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BUILDING QUIET IN HALF MONTH

Little New Construction Started in La Grande in Last Two Weeks

New building activity during the last two weeks in La Grande has been very quiet, with only a few small jobs being taken up. During last week only one permit was issued by city recorder J. E. Stearns. On Oct. 7 L. A. Hughes, lamp took out a permit to alter and repair a one and a half story dwelling place on West between Spring and Main, worth to cost \$100.

Remodeling of the Curry building on Adams, formerly occupied by Moon Drugs but now housing Michael Alper's store, has been practically completed, and the new front—attractive and modern in every respect—adds considerably to the appearance of the block. In addition to the large store room, a narrower store room is also being completed.

Over the weekend a driveway was built to the Sacajawea Inn building from Adams avenue, the drive going through a part of the Observer office, necessitating some alterations.

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MULTI-FAMILY HOME DEMAND SHOWS GAINS

The constantly increasing demand for multi-family housing in the Pacific coast cities is one of the most significant factors brought to light in a recent analysis of building activity made by R. W. Strauss & Co. New construction of this character has grown in relative importance from approximately 15% of all building work in 1926, to more than 24% during the first half of 1928.

That this trend in the type of housing construction is sound, is evidenced by the fact that occupancy records for such buildings show far greater ratios now than was formerly the case in 1926. Current demand has absorbed not only an increasing amount of current new construction, but has required an abnormal vacancy ratio as of 1926 to a situation now much better than normal for the most of our cities.

An analysis of new construction in Seattle, Portland, Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego since the close of 1925, shows that in all but Portland there has been a steady and notable increase in the demand for and construction of multi-family housing, apartment houses, flats, and apartment hotels.

THE GARDEN

MAKE BEDS FOR NEXT SPRING

Unmade beds in the garden are untidy. A good garden keeper will not let them stand in this fall and have them neatly made for spring occupancy. It is an excellent plan to dig the beds this fall, even if they aren't planted, allowing the soil to weather before working it next spring. The success of annuals is directly in proportion to the care given them in the way of soil preparation and fertilizing. A simple, for instance, is either a giant or a medium sized bloom, according to the treatment given it. Seed from the same packet will show a great difference in the bloom produced under varying conditions of fertility and culture.

Annuals are for the most part shallow rooters and greedy for rich fare. Get the fertilizers into the soil this fall. With the soil in condition, a number of annuals may quite as well be sown this fall as next spring. In fact they will grow earlier than those sown this fall than if the gardener waits until the soil is workable in the spring.

All the popular, the annuals, tulips, carnations, calliopes, celosias, gladioli, flowering tobacco, sweet alyssum, Chinese forget-me-not, portulaca, even bedding petunias and many others can be sown this fall to advantage. These germinations will be prompt as soon as temperature conditions are right, next spring and all that will be necessary will be the thinning and transplanting. It is now almost a universal custom to plant poppies in the fall. Once planted, it allowed to self-sow a few pods, the work is done. Plants germinating this fall will stand the winter if not too far advanced in growth.

AN ATTRACTIVE COTTAGE



By W. W. Purdy

In the planning of this home, it was endeavored to get the maximum living space in the minimum amount of room. Note the large combined living and dining room. From the front stoop one enters a small reception hall with coat closet, and from this hall the living end of the large room. A gate for table is placed in the opposite end and brought into service just when necessary. Note how complete and compact the kitchen and the entrance to the attached garage.

On the second floor are two good bedrooms, a smaller child's room and bath. The low roof provides a maximum amount of closet and storage space. There is a full basement with the usual laundry, furnace room and storage space for screens, etc.

The trim is oak for the main rooms on the first floor, and pine on the second floor with birch doors stained a warm. Oak floors throughout except kitchen and bath, the latter has a tile floor. While the kitchen floor is covered with tile.

Tough textured walls are called for on the first floor, with sand float finish on the second floor. The lighting fixtures are of wrought iron, Old English design.

A rough English cottage type shown by use of metal bath for the exterior with a varnished shingle roof. The entrance stoop is a combination of brick and cement. The cost of this attractive little home including garage, but without heating and plumbing, is placed at \$15,000 to \$17,500.

The same is true of lacquer and cellulose.

Annuals are very conveniently grown in rows for cutting and they are an excellent plan. The formal beds can be planted in rows and give the greatest convenience for weeding and cultivation. The chief task left for spring is to thin the plants to proper distances. This is more important with annuals even than with perennials for crowding cuts the production of flowers in half both in numbers and in size and quality. Shiner poppies planted thick as grass will sprout up to single stems with only a flower or two. Given a foot each day they will make bushy bushes covered with waves of bloom. The same is true of all the annual plants. They must have room to develop.

Sow seed rather thickly this fall and the work of thinning and transplanting will be greatly reduced next spring.

GRANGE HALL PERSONALS

GRANGE HALL, (Special)—Bertha, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Leno, is recovering from an attack of bronchial pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Golden were guests at the Louis Larson home in La Grande Sunday.

Joseph Buchanan, while enroute from Portland to his home near Crane, stopped in La Grande and spent a couple of days visiting relatives there and in this neighborhood.

Mr. Buchanan represented Harney county at the good roads meeting that was recently held in Portland.

Una Mittenburg is enrolled at the business college in La Grande.

Mrs. Amanda Martin, of More, Ore., and Mrs. Mattie Buchanan, of Pendleton, visited relatives in the district Thursday evening and Friday.

Delbert Anson, who is quite ill, is reported to be a little better than he was.

Miss Dorothy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Smith, left Saturday evening of last week for Monmouth to attend normal school.

While in Portland she spent part of the day Sunday visiting friends who reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Greiner and two children, Helen and Eugene, recently returned from a 10 day trip to points in Washington. They spent a day or two in Walla Walla, but the rest of the time was spent with Mr. Greiner's brother, Loren Greiner, and family at Umatilla and with his sister, Mrs. Anna Hannan, and family at Dayton.

During their visit at the latter place they made a side trip to Central Ferry on the Snake river to see the salmon fishing. While at Umatilla they also visited with Mrs. Greiner's uncle, John Jones. On the morning they started on their vacation trip, they had a

slight misfortune. While passing through La Grande another car ran into them at the intersection in front of the L. & L. Drug company, jolting their car so badly that it had to be taken to the garage for repairs, thus retarding their journey till the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gekeler and Mrs. Bright spent a day of last week at Walla Walla.

Mrs. Edna Hall, of Walla Walla, who is an aunt of Mrs. O. C. Fleishman, underwent a mastoid operation at the Grande Falls hospital last week.

Mrs. Fleishman has been with her part of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Spitzer and son, Billy, went to Walla Walla Saturday evening and returned home the next evening.

The Whitcomb P. T. A. held its first meeting for the fall Friday afternoon at the school house. During the business session, which was presided over by the president, Mrs. Tammy Bates, a committee was appointed to see about putting up swings on the playground and another committee was assigned to buy another picture for the school room. It was decided to secure the state traveling library and to purchase a first-aid kit. Hot lunches were discussed but no definite plans were made. A committee was also appointed to arrange for a Halloween party to be held at the Jack Wilkinson home.

After visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Fleishman, for ten days, Kenneth Fleishman left about a week ago for Hopwell, Va., where he has accepted a position in the laboratories of a large ammonia fertilizer plant.

The plant is under construction and when completed will consist of six units covering a space of 100 acres. The services of 2,500 regular employees will be required for operation. At one time during the early part of construction 4,000 men were employed. The first unit is expected to be finished within the next month. Since his graduation last June from O. C. C. in the

HISTORY TRACED BY INDIAN CORN

Prehistoric Facts Uncovered in North America; Much Change Indicated

NEW YORK, (AP)—How early the use of prehistoric civilization rose and fell in North America, according to an Indian corn was available, was described by the international congress of Americanists here by Vernon L. Allison, of London, N. J.

"Interesting ruins of former civilizations," he said, "are widely scattered over the Americas. The two most striking aspects of them are their antiquity and their variety."

"They are largely located in districts which are today probably incapable of supporting the population density which produced them."

"They are based upon village life dependent upon maize, or Indian corn."

"A logical deduction is that the rise and decline of these civilizations is intimately correlated with the rise and decline of conditions favoring the propagation of the maize plant."

This maize history of North America began at 5,000 years before Christ, when, Mr. Allison said, there is evidence that cultivation of the "wild prototype of maize" started. The place where the cultivation began was some where in southeastern Mexico or in Central America.

Three maize-bull civilizations were traced, the Mayan in Yucatan, the Indian in the American south west, and the Mound Builders of the Mississippi valley. The agricultural implements of these early peoples were such, said Mr. Allison, that they could cultivate maize only under restricted conditions.

Changes in climate, then, occurring thousands or hundreds of years apart, made the maize cultivation too difficult and forced the men who had built it up to scatter in search of food.

Mr. Allison set 12,000 B. C. as one period when maize cultivation probably began in Central America. That was a period when the climate fell very near of the world decreased to remain comparatively scanty until between 400 and 500 A. D.

The Mississippi valley Mound Builders, Mr. Allison believes, had a comparatively dry period in which they were able to cultivate maize on a community scale, but a period of increased moisture forced them to scatter.

chemical engineering department until about three weeks ago. Mr. Fleishman has been employed at a sugar factory at Chehalis, Wash.

Perry McMillan of this district and Charles Grandy, of Lathrop, returned home Wednesday from a fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sherwood have moved to La Grande where he is employed at the DeWanna Hulse saw mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family, Mrs. Carl Talbot and children, and Wall and Vermilion Hall all of Walla Walla, spent Saturday at the O. C. Fleishman home. Dwight Fleishman accompanied them home, returning home Tuesday evening.

Rae O'Connell and Gene Vale, who had been in Enterprise for a few days attending the Walla Walla county fair, returned to the airfield here Monday evening in the O'Connell airplane. They left early Tuesday morning for Weiser, Idaho, where the radio is being built.

ELGIN PERSONALS

Elgin, Ore. (Special)—The five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hug, of Walla Walla, passed away Sunday morning. The cause of his death was not reached from the message received by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hug, of Elgin. The grandparents left immediately for Walla Walla. The child was in perfect health a few days ago.

The Leonard Hug family are well known in Elgin county, Leonard having been in the garage business at various times in Elgin and La Grande. It is supposed that the body will be brought to Elgin for burial.

Arthur Hallmark left Saturday

for Salem. He expects to be gone for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bendaizer and children left Thursday for Eugene to spend a few weeks visiting with Mr. Bendaizer's relatives.

If a smoke vent from fireplace connects with warm air furnace chimney it should be kept tightly closed. If open it acts as a tamper.

The smoke pipe from the furnace should fit tightly into the chimney and should extend into the chimney even with the inner surface of the brick, but no further.

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