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## BUILDING TOTAL HERE \$288,713

### One-hundred Ninety Permits Issued By City Recorder During 1928

Building permits for the year 1928 reached a total of \$288,713, according to figures just prepared by City Recorder J. E. Stearns. The records show that a total of 199 permits were issued during the 12 months. No permit was taken out for the Eastern Oregon Normal school in 1928 but it is expected that this will form a nucleus of 123 building, along with two or three other buildings that are contemplated, including one to be erected by Julius Roesch on Fir street between Adams and Washington avenues.

April was the biggest building month, both in number of permits and value of construction. August was next highest in value of construction and June was second in number of permits.

The first permit issued this year was taken out Jan. 3 by Frank Seward, to alter and repair a garage on Court between Fir and Greenwood, word to cost \$20.

The following records for the year 1928 follow:

Month	Permits	Value
January	9	\$ 6,400
February	13	4,305
March	13	15,370
April	33	54,465
May	20	43,482
June	21	23,840
July	12	20,533
August	17	48,005
September	14	32,535
October	13	1,455
November	16	18,520
December	5	16,440
Total	199	\$288,713

**DUBLIN (AP)**—For the first time since the Irish civil war Free State officials and leaders of the republican movement are meeting in friendly fashion. At present they are cooperating in an examination of the country's economic position.

**LENINGRAD (AP)**—The Soviet government has just launched two of its biggest freight boats, "Saco" and "Vanzetti." Each ship displaces 5,340 tons and is designed for the timber trade.

The combats of Chitkous, especially of roosters, are highly valued by the natives in certain parts of Europe. As much as \$1.50 a pound is paid for them.

## Building During Year More Than Five Billions

**By S. W. Straus**  
(President, S. W. Straus & Co.)  
**NEW YORK (AP)**—Final reports of building construction throughout the United States will reflect conditions not greatly at variance from those prevailing throughout 1927.

Based on the estimate on the volume of building permits or building plans filed in approximately 250 cities in all parts of the country, the nation's investment in housing for 1928 will have been approximately \$5,500,000,000.

Building construction costs averaged about the same in 1928 as in 1927, although the trend was continually upward while in 1927 the cost indices declined steadily. Indices of labor costs for this year averaged from one to one and one-half per cent higher than 1927, the tendency being continually upward.

The monthly index for all building materials averaged about two per cent less in 1928, although during the last two months the market was a little firmer. The year's prospects decline steadily. Indices of labor costs for this year averaged from one to one and one-half per cent higher than 1927, the tendency being continually upward.

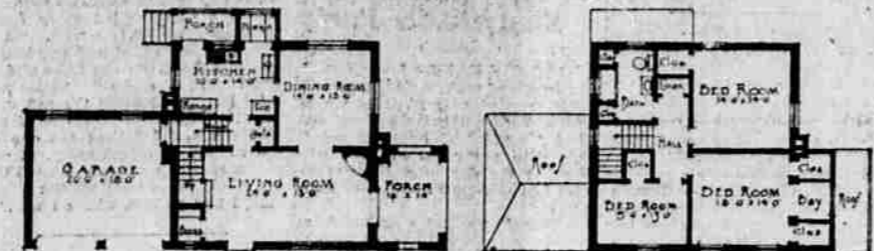
Owing to the element of high money, which may hold over well into 1929, earlier months may witness some slowing down in construction activities. The year's prospects, generally speaking, may be viewed with optimism, nevertheless.

**AIRMAIL PLANE DOWN**  
**OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 7 (AP)**—An airmail plane en route from Cheyenne to Omaha, piloted by Norman Potter, 25, crashed east of Fort Crook at 12:43 a. m., Sunday, destroying the plane and three-fourths of the mail. Potter escaped death.

**SCREEN ACTOR MARRIED**  
**FOR ANGLER, Jan. 7 (AP)**—Jason Robards, stage and screen actor, and Arnes Lynch, movie actress, were married in the little church of the flowers. The couple left for a honeymoon.

**BRUSSELS (AP)**—Adolphe Max, burgomaster of Brussels, has just celebrated the 20th anniversary of his mayoralty. During the war he gained world fame by defending the rights of civilians against the German invaders.

## A BIT OF NORMANDY



**By Chester H. Dieque**  
One could hardly imagine a more restful type of house than that shown above. The beauty of it all lies in the straight forward use of its rugged materials.

See how the rough hand wrought feeling of the half timbering is repeated in the doors and latten shutters. The hand wrought iron hardware helps to tie this together in one coherent mass, and adds greatly to the effectiveness of the whole.

The house is of natural colored cement stucco with a rather smooth finish, but with plenty of trowel marks in evidence. The roof is so framed that a deliberate sagging effect is obtained and should be roofed with either Normandy flat tile or wood shingles of varying shades of browns and reds.

All the windows are of the casement type, as this allows the buff colored sand finished interior plastering to be returned into the jamba which not only allows the wood trim to be eliminated but also creates a feeling that the walls are much thicker than they really are. The book closet with place for radio and the decorative fireplace, are features that are indeed very unusual.

The second floor arrangement is not without its unusual features. Here you will find a built-in bathtub with arched ceiling over and flanked on either side with towel or linen closets. A large linen closet is found in the hall and a most attractive dressing alcove with its twin closets are to be found in the main bedroom.

The estimated cost of this house, is from \$8,000 to \$10,000, exclusive of heating and plumbing.

When sweet milk is rather old and you wish to heat it, add a little lime water or soda and it will prevent its curdling. It can then be used for cooking purposes.

Bath tubs may be cleaned by putting a little turpentine on the cloth with scouring powder. Rub it on any stains, and they will come off immediately.

If cheese is wrapped in a cloth moistened with vinegar and kept in a covered crock, it will not dry so readily.

## King Better, Queen Braves Rain



The appearance of Queen Mary outside the gates of Buckingham palace was taken by anxious subjects as an indication that the condition of King George was improved. Here the queen is shown being sheltered from the rain as she attended the unveiling of the Mercantile Marine war memorial on Tower Hill, London. There she spoke over the radio for the first time.

## Car in Accident On Wallowa Hill On Way to Flora

**Mrs. C. M. Hale**  
(Observer Correspondent)

**IMBIE, Ore. (Special)**—While going down the Wallowa hill, Isaac Lingaman's car struck an icy place in the road, spinning around three times before he could get it righted. When he finally stopped, his car was headed back up the hill. The surge also turned completely around on striking the icy place. The driver jammed it into the bank preventing an accident. Mr. Lingaman said after putting on his chains he proceeded the rest of the way to Flora without further mishap. Mr. Lingaman has a ranch at Flora and has made several trips this fall and winter to look after his interests there. He also states there is much interest in that section of the country over the development of lignite coal. One especially thick vein is located on the Dave Kuhn ranch near Promise, the vein ranging from 14 to 17 feet in thickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Rattie Hudson, of Joseph were at Imbier Thursday. They made their home here for several years until last fall, when they moved to Joseph, renting the Joe Shinn ranch.

Grover Hardy is the latest victim of the mumps but is improving and expects to be out in a few days.

Mr. Claude Woodell was shopping in La Grande Thursday. Fred Nodine, who runs the creamery here, has just received news that his brother, John Nodine died Jan. 1 at his home near Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Welch spent New Year's day at the home of Mrs. Welch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Standley. They found the road quite badly drifted in some of the cross lanes and were compelled to keep to the highway going around by Island City.

Mrs. William Pieper, of La Grande, is visiting here with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Keefer.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church met last Thursday at the home of C. C. Welch. There were 15 women present. Mrs. J. H. Standley, Mrs. L. B. Standley and Mrs. Ida Hendricks of the Iowa district and Mrs. Willara Pieper, of La Grande, were visitors. A part of the afternoon was spent in guessing riddles. Mrs. Ida Hendricks won first prize by having the most correct answers. June Conrad received consolation prize. Mrs. Texie Smith assisted Mrs. Welch in serving.

A large crowd of friends and neighbors met at Wade hall Thursday evening to attend the farewell testimonial in honor of Elder Melvin Westenskow, of the church of

Latter Day Saints, prior to his departure on a mission in the northern states. Mr. Westenskow expects to be gone several years. His headquarters will be at Chicago. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Westenskow and has made his home here all his life, having graduated from the Imbier High school. The following program was given during the evening: hymn by congregation; prayer, R. M. McBride; soprano solo, Nellie Bean; missionary story, Beaumont Richeson; piano solo, Bernice Edwards; recitation, Lyle Osgood; cornet solo, William Westenskow; remarks, president, W. D. Hanson; song, Mabel Westenskow; reading, Kate Metcalf; violin solo, Jacob Westenskow; missionary experience, Edna Baxter; song, first Intermediate girls; remarks, our missionary; remarks, Bishop L. J. Billings. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

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