the E. O. L. & P. Co., to erect

a modern one-story brick building for a sub-station at Island and Cove streets, March building permits took a considerable jump. The new sub-station, to cost \$12,000, is the first project announced by the development company of La Grande. Plans for the building are not yet completed and must be approved before details are made public. Preliminary work, however, is to be started shortly at the site, and building is expected to begin immediately after the plans are approved and contracts let. **Week's Permits** Last week's building permits

Spring House Cleaning and New Outlets

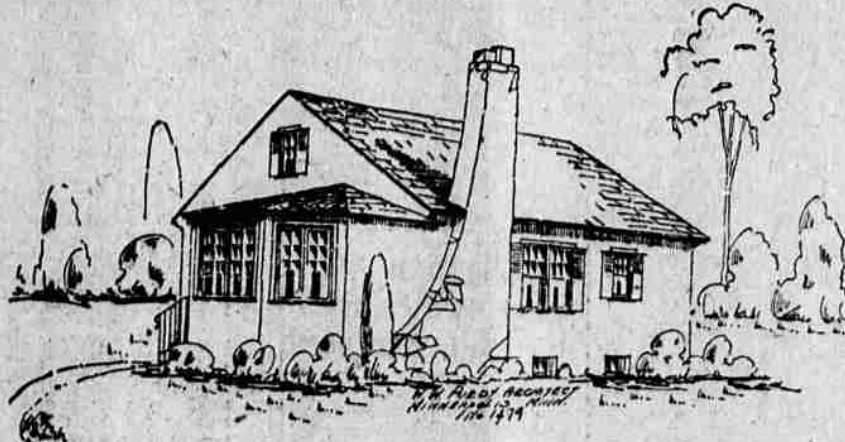
While you are cleaning house this spring, why not have us install those additional service outlets. You need them and have always wanted them.

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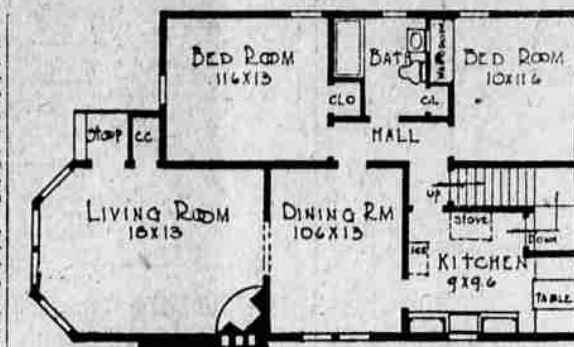
Frank Robinson, Prop.
Sommer Hotel Bldg.

A SMALL FRAME COTTAGE



By W. W. Purdy

The small frame cottage here illustrated is large enough to provide sleeping accommodations for a family of four, without finishing off additional space in the attic. There is a full basement of concrete, with the usual furnace room, laundry, fuel and storage rooms, as complete as the basement of the larger and more pretentious types of homes. The exterior walls are of frame construction, with cement plaster over metal lath, carried down over the cement blocks to grade. The roof and wood shingles, stained. The projected bay in the front of the living room makes this a real sun room. The dining room and kitchen with breakfast alcove is most complete, while two bedrooms and a bath are off a small center hall. The floors throughout are of oak, with oak trim in the main rooms stained a tanned, while the balance is in pine painted, the floor in the bath and linoleum on the kitchen. The cost of this attractive little home is from \$2800 to \$4800, exclusive of heating and plumbing.



Story Tells of Device Invented By D. R. Tanner

An interesting article appears in the March issue of the National Retail Lumber Dealer, headed "To Identify Ponderosa Pine." It describes the invention of Dan R. Tanner, of La Grande, which was recently sold to the Western Pine Manufacturers' association. The Observer printed a story on the invention several weeks ago and below is the magazine article in full: A practical device for printing an identifying mark on pine and on Inland Empire lumber now is available to members of the Western Pine Manufacturers' Association, so W. C. Geddes, general manager of the Craig Mountain Lumber company and chairman of the association's advertising committee, announced at the annual meeting of the association held recently in Spokane, Washington. After a three-year investigation of the subject, Mr. Geddes said, the association has purchased the patent rights of the Tanner Lumber Printing Machine, invented by Dan R. Tanner, superintendent of the La Grande, Oregon, plant of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company. This machine is the latest of several inventions developed by Mr. Tanner. Machines will be manufactured of multipliers going this spring. Onion sets may be planted closely in a small garden, 4 inches apart in rows 4 inches apart over a space wide enough to be weeded easily. Succession plantings a week or 10 days apart will prolong the season. Onions like a very rich, mellow soil. The sets should be covered an inch thick. Onions from seed will follow the young onions from sets. If only young onions are desired the seed may be sown in the open ground as soon as the soil is workable, but if large mature onions are wanted the seed must be given an early start indoors or in a frame and the young plants then transplanted into their permanent beds. This is the way to grow the big Bermuda types for the fall show or for home consumption. The next best way to get backyard Bermudas is to plant onion plants from the south, which are generally obtainable now. Seed is sown early in Texas and the plants are taken up when they are about as thick as a pencil. If planted again in northern gardens they resume growth at once and develop into good-size onions by autumn. Rich soil of fairly light texture is ideal for onions. Frequent cultivation is also essential, keeping the soil stirred at all times. A light dressing of nitrate of soda to be watered in at three or four-week intervals speeds the growth. The old-fashioned method of soaking the seed over night in lukewarm water and then dry it by pouring the seed upon a towel spread over a pan sufficiently to make the seed easily handled is an excellent one. Sow thirty so as to make transplanting easy without too much disturbance of the root system. Clip half the green tops off when transplanting to equalize the disturbance of the roots.

THE GARDEN

STARTING THE YOUNG ONION CROP

Young onions are a garden standby, almost as inevitable in the early garden as lettuce. The usual method is to plant a quart or two of sets as soon as the ground can be worked. Multiplier onions may be set out in the fall as they are hardy and ready to use as soon as the frost is out of the ground. It is a good plan to get a few clumps

and installed at member plants immediately, under lease from the Western Pine association. They operate automatically behind the planers, and require very little care. "Judging from the discussions at the Western Pine meeting there will be some variation in the printing dies used at member plants as certain members have indicated they will want their company name or a brand name shown. Regardless of individual variation, it is said each die will carry the mill number and the association's trade marks which are registered in the U. S. Patent Office. These marks, which have been featured to considerable extent in the association's past advertising, will provide an inexperienced lumber buyer with a quick means of identifying by species each board of Ponderosa Pine, Idaho White Pine or Larch, as the case may be, that he buys.

"In the light of the present trend among building material manufac-



Someone has been stealing our lumber. A few days ago someone stole some of our lumber and hid it in the old Warren Construction company's building and then the next night they came and got it. We are offering a \$50 reward to anyone who can catch and convict the thief or thieves and turn them over to the police. We are having a man that has some Indian blood in him stalking around the yard with a six-shooter hanging to his side and I told him to be awful careful and not kill anyone. But he said that anything like this excites him and he might lose his head. I questioned him several times and it doesn't seem to do any good. He is just as sly as a coyote or as a spotted skunk. You can't tell which building he is hid behind or what minute he will pounce out on the thief with all fours. I am even afraid to go out in the yard myself after dark because he might try to get his \$50 reward on me. There are a lot of neighbors around our place and we trust every one of them. They might be able to set a bear trap or even a snare. I hate to spend all this time talking about a thief. We have so much wallpaper and paint to sell. It is too bad that people can't come out the front door. When are you coming down and guess on these nails that are in the glass jar. There is \$20 in it for you if you make a good guess.

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An optimist is a fellow who is pleased at a puncture because it isn't a blow-out. We received our car of oak flooring and oak lumber last week. We now have a complete stock of all grades of oak flooring, and also carry a stock of oak boards and dimension. Said the chambermaid to the sleeping guest, "Get up, you lazy sinner. For we need the sheet for the table cloth. And it's almost time for dinner!" The Pacific Fruit & Produce Company is making extensive improvements on the building that was formerly occupied by the Ryan Fruit Company, on the corner of Greenwood and Jefferson Sts. Our assistant hands us this clipping taken from the society column of some newspaper: "Miss Marguerite Dunlevy and brother, Ross, entertained a company of friends one evening recently." All present, we hope, had a good time. If you are troubled with a leaky roof, you might as well re-roof this spring, as to wait until later on. There are quite a few good carpenters in town who need the work. We carry a large stock of cedar shingles and also have a nice stock of the slate-surfaced shingles in different colors. "Mamma," said a little girl who lives out our way, after watching a hen scratching for food, "That old hen out there can do the Charleston." A scientist figures that the common bumble bee is worth more to this country than all America's gold. Maybe so. But just the same, we'd rather handle the gold. Have you tried the PEACOCK coal in your range? It starts quick, holds fire well, has very few ashes, and NO CLINKERS. "Twon't be long now—bye and bye. We'll all be eating rhubarb pie." **VAN PETTEN LUMBER CO.**

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PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Three memorials to Pennsylvania troops in the world war will be dedicated May 29 and 30 in France at points where sons of the state must distinguish themselves in encounters of the American and allied offensives.