

# HOME OWNERS - REAL ESTATE - BUILDERS PAGE

## START WORK ON \$8,843 STATION

### Building Permits in La Grande This Year Reach Total of \$169,008

The total of new construction in La Grande for this year jumped to \$169,008 this morning with the issuance of a permit to Kelso and Stone to build a \$6,000 dwelling place on O between Walnut and Oak for W. D. Kelso. This was the second permit received by City Recorder J. E. Stearns for a new home this month, the other being granted last Saturday to Cameron & Bragg to build a \$2,000 residence on Monroe for Roy Poulter.

The largest permit issued so far this month was taken out July 9 by H. P. Nielsen, successful bidder for the contract to erect the new Eastern Oregon Development company's electric station on Cove avenue.

Plans for the construction of the station, were announced a few months ago and preliminary work was started sometime afterwards. This was opened early this month for the project and Mr. Nielsen was low bidder.

To cost \$8,843

The building, which is to be two stories in height and built of concrete and brick, will cost \$8,843, according to the estimate.

Building permits issued for the week of July 9 to 14, inclusive, follow:

July 9—H. P. Nielsen, for Eastern Oregon Development company, to erect a two-story electric station on Cove avenue between Cove and Island, to cost \$8,843.

July 12—Charles E. Harris, for La Grande Commercial Hotel Co., to alter and repair a three-story brick building on Adams between Depot and Chestnut, work to cost \$400.

July 14—Cameron & Bragg, for Roy Poulter, to erect a one-story home on Monroe avenue between Hemlock and Greenwood, work to cost \$2,000.

A small town is one where the editor prints the vacation letters of the leading citizen.

## Less Building In West States First of 1928

Although La Grande's building total of \$23,840 for the month of June was less than for the same month in 1927, when the amount was \$27,563, this city's construction activities were in about the same proportion as in other cities in the west.

A check by the S. W. Strauss & Co. of 58 cities showed a reduction of nine per cent in building permits issued during the first half of the year as compared with the figures for 1927.

La Grande's half year total was \$150,765, a considerable amount less than last year's six-month figure of more than \$450,000.

Oregon City's building records for the first half of this year, compared with the first six months of 1927, follow:

City	6 mo. 1928	6 mo. 1927
Astoria	\$76,608	\$46,926
Eugene	\$83,300	\$48,517
Klam. Falls	\$477,092	\$204,229
Marshfield	\$9,000	\$11,325
Medford	\$84,965	\$39,805
Portland	\$2,340,640	\$2,029,116
Salem	\$1,073,378	\$1,606,327
<b>Idaho Figures</b>		
Boise	\$59,985	\$49,468
Ida. Falls	\$176,686	\$113,000
Lewiston	\$16,440	\$42,080
Nampa	\$14,771	\$52,110

## HOOVER HAS BEST CHANCE, WRITER SAYS

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to make this campaign on the record of the Coolidge administration. The democrats are going to use a combination of Senator James A. Reed's "turn the rascals out" and prohibition modification issues.

To win the election, one candidate must get 266 electoral votes, a majority of the whole number of 531. Smith's starting point is the solid south, the ten states which have 114 electoral votes. These Smith appears quite certain to get, though they are not entirely conceded to him. One cannot remain long in the south without coming to the conclusion that he will get all of them.

The south is politically dry and democratic for the same reason—the negro. It has never forgotten the reconstruction days and the carpet baggers—days in which the negro voted and held the offices. To vote the republican ticket in the south just isn't thought of being done.

Smith Strong in East

Smith also counts upon getting an additional 89 votes from the five eastern states, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Connecticut. The republicans dispute this claim to every one of the five states, not excepting New York, Smith's own. If he should get all of them, and the solid south he would have 293 electoral votes. For the balance, he looks first to Missouri with 18, Senator Reed will campaign for Smith and try to carry Missouri. Its two big cities are wet, although the country is dry.

He will also count upon Maryland, with eight votes. Missouri and Maryland would bring his total to 223. Montana and Nevada with a total of seven votes, might go democratic this year.

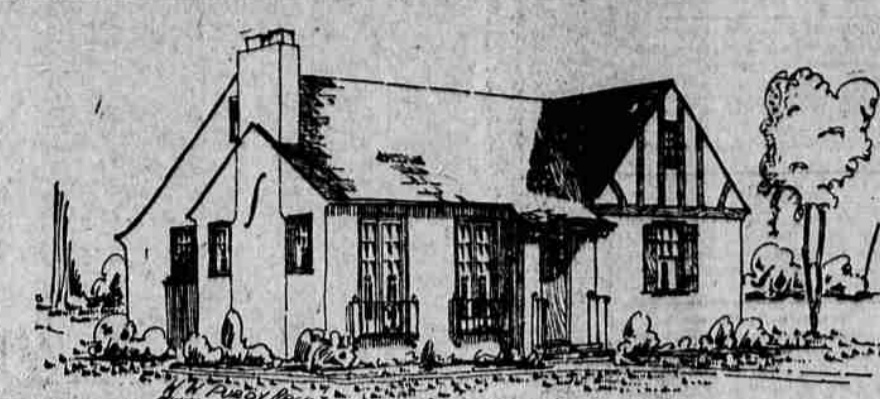
Ed. Smith, by carrying them and the other states listed, would still fall thirty votes shy of election.

Democrats look to Illinois, with twenty-nine; Wisconsin with thirteen; Michigan with fourteen and Minnesota with nine as the best territory in which to gain the remaining votes. They also hope to carry some of the west and middle west on the agricultural issue.

Smith Uncertain

Smith is not at all certain in carrying the five eastern states in the first group listed here, according to well informed political writers who have been attending the two national party conventions. Both campaign managements are

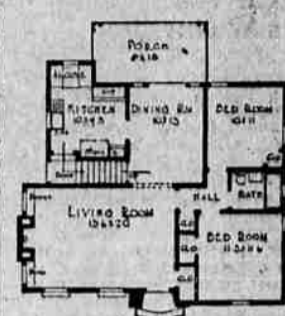
## A POPULAR TYPE COTTAGE



going to battle for these states, and for border states like Kentucky and Tennessee with all their might.

The actual campaigning will get under full steam rather late this year because of the notification of Hoover Aug. 11. From that time on to election day, the campaign bids fair to be of high pressure nature, with republican office holders throwing their influence to the head of the ticket to stop local democratic inroads and democratic leaders working hard to win for and with Smith.

The many issues involved in the campaign forecast an unusually large vote. Many men and women who will start with mild convictions are apt to find themselves becoming zealous as the days go on. In this possibility lies a great deal of the promise of an exciting election year.



By W. W. Purdy

The little cottage here illustrated provides all the rooms on the main floor, with a stairway to a good ventilated attic, where an additional bedroom might be finished off in the garb, opposite the stairway. It would be difficult to find a plan, where so little space has been given over to hallways; in fact every inch of space has been utilized. The rooms are all good size, bedrooms with cross ventilation, good wall space for furniture, as well as roomy coat closets. An ideal home for a small family.

A small screened-in porch, that can be used both for living and eating purposes, is located at the rear, reached from the dining-room through French doors. Side lights are used in addition to the doors so as to darken this room.

The kitchen is complete with a built-in breakfast alcove. The grade door serves as the rear entrance door as well. A full basement provides ample room for the laundry and dry room, boiler and fuel, storage and fruit.

The exterior walls are of frame construction, with cement plaster, a rough texture for the walls, timber work painted a rich brown, with ash white. Roof shingles stained.

The floors throughout are of oak, with oak trim, pine in the bedrooms painted to suit. Tile floor in the bath, linoleum over pine floor in the kitchen. Rear porch textured plastered in wood. The cost is placed at \$4,350 to \$5,500, exclusive of heating and plumbing.

## Denies Comparing Candidates' Wives

NEW YORK, July 17 (AP)—The New York Times today publishes a letter from Frederick H. Gillett, senator from Massachusetts denying he instituted a public comparison between Mrs. Herbert Hoover and Mrs. Alfred E. Smith.

"The only foundation for the canard," he said, "is this: 'I was talking to a small group of women and told them that as they were doubtless interested in the lady who was likely to be mistress of the white house, I would tell the about Mrs. Hoover, whom I knew very well, but that I could say nothing about Mrs. Smith, for I had never even seen her.'"

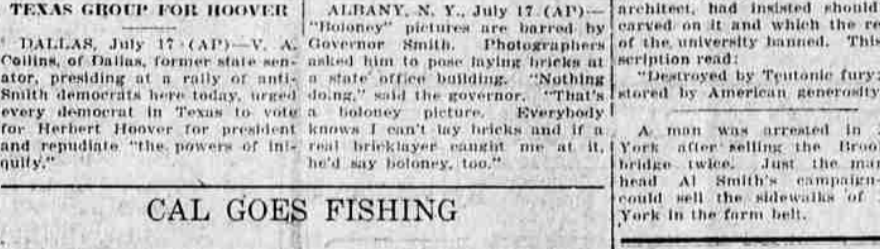
## Frank T. Hines In Pendleton Today

PENDLETON, Ore., July 17 (AP)—Frank T. Hines, director of the veterans bureau, arrived in Pendleton today. He will visit the Walla Walla veterans hospital and inspect the site of the modern infirmary building, which will be erected at a cost of \$250,000. Plans for the building are being prepared at Washington. A Walla Walla delegation met Gen. Hines here.

## Al Smith Bars "Boloney" Pictures

ALBANY, N. Y., July 17 (AP)—"Boloney" pictures are barred by Governor Smith. Photographers asked him to pass haying trucks at a state office building. "Nothing doing," said the governor. "That's a boloney picture. Everybody knows I can't lay trucks and if a real bricklayer caught me at it, he'd say boloney, too."

## CAL GOES FISHING



Comfortably ensconced in a chair perched in the bow of a canoe, Fisherman Coolidge, celebrating his fifty-sixth birthday, is shown as he was about to embark from the dock in front of his summer White House at Cedar Island, Wis. Back of him is Rob Roy, his white collier. John LaRoque, the guide, is standing the canoe as he prepares to board it.

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## Aimee Declares She Is Daughter Of Mrs. Kennedy

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 17 (AP)—As far as Aimee Semple McPherson is concerned her family life is an unclouded as the waters of Lake Tahoe to the shores of which she went from here yesterday to conduct an evangelistic campaign. Before leaving she made it known that she had stopped an investigation by a group of her followers concerning her real parentage.

Mrs. McPherson said there was no foundation for the assertion that Mrs. Minnie Kennedy is not her real mother.

Stating that the committee had sent to Canada for all records regarding her birth to determine whether she might not be the daughter of her father by a married Cuban diplomat, died here in a rage previous to that with Mrs. Kennedy.

## Dr. Mead To Visit Pendleton July 19

PENDLETON, Ore., July 17 (AP)—Dr. Elwood Mead, reclamation commissioner, will be in Pendleton Thursday, July 19, to confer with local interests on irrigation problems of Umatilla county. He will meet groups interested in reclamation and confer with representatives from Stanfield.

## CUBAN DIPLOMAT DIES

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Manuel de la Vega Calderon, 55, noted Cuban diplomat, died here today.

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## Acute Patriotism Cause of Action

LOUVAIN, Belgium, July 17 (AP)—An attack of "acute patriotism," induced by a parade of Belgian war victims on Sunday is the police diagnosis of the motive which on yesterday actuated Edmond Morren to destroy the rector's balustrade on the new memorial library of Louvain university.

"Long live Belgium, France and America; they are not all Boches like Rector Ladeuze," Morren shouted as he climbed along the line of symbolic beasts to fondle the Belgian lion before descending to surrender to police.

The controversy over the balustrade resulted from an inscription which Whitney Warren, American architect, had insisted should be carved on it and which the rector of the university banned. This inscription read:

"Destroyed by Teutonic fury; restored by American generosity."

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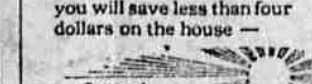
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A certain business man of our acquaintance has been a summer widower for ten days or so, and brings that he hasn't had to wash a breakfast dish. He drinks milk out of the bottle, takes the toast off the toaster and butters it from the butter package. Bananas are eaten from the peeling. The butter knife is held under the faucet, and breakfast is over. And everybody knows a coffee percolator should never be washed.

Orville Wright, who lives on Y avenue is doing quite a little work on his place, making additional room for the family.

Here's a little repair that happened in our own place of business the other day: "I can't hear myself think." "Well, you're not listening much."

There were dozens of people at the train to see me off. "Did you pay any of them?"

Julius Roesch is doing some concrete work on his new garage building on the corner of Greenwood and Jefferson.

Wouldn't it be fine if those who have money would use it in the way those who haven't money think they would use it if they had it?

Friday the thirteenth word was received in La Grande that the new Normal school was a sure go and now we aren't superstitious any more.

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