

BUILDING HOLDS UP DURING FALL

November Permits in La Grande Compare Favorably With Other Cities.

La Grande's building permits during the month of November, 1929, totaling \$14,212, compared favorably with records for other Oregon cities, according to the monthly building survey by the S. W. Straus & Co., although it registered a \$4700 decline when compared with November, 1928. Records for other Oregon and Pacific Northwest cities during November follow:

Albany, \$13,690; Astoria, \$2935; Corvallis, \$27,100; Eugene, \$12,400; Marshfield, \$10,290; Medford, \$9,706; Portland, \$919,200; Salem, \$34,991; Logan, \$2000; Provo, \$2,500; Bellingham, \$25,020; Longview, \$15,880; Olympia, \$13,225; Walla Walla, \$24,025; Boise, \$52,677; Idaho Falls, \$6100; Lewiston, \$12,445; and Nampa, \$22,135.

Revival Is Expected
Although a revival of building activity throughout the country is expected as a result of reaction to the recent recession of stock market speculation, no immediate response of consequence is anticipated, according to the survey. One of the reasons for reduction in the building industry evident during the past two years, is the fact that enormous sums of money formerly used in construction financing were being employed in speculation.

Many new building projects in Pacific Coast cities, held in abeyance for many months, are now being revived and negotiations for their financing resumed.

Oregon Cities Show Gains
November's total of building permits issued in 192 Pacific Coast cities show an aggregate 22 per cent below comparable figures for October and for November of last year. These cities issued 9,502

permits for new buildings to cost \$23,531,752. In Oregon the city of Portland, Astoria, Corvallis, Marshfield and Medford showed percentage gains.

In La Grande during the last several days, permits have been taken out for new construction to cost \$4,050, in spite of the lateness of the season.

Permits of last week and this morning follow:

Dec. 2—William Rollins, to erect a home on Fourteenth street between 1 and J avenues, to cost \$2,800.
Dec. 3—Phayle Oil Co., to alter and repair an oil station on Adams between Greenwood and Hemlock, work to cost \$175.
Dec. 4—J. J. Kimmel, to alter and repair the old Colonial theater on Adams avenue between Fourth and Depot, owned by West and Sleight, work to cost \$1,000.

L. H. S. Invited To Eugene Conference

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 9 (Special)—High schools all over the state are being invited to send delegates to the tenth annual high school conference at the University of Oregon, which will be held this year January 10 and 11. The conference will be divided into five sections, for the editors of high school papers and yearbooks, presidents of athletic leagues, student body officers and principals of high schools.

La Grande high school is entitled to five delegates to the conference, at which all phases of high school life will be discussed. An extensive program has been arranged by those in charge, and it is believed that students will find the sessions of great help in problems of the school or in difficult problems. Earl W. Palmer, registrar, and Day Foster, student chairman, are in charge of arrangements.

Speakers noted all over the northwest will be present at the conference, and will not only give interesting and instructive addresses, but will take part in the round table discussions, which form one of the most important features of the meeting. Problems will be discussed such as financing yearbooks, organization of the publication staff, athletic problems and high school dances.

No Spilling
If the house plant is a small one and difficult to water without spilling, give it its drink through a funnel. Then it is bound to go where it belongs and will not spill on polished wood or dailies.

The Age Worry
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Headquarters for Modern Gifts That last for Years

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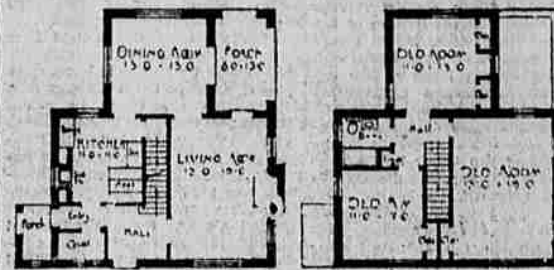


By Chester H. Disque

The modern Italian design is best fitted for those desiring the practical box-type house but still of such character that it is lifted from the commonplace. The Italian undoubtedly looks its best when the walls are of cream color stucco with a red tile roof, although many successful designs have been executed where wire-out brick or a lighter shade has been employed.

In this particular design great strength and beauty have been incorporated in the entrance doorway, which has solid wood panels equipped with an Italian knocker and door handle. The delicate iron railing above is used to give the required feeling of delicacy.

The entrance hall is very distinctive in the unusual treatment of floor and in the arched ceiling with Italian lantern. The living room and dining room are plastered in a rather rough texture so as to create the Italian feature, with French



doors of an unusual design, leading from each of these rooms to the porch.

Three bedrooms are to be found on the second floor, where ample closet space and convenient bathroom and linen closet are to be found. Hardwood floors are used throughout, except in the kitchen, which, of course, is tile.

The bathroom is tiled. The usual utility features are to be found in the basement, which has a cement floor. The house measures 32 feet over all and could be very easily contained on a 50-foot lot.

It is estimated that the cost of this house would be between \$7,000 and \$8,500, exclusive of heating and plumbing.

EPWORTHIANS AT UNION FOR JOINT SESSION

By W. V. Connor

(Observer-Contributor)
UNION (Special)—Sunday evening the local Epworth League was host to a delegation from a league in La Grande. Owing to the fact that the meeting was delayed, only a short religious service was held.

Following this part of the program, a committee served sandwiches and cocoa. About 25 Leaguers drove over from La Grande for the visit.

Both Connor, who has been suffering for the past few weeks as the result of burns from boiling water, was taken to Hot Lake Saturday for treatment. Infection was getting better. Sunday evening it was believed that the infection had been stopped and she was much better.

These in charge of the Methodist Aid bazaar and food sale report a fairly successful result, practically all the stock being sold out.

Although there is a shortage of water in the streams of Eastern Oregon the local stream, Catherine creek, has shown as full a flow as usual at this time of year.

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Improvement Gossip

New Rooms

Three new rooms have been added to Dr. A. L. Richardson's offices in the Schinner building. One of them is a new office room.

Vedder Doing Work

The work of remodeling the old Colonial theater, which is to be made into a modern, sound picture theater, is being done by W. Vedder, contractor, who has a crew of men engaged in the work at present.

Tin Work

Lynch's Plumbing shop is doing the tin work at the Corner pool hall and "Corner" lunch which were recently damaged by fire.

Papering House

J. Miller papered two houses last week for Lawrence Haws.

Almost Pure Water

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Tailoring Terms
"Bushee" is an old term used by tailors. It means to repair garments. A man who does this kind of work is called a busheeman, and a woman who does it is a bushee-woman.

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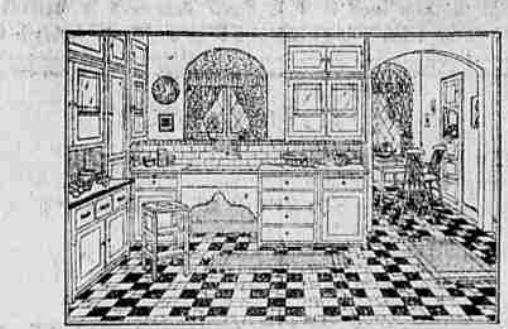


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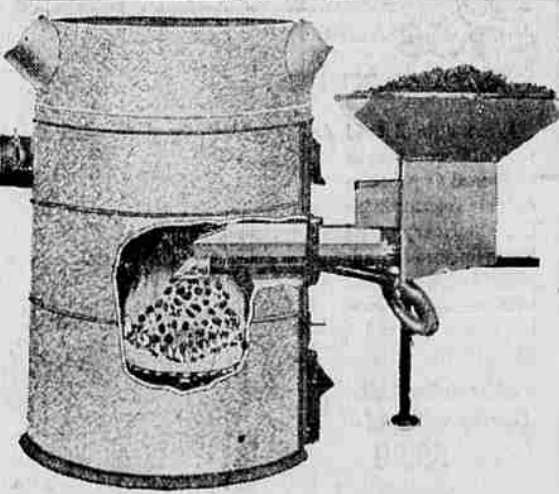


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