

WORK PROGRESSING RAPIDLY ON NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING

Big Auditorium on Second Floor One of Outstanding Features from Visitor's Viewpoint; Rooms Throughout Building Attractive; Grounds Beehive of Activity

With work on the new Eastern Oregon Normal school at the stage where the entire building can be visualized as a finished structure, the big auditorium on the second floor is the outstanding feature of the school from the visitor's standpoint. This auditorium is directly in the center of the building and a big stage is directly back of the false windows which are seen from the city.

In back of the auditorium, the arched windows look out over the campus to the south.

The auditorium is already a beautiful and attractive room and it is estimated that it will accommodate from 800 to 1000 people.

The stage has appropriate rooms on either side for the use of students in amateur productions and will lend itself admirably to student theatricals and musical activities, as well as providing a place for hearing artists and productions brought here from the outside.

Two Large Wings
On either side of the auditorium are wings designed for school purposes, and a stairway leads up from the first floor on each side. On the downstairs floor are additional school rooms and offices and in the west end is a large lecture room.

Two big boilers are being installed in one end of the basement for a heating plant and these will be fed by Iron Firemen automatic coal stokers. There are other rooms in the basement available for use as locker, shower, and storage rooms, etc.

Attractive Rooms
The wiring and plumbing and heating rough work is practically all completed and the lathing and plastering is progressing rapidly. All of the rooms have a circular plaster cove ceiling and all but the finish plaster coat is on in some of the rooms.

One is impressed by the light and airy attractiveness of all of the rooms in the building.

Concrete floors are being completed in the basement.

The exterior of the building is already attractive and a great deal of stone trim, cut in appropriate design, is being added to beautify the entrances, cornices, etc.

Beehive of Activity
The normal school grounds is a regular beehive of activity, with scores of men working both inside

Remodeling Of Court House Is Nearly Finished

Renovated Building Now More Suited to Requirements of County Officials, Tour Reveals

A tour of inspection of the Union county court house reveals a renovated building much better in arrangement and appearance than the one which a fire partially destroyed several months ago. The work is rapidly nearing completion and within the next two weeks should be entirely done.

The upstairs of the two-story structure is centered around a spacious circuit court room lighted by big windows and globes enclosed in attractive electric light fixtures. A light California stucco finish on ceiling and walls lends an air of gentility to the room as does also the very comfortable chairs for the jurors. The chairs haven't been installed yet but when they are the jurors are going to bless the county court for getting them, for they have leather seats. The jury also is going to be thankful for other things principally for the two jury rooms where formerly there was but one.

Knowles Pleased
Judge J. W. Knowles, of the circuit court, also is pleased over the rebuilding for he now has two rooms, one for his library and the other for a private office. Court Reporter H. R. Hanna is delighted with his sunny office. Judge Knowles and Mr. Hanna have been housing themselves temporarily in down town offices but are back in their old homes once more.

Jail Room Repaired
The women's jail on the same floor has been repaired and is clean and fresh. County Judge U. G. Couch is at home in his remodeled office.

Mrs. Jack Ferris in the roadmaster's office has a room with decided scenic advantages. It is a cross between a pagoda and a light-house—windows nearly surrounding it with an expansive view of the valley, town and mountains outside. Her office has been enlarged and now includes a drafting room as well.

The office of the county clerk has been in use practically ever since the fire but is now proud of an addition, some late models of office chairs.

The county nurse, Miss Alice Marquardt, has joined the court house family and has an office in and outside of the building. Excavation is progressing for the decorative steps which will lead from the entrance and join up with Ninth street and teams and men are busy moving dirt and establishing the proper grade for the mall that will lead from the entrance to the normal school grounds from K avenue.

Although there will be much landscaping work to be done after school opens in June and in later years, there is every evidence that the building and grounds will be well along when the dedication takes place this summer.

TERRACE FEATURED



The above design is undoubtedly a very successful layout for such a small house. Absolute comfort and privacy, together with straight forward economic and beautiful design are to be found throughout. The terrace is decidedly of Spanish origin and is well protected from view of the public on the street side. A colored awning of striking design may be used without interfering with the French door, fountain or bird house on garden wall.

By Chester H. Disque
The interior arrangement, as may be seen, is very compact, livable and of ample size, being finished in true Spanish style with rough finished plaster, gayly colored stained woodwork, rustic hardware, etc. The book niche in the wall between the living and bedroom is provided with worm eaten batten doors, hung on rustic hinges, and decorated with stencil designs.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION IN LA GRANDE UP TO \$44,680.00 THIS YEAR

Little Work During First Two Months of Quarter But March Building Nearly Reaches \$40,000; Bohnenkamps Starting \$10,000 Warehouse on Jefferson; Several Jobs Under Way

The total value of new construction in the city of La Grande during the month of March fell just a few hundred dollars short of \$40,000, indicating that the arrival of spring weather has opened the 1929 building season here in earnest.

In addition, it is said that several jobs are under way for which no permits have been taken as yet.

Bohnenkamps Start Warehouse
One of the big permits issued last week was to the W. H. Bohnenkamp company, to erect a one-story warehouse on Jefferson between Greenwood and Hemlock. Workmen are already busy on the excavation and the building is expected to start going up in the very near future. It will have a spacious basement in addition to the first story, which will be constructed of brick. W. Vedder is contractor and the permit estimates the cost at \$10,000.

First Quarter \$44,680
This permit, and others issued last week, brought the total for

March to \$39,010. Added to the January and February total of \$5,670, this brings the building work in La Grande for the first quarter of the year to \$44,680.

Incidentally, city officials state that the building permit for the Eastern Oregon Normal school, now nearing completion, has not been applied for as yet. This will swell the total nearly \$150,000, it is said.

Permits Last Week
Permits issued last week included:

Mar. 25—Archie J. Miller, to alter and repair a one-story home on Spruce between Washington and Adams, work to cost \$100.

Mar. 25—Charles Harris, to alter and repair a three-story brick building on Adams avenue between Chestnut and Depot, work to cost \$250. This provides for the building of a barber shop in the lobby

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New Homes For Old



THE NEW NORMAL SCHOOL WILL PUT MODERN HOMES AT A PREMIUM

Will you want to rent a residence room to a normal school student? Will you have property to rent to a faculty member? Or do you expect to sell your property to some of the numerous home-seekers who come here because of the normal school?

Modern, attractive homes will be more at a premium in La Grande this coming year than ever before—and you cannot make a better investment than by improving your home.

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Most Ancient Tree
The McNab cypress tree taken from an asphalt pit in California is thought to be more than forty thousand years old. The wood was preserved by the asphalt, which was thickly incrusting over it.

No Accommodations
"I'd like to take this chrysanthemum home," sighed the young thing to her boy friend, "but you know I've moved into a small apartment."—Detroit News.

Mr. Coolidge hasn't such an easy life of it after all. First he had congress to contend with, and now editors.

Much Remodeling And Repair Work Under Way In La Grande at Present

During recent years surveys of building activities in La Grande—and in other cities as well—have brought out the interesting fact that remodeling and repairing work over a reasonable period of time, often amounts to as much as the sums spent in new residence buildings.

A great deal of the remodeling and repairing is made necessary in business sections, when firms move from one building into another location, which must be rearranged to the company's convenience. Another cause is the fire which partly destroys a building, yet leaves enough standing to make it more desirable to repair instead of building a new structure. Then, of course, growing business causes many alterations.

Thousands Spent This Spring.
Already several thousand dollars have been spent in La Grande this year in remodeling and repairing. In one case fire damaged a residence building so badly that it required approximately \$3,000 to put it back in condition.

Another example is the changes in the Foley hotel building. Clark's Florists moved from their old location to a new one in another part of the building, necessitating considerable remodeling to adapt the new quarters to their specific needs. At nearly the same time it was necessary for the Foley barber shop to give up its quarters and in the last few days, workmen have been installing a modern, glass enclosed room for the shop in the Foley lobby. These two jobs involved a considerable sum of money, besides improving the appearance of the building.

Bohnenkamps' Remodeling
One of the largest remodeling

and repair jobs in the city this spring is now under way at the W. H. Bohnenkamp Co. building on the corner of Adams and Elm streets. Workmen have been busy on this project for the last few weeks, and it is said that they will start installing a new front within the very near future.

Workmen made rapid progress yesterday in starting the remodeling of the garage next to The Observer office, which will be used by G. L. Larison for his Chevrolet agency.

The building is owned by Julius Roesch and the remodeling includes an entire new front, it is reported. The work is expected to be finished in the next 10 days.

Jefferson avenue is also coming in for its share of improvements. Bohnenkamps are building a new \$10,000 warehouse on Jefferson and in addition to this, Mr. Roesch is tearing down a wooden building across the street.

On East Adams avenue John C. Gietlhuber is beginning work on a new frame building for the state highway departmental shops which will bring the total number of buildings there to six. His contract was let following the early March meeting of the state highway commission.

Swimming Pool Work Begins
In another section of the city a new swimming pool project is developing and workmen have already started excavating on the Taal property near the Second street viaduct.

In addition to the work mentioned above, there are numerous other instances of remodeling of residences, etc., over the city.

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