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BUILDING ENTERS ANNUAL SLUMP

With Cold Weather Approaching, Fewer Permits Issued Locally

Total building permits issued in La Grande during the month of October amounted to only 11,465, the lowest figure for several years in this city.

However, contractors point out that during October, September and December, even in years building has been much lower than in the other months because of the approaching cold weather, which acts as a brake to construction activities in this part of the state.

Only two permits were issued last week, bringing the total for the entire year up to 125,373, one of the lowest in La Grande's history although much less than last year, when more than half a million dollars were spent in the construction of the city's two new hotels.

The two permits issued last week follow:

Oct. 29—Cameron and Drugg, for J. P. Morelock to alter and repair brick business building on Washington between Tenth and Fourth, work to cost \$130.
Nov. 1—Chester Marshall, for H. Stewart, to alter and repair a business building on Washington between Tenth and Eleventh, work to cost \$20.

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A DUPLEX BUNGALOW



By W. W. Parry

The building of a duplex bungalow is often very profitable. A careful selection of the site is most important. Ordinarily an otherwise good investment results in a poor one, just on account of the location. It is better to pay "just a little more for the lot," even if you have to take it out on the building. Convenience to car lines, even in these days of motor transportation is essential, schools, to the shop, if in a large city, with good homes surrounding.

A study of the plan will reveal two well arranged, immaculate of five rooms each, all of the rooms having good light and air. It makes little difference whether this is placed up a east, west, south or north-facing lot.

Each apartment has its separate entrance hall front and rear. From the front hall entrance is direct into the living-room, with its attractive fireplace. A plaster archway separates the living and dining rooms. Two good bedrooms and bath open off a small rear hall, a rear window lighting this hall opens onto the rear court. The court in the rear is of sufficient width to insure good light in the kitchen.

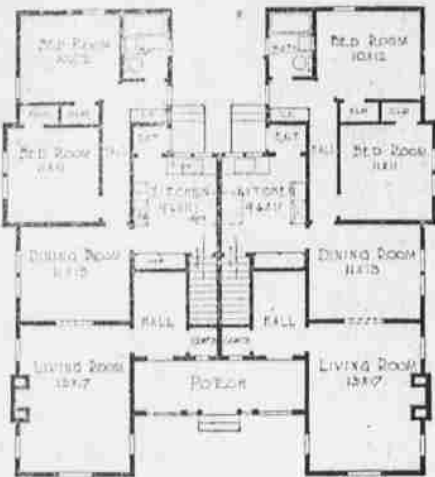
Each is used for toilet as well as the shower in the main rooms, while rain is substituted for the tub in the balance of the plan to permit the doors being kept closed without. Kitchen floor of linoleum, with tile in bath. There is a full basement with a cement dwelling wall separating each apartment, therefore each has its own heating plant, laundry, etc.

Interior is of cement plaster over brick at base, with cast Spanish tile roof. The cost of this house is placed at \$9,500 to \$11,500, exclusive of heating and plumbing, even at the highest figure, the income should show a good return on the investment. Minimum width of lot required about 65 feet.

BOOTH'S CONDITION FAIR
LONDON, Nov. 5 (AP)—General Booth's condition, who is suffering from severe nervous prostration, passed a good night. It was stated at Salvation Army headquarters today. His condition had given rise to anxiety a few days ago.

Be sure your furnace has the proper combustion chamber for the particular fuel you plan to burn.

Scientists find that the earth has speeded up, making its accustomed rotation in less than 24 hours. Probably is only trying to shake off the effects of a few political speeches.



THE GARDEN

TULIPS IN STRIPES AND SPLASHES

In the days of Holland's famous tulipomania when the bulbs were a speculative medium and speculators established caravans and emporiums as the modern wheat pit operators sometimes do, the popular tulip was the striped one. The tulip has a peculiar habit of appearing first of solid or self-color or with a more or less shading of colors and then without warning breaking into stripes and splashes. This is known as a "broken" or "fevered" tulip. It was for many years believed to be the mature form of the tulip although some tulips go for years with no signs of breaking into stripes.

Recently some doubt as to the reason for this "breaking" has been raised by scientists who have attributed it to disease carried by insects, particularly a form of aphid, but that sometimes cover the bulbs. The aphid is said to be a manifestation of the mosaic disease. Equally good authority disputes the disease theory and maintains that tulips break into stripes quite aside from any diseased condition. In support of this theory is the fact that striped tulips have endured and maintained their identity for many years. If it were a condition of disease, tulip experts insist, the bulbs would have died out.

At any rate, whatever causes the breaking, there is a distinct class of striped tulips that give a fascinating and interesting display because of the bewildering array of their variations. These are late tulips and known as bi-colors and bi-tones. The former have a yellow ground and have the latter white. The bi-tones are subdivided into rose and violet bi-tones, according to whether the stripes are in red or purple hues. A third class is the Rembrandt tulip, a striped form of the Darwin.



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Experiments Reveal Well-Treated Soils May Never Wear Out, Claim

WASHINGTON (AP)—Thirty million acres of idle crop land, much of it abandoned on the theory that it is "worn out," some day will be brought back into active production, soil scientists say. It is their contention that, except in the popular conception, land does not wear out and that with intelligent management a field may be seeded to the same crop each consecutive year indefinitely without diminishing the yield.

The most notable example is recorded at Rothamsted Experiment Station in England, where the eighty-sixth consecutive crop of wheat was produced this year on the same land. The average yield for the entire period has been 33 bushels to the acre, maintained, officials say, by returning to the soil the same elements of plant food in the same quantity they were taken up by each crop. The experiment, oldest of its kind in the world, was founded by Sir John Lawes, the originator of the world's first artificial commercial fertilizer. England had an exceptionally good growing season this year, and the wheat at Rothamsted stood shoulder high at cutting.

Of more significance to America are all the tulips but it has weak stems. A few of these should be planted as a matter of interest. The colors are mostly in red and yellow although recently the first in red and white markings had appeared. They open wide while most tulips retain their cupped form.

can agriculture, the forty-eighth consecutive crop of wheat on the same land was produced this year at Pennsylvania State college. To the United States what the Rothamsted test is to England the Pennsylvania test is the oldest in this country. Like Rothamsted, it is considered to prove that high yields can be maintained by intelligent use of plant food and good farming practices. Wheat there averaged 25 bushels to the acre as against 12 bushels to the acre on a neighboring plot grown with no attention to soil requirements.

In the various phases of soil fertility and conservation, Kropotkin, the treasure hunter of the centuries, has shown the way, on soils that have been under cultivation for more than 2,000 years, to the upbuilding of a superior fertility as indicated by crop yields far surpassing those of the practically virgin land in this country.

Soil is not allowed to "wear out" in Europe, where the needs of the population are pressing agriculture production to the limit. The population here, economists say, has not caught up with farm production, a situation blamed for much of the tendency to abandon land when its fertility has been injured and yields grow short.

The census of 1920 showed 325 million acres of land in farm in this country. By 1925 it had dropped to 324 million acres, or an abandonment of 32 million acres. During the same period there was a net abandonment of 74,762 farms. It is admitted that various influ-

ences are responsible for the abandonment, but the soil scientist maintains that had the land been highly productive loss of it would have been felt less.

Lack of cold air may cause the tendency to back up the deficiency by taking some from some less favorably located in the future.

Do not allow ashes to accumulate under warm air furnace grates.

WEED HOTEL COOK SHOT
CHICKA, Cal., Nov. 5 (AP)—George Mastogno, hotel cook at Weed, was shot through the jaw and seriously wounded, and Louis Christ, said to have shot him in a drunken brawl, was being held in the county jail here.

Christ was arrested near Tama, Minn. on horse after the shooting.

A reversed flow suction effect may be air currents in the vicinity of the furnace's cold air inlet.

SPLINTERS

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