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SEPTEMBER BIG BUILDING MONTH

Nation As Whole Sees Much Construction; Pacific Coast Build Less

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—September witnessed the greatest volume of construction work ever handled in the United States during a single month, according to statistics just compiled by the Associated General Contractors of America. The figures, covering all types of building and based upon shipments of construction materials, show last month's total to be nine per cent greater than the previous high mark, registered last June.

In announcing the new report, H. A. Garber, Washington, D. C., general manager of the contractors' national organization, declared the enormous activities of recent weeks bring virtual assurance that 1928 will be the greatest building year this country has ever seen.

The total value of construction operations of all types this year will probably be more than eight billion dollars, Mr. Garber stated.

Oregon Figures

During the month of September eight Oregon cities reported a total of \$1,522,619, a 25 per cent reduction from last September, which is 26 per cent more reduction than the western states as a whole show. In Grande, however, along with Klamath Falls and Marshfield, showed an increase. Figures for September, 1928, compared with September, 1927, follow:

	Per-	Sept.	Sept.
	1928	1927	1927
Oregon totals	15	\$1,522,619	\$4,310
Astoria	25	\$1,245	\$2,375
Klamath Falls	24	74,424	61,305
Grande	16	32,565	23,345
Marshfield	17	25,219	12,565
Medford	20	17,550	12,995
Port.	941	1,221,225	1,430,265
Salem	42	44,165	221,000
Total	1,150	\$1,522,619	\$2,922,650

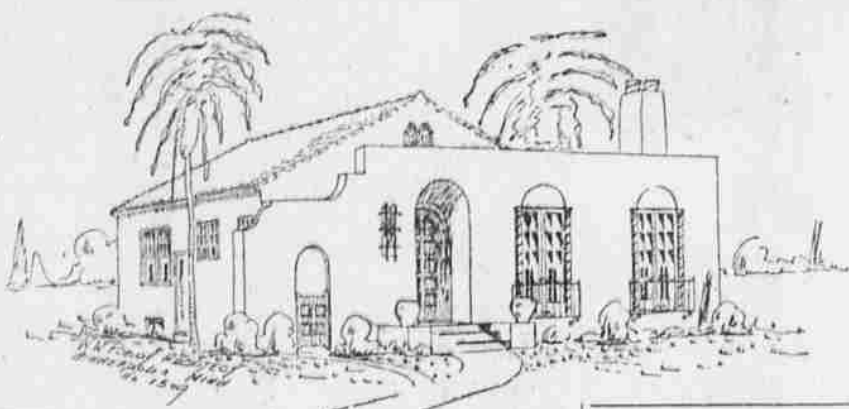
Only Two Building Permits This Month

Building permits in La Grande during the first half of October are at the lowest point yet this year, with only two being issued. Estimated value of construction authorized in these two permits is \$140.

One permit was issued during the first week of October and last week, on the 11th, Elmer Hart took out a permit to erect a chicken house on N. between Walnut and Oak, to cost \$40.

Well, one thing doesn't happen to us in America, anyhow—they don't broadcast bawdy music.

AN UNIQUE BUNGALOW



Maytag Selected By Polar Explorer

Fifty-five picked men with Commander Richard E. Byrd of the United States navy have left for the Antarctic. They face six months to two years in this desolate country with its merciless elements, and during that time every domestic task, from sewing on buttons to washing clothes, must be done by the men themselves.

Out of 3,000 appliances, Maytag washers were selected for the trip after passing eight tests and physical examinations. Equipment of all kinds was selected with the same care, and the Maytag washer, with its sturdy construction, rust-aluminum tub and many other outstanding features was chosen as the washday servant.

Three Dead Due To Accidents In Portland, Ore.

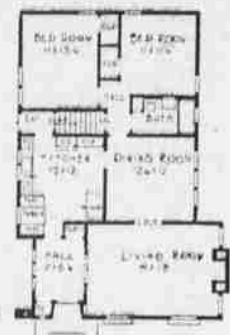
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15 (AP)—Three deaths as a result of accidents, were reported in and near Portland over the weekend.

Mrs. Lena Welch, 60-year-old neeress (Indian), died Sunday as the result of serious burns suffered Friday when her clothing was ignited by flames from a kitchen range.

Ernest Sandy, 22, of Walla Walla, Wash., also was fatally burned. He was pinned beneath his heavy freight truck when it overturned and burst into flames on the busy line road near the upper Sandy bridge. It was believed that Sandy fell asleep at the wheel.

Harold Emerson, 16, died Saturday night from an explosion which occurred while he and his brother Ernest were testing a formula for making gunpowder.

Hard work is the secret of success, says Henry Ford. Just as we suspected: there's a catch in it.



THE GARDEN

START WORK ON THE LAWN

Fall seedling of lawns is now a recognized and established practice and an efficient method of getting a good growth of sod started. The seeding and preparation of the soil remove just that much work from the spring rush. The grass seed germinates as soon as conditions are right, the seed having been moisture soaked and swollen to the germinating point by winter rains and thawing snows. Germination is quicker from fall or winter sown seed than from that sown in the spring.

The main factor in securing a good lawn is the foundation, depth and richness of soil are the requisites. The soil must be well and deeply dug and plenty of fertilizer incorporated with it. Stable manure is the best if it can be obtained as it not only furnishes the needed plant food but gives the moisture retentive humus so necessary to enable the young grass to withstand summer droughts. Lacking stable manure the compost heap will furnish the humus. Prepared humus can now be bought at fairly reasonable rates. Peat moss to dig into the soil is also an adequate means of furnishing humus.

The humus problem is an important one in light sandy soils, usually deficient in vegetable matter. It is not so important in black, heavy soils which already are well supplied. For these, other fertilizers such as bone meal and the balanced commercial fertilizer, will serve every purpose.

With the soil fertilized, dug or plowed to good depth, reduced to fine tilth and leveled, the seed may be sown and rolled in and the lawn making is done. Next spring the home owner can watch the green velvet gradually spread over his domain. Tested seed from reliable sources is the most important factor next to adequate soil preparation. There are cheap grass seed mixtures that will give quick effect but they do not provide a permanent sod as they contain many annual grasses.

Get seeds from a seedhouse of established reputation and get a mixture to fit your conditions of soil and shade. Grass seed is mixed by prescription by experts in lawn making. Different varieties are used to suit different conditions. The same seed for a shady lawn and a sunny lawn should not be used. If the best success is expected, grass for acid and alkaline soils is also furnished. Grass to stand the wear and tear of much usage is put up as well as grass for lawns that will not be subjected to much tramping. Get the soil into good shape and sow the seed and the lawn is well on its way.

LUTHERANS SEEK LESS DIVORCES

Committee Proposes Campaign to Restrict Separation of Families

NEW YORK (AP)—A campaign to combat the abuse of divorce laws as a menace to the stability of the family and the integrity of marriage will be proposed at the next convention of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The church's committee on moral and social welfare advocates a campaign of education, impressing upon Lutheran ministers their duty to safeguard their people from "the pernicious influence of the low standards which now prevail so generally."

The plan of action was evolved from an effort by the Lutherans to define their position on marriage and divorce which encountered a standing block at their last biennial convention owing to an attempt to make a pronouncement on the subject of birth control. That subject has been avoided in the recommendations to be submitted at the next convention at Erie, Pa., in October.

"There is needed," asserts the committee, "a new conception, together with a vigorous educational propaganda under conservative auspices. If the present trend is to be stayed and the family preserved on a firm and truly national foundation."

Although the committee disavows any intention to analyze in detail the factors that seem to be undermining the family, its report searches out the causes of divorce. For example, it asserts that the family is superior to the individual, despite the present day tendency to "exalt the right of the individual to happiness, even at the expense of the family," and the subordination of the family to "selfish individualism is bound to work harm."

"Where the mother's conviction, peace, and the home involve the neglect of children during the most formative period of their lives, no accomplishments in other fields can atone for the harm which is done."

Wives, the committee says, are no longer inclined "to submit without limit to the tyranny of despotic husbands, nor are the husbands willing to endure the willfulness or neglect of inconsiderate wives."

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Three Governors Speak Over Radio

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Not before last we saw a fine there was a lady in La Grande who at the end of the month found that her check and feelings tumbled exactly with her bank balance.

We should have a car of shingles and a car of roofing in this week.

A French lady who recently broke all records by buying the loop a hundred times. That's what we would call "moving in high class."

Have you stored your winter's coal yet?

Now is the time to look over your roof and see if you are in need of a new one, or maybe repair the old one.

We carry a hot water heater in La Grande in bulk. Buy any amount and return what's left.

We know a man who calls it Ar-MIS-dee.

"Thirteen I told you, Bobby, that you will mash your fingers if you drive nails!"

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