

BUILDING WORK HERE CONTINUES

Most of Permits This Month Call for Altera- tions and Repairs

Building permits in La Grande for this year are still short of \$50,000, but only by the slim margin of \$49. The total at the close of last week was \$49,646 and today a permit was taken out by Walter Reuter to alter and repair his two-story residence on First street between Pennsylvania and O, the work to cost about \$200.

At the end of March the total for building in La Grande this year was \$44,650 and since then new work in the amount of \$5,250 has been started, including numerous smaller repairing and alteration jobs.

In the permits issued last week, only one was for a new building. H. Nelson is to erect a home on P-avenue to cost \$500.

Permits for last week follow:

Apr. 15—W. T. Gruber, to alter and repair a dwelling on Adams avenue between Cedar and Oak streets, work to cost \$750.

Apr. 16—C. A. Fleener, to alter and repair a home on N avenue between Ninth and Tenth streets, work to cost \$50.

Apr. 15—H. Nelson, to erect a home on P-avenue between Cedar and First street, work to cost \$500.

Community And State Forests On The Increase

With 1,755,658 additional acres of forest land in the United States brought under state administration in the last three years, the total area of state forests now stands at 6,556,735 acres, according to reports to the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

The greatest extension in state forest area during the three-year period since the end of 1925, was reported by the state of Washington, which added 1,200,000 acres. Pennsylvania added 167,788 acres to its 1925 total and Michigan was a close third with an increase of 167,000 acres.

Oregon is now concluding a land exchange with the U. S. Forest Service whereby she will acquire a state forest of some 70,000 acres in Coos and Douglas counties, known as the Millstone tract.

Three years' growth in state park areas added a net area of 57,334 acres to the 1925 figure, bringing the total area of state parks to 429,077.

Municipal and county forests and parks increased in total area from 697,447 acres at the end of 1925 to 726,577 acres at the beginning of this year.

The aggregate area of forest land owned by states, municipalities and counties in the United States on January 1, 1929, including other forest land beside that in forests and parks, was 12,136,946 acres.

Lumber Orders Equal Production

SEATTLE Wash.—Current lumber orders equalled approximately the week's production while shipments were 2.44 per cent over cutting reports to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending April 13 show. Prices continue firm in practically all markets with increased orders noted in the export trade.

THE GARDEN

SPRING IN THE BEST TIME TO PLANT ROSES

The rose is a world flower. It is found in every country and the word "rose" is strikingly similar in spelling and pronunciation in every language.

From the multitude of rose species and varieties, a selection may be made to fit any need of garden and lawn planting. Dame Nature's "Rose exposition" opens in June with a grand flourish and continues throughout the season. In June roses abound in all manner of situations, from the aristocratic garden to the dusty roadside.

For gardens there are the hardy hybrid tea and hybrid perpetuals in red, yellow, white and every imaginable graded blending thereof, with the Polyantha or dwarf types for supplementary border use. The exotic tea roses are not available for general use in northern gardens on account of climatic conditions.

For lawn or general shrub border planting the "bush" types are best. These include the wild roses such as rosa blanda, canina, spinosissima, carolina, lucida, nitida. The climbing or trailing sorts are often valuable for "fencing" effects, and one banks or terrace slopes. Among these are the rosa setigera, multiflora, wichuriana, rubiginosa and their hybrids.

Some of the bush types, such as the "old fashioned" Harrison yellow rose, can be combined with perennials in mass or border effects. The Harrison yellow rose is effective with iris pallida, delphinium, or with delphinium.

There is a wide range of choice in climbing roses for arbors, trellises, pergolas and the like. The climbers have always been favorites and many of the more recent introductions such as Lady Gay, Haystack Dorothy, Perkins, Silver Moon, Doctor Van Fleet and Evergreen Gem are immensely popular.

There are hundreds of named varieties of tea, hybrid tea and hybrid perpetuals. Some of the leading hybrid teas are Killarney, La France, Irish Fireflame, Los Angeles, J. F. Barry, Jonkheer, J. L. Mock, Caroline Testout, Mrs. Aaron Ward, Ophelia. Grays and hybrid perpetual groups, Olo, Frau Karl Druschki, General Jacqueminot, Hugh Dickson, Paul Neyron and Mrs. John Laing are much in demand.

Planting Improves House Design



BEFORE PLANTING



AFTER PLANTING

Notice the contrast in the above pictures. They are identical, the same, except in one an improved appearance has been created by the use of planting. Almost any desired effect can be achieved with planting. If the house seems too tall, it can be made to look lower with planting. If the house seems harsh in appearance, the house picture can be softened with the proper use of shrubs, trees and flowers. If the home picture lacks color, it can be secured through blooming trees, shrubs and flowers.

Whether you realize it or not, your opinion of the man you meet today for the first time is largely influenced by his personal appearance. Clothes do not make the man but they are a great factor in the impression which he creates in those who come in contact with him.

The same principle applies to the home even more than to the individual, and the mental picture which the casual visitor carries with him of your home is largely of the outside appearance of the house and grounds, and his impres-

sion of your home and family is influenced to a considerable extent before he ever sets foot inside the house.

In planning your improvements, always bear in mind the fact that, aside from the house itself, the most important feature of the grounds is the lawn, and any shrubbery plantings and trees which are used should be placed in such a way as to bring out the beauty of the house and lawn and make a setting for them.

Shrubbery and trees are absolutely essential on any grounds, but it is highly important that they be so arranged as to produce the best effect possible on the place as a whole. To obtain satisfactory results it is necessary that you have a definite idea of the ultimate growth and appearance of the shrubs and trees you are using, and be sure that the varieties you select are hardy in this climate.

In planting the shrub, the important thing is to get the soil worked in among the roots. This is done by using loose soil, by shaking the plant gently up and down

as the soil is thrown in, and by working the soil down among the roots with a stick about the size of broom handle. Before the hole is completely filled the soil should be packed firmly by pressing it with the feet. If the shrubs are to be watered filling should cease before all the soil is thrown in, so a good portion of water can collect there and soak in. Watering is done in case of late spring planting when there is apt not to be much rain and the weather has started to become quite warm. After the water has soaked in the soil should again be made firm, the plant straightened and the hole filled up with loose soil left loose, to act as a mulch.

While thatched roofs have been

reproduced in modern homes to quite an extent, the expense involved has prevented their wide use. Now, however, it is possible to install a thatched roof which is decidedly responsible in cost by using a new shingle called Pabco Thatch Shingle. This new roofing has a unique advantage. The shingle can be nailed top, bottom and center in addition to being "locked" or woven together at bottom and sides. They will not curl or work loose.

Since these new shingles are pliable it is easy to bend them to fit any surface met with in roofing, which greatly facilitates laying and makes it easily possible to secure the much desired thatched effect. The distinctive color harmonizes

and the variations in size of shingles combined with the thatching produce a roof of great beauty and appeal. When considering roofing, the home owner should bear in mind that Pabco shingles reduce the fire hazard and take the base of lowest rate of fire insurance, since the material of which they are made is fire retardant, the dealers state.

In case of an old house, another feature that makes for economy is the practicability of laying the new shingles right over the old ones. This saves the labor and mess of ripping off the old shingles and gives double protection at the same time increasing the insulation against heat and cold.

QUAINT ROOF LINES ADD TO HOME BEAUTY

An interesting phase of present day home building is the practical manner in which the best features of Old World architecture have been adapted to modern American houses. One of the charms of English countryside lies in the quaint roof lines of old thatched cottages and the play of light and shade over the irregular texture of the thatching.

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