

PERMITS ISSUED FOR THEATERS

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The \$14,950 brings the total work for the year to \$338,822, which included an unofficial \$169,000 for the Eastern Oregon Normal school building...

The unusually good weather experienced this fall and early winter has permitted building work to progress at a faster pace than usual in the latter months of 1929.

Permits issued last week follow: Dec. 9—W. Vedder, for West and Siegried, to alter and repair the old Colonial building on Adams avenue...

Dec. 9—H. P. Nielsen, to alter and repair the Granada theater for Meyers and Groulich, on Adams between 1st and Elm, work to cost \$11,000.

Burner Dealers Select La Grande

Boyer and Woods, dealers in the Conifer burner, which they describe as a heating plant built especially for using sawdust and "hog" fuel...

Union Students Are Active On O. S. C. Campus

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 16 (Special)—Reports just compiled at Oregon State college on student activities show that the six Union students in attendance are taking an active part in student affairs on the campus.

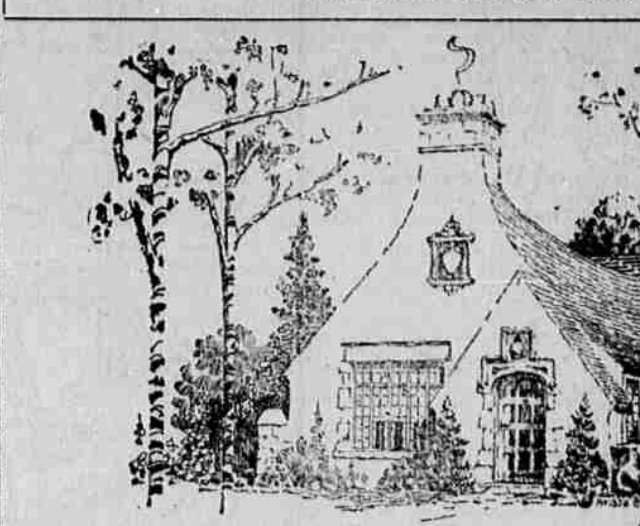
Carl Gilmore winds up his football career at Oregon State this year and will leave a big gap in the backfield by his graduation. He played his last big game of college football in Detroit a few weeks ago when the Oregon Statesmen gave the University of Detroit a trouncing on the line of 14 to 7.

Jack Cox, another Union product, is a sophomore in vocational education, a member of the Omega Upsilon fraternity and a member of the football squad. Though only a sophomore, Cox played guard on the regulars all season.

Others from Union who are attending school at Oregon State are Alfred Croiter, sophomore in agriculture; Elmer Hutchinson, sophomore in commerce; Merle Kuhn, freshman in forestry, and a member of Phi Kappa Tau; and Henry Reuter, freshman in agriculture and member of Omicron Psi club.

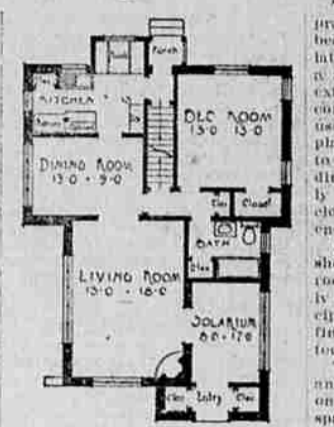
Out of a total student body of 3412 this term, Union county is represented by 36 students. La Grande sends 22 students, Union six, Elgin four, Imbler two, and Tolsonast and Cove one each. Every county in the state has students on the campus. In addition, there are representatives from 22 other states and nine foreign countries.

MODERN COTSWOLD



By Chester H. Disque Who could wish for a more attractive cottage than the one as illustrated above, which is of a modern Cotswold design.

The exterior walls of this house may be constructed of wire-cut brick, concrete, cinder block or stucco, but should not be built of shingles or clapboards, except that clapboards should be used in the gable of the bedroom wing, these being stained a dark grayish green to harmonize with the cream color walls of stucco or spray paint on block construction and to tie in with the dark reddish brown tile roof.



The floor plan is indeed very practical in its arrangement with bedroom and bath completely isolated. The living room may have a studio type ceiling at no great extra expense...

POLA, PRINCE PLAN SECOND HONEYMOON

PARIS, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune today said that Pola Negri, motion picture star, and Prince Serge Alysani, whom she married three years ago, had become reconciled and would leave together in January for America. They were on the verge of divorce.

It happened, the paper said, in the chambers of the judge of a French court. The judge summoned the two before him for the formal attempt at reconciliation which is required under French divorce procedure.

Elgin Pupils Take Part in Contest

MEMPHIS, Kan., Dec. 16—All pupils of Elgin High school, Ore., will compete in the largest scholarship contest in the world January 8, when more than 275,000 high school pupils throughout the United States will participate in the Every Pupil Scholarship contest, sponsored by the Kansas State Teachers college at Emporia.

NAME RADIO COUNSEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Thad H. Brown of Ohio, today was named general counsel of the federal radio commission.

ORGANIZE UNION LEGION AUXILIARY

Eleanor Davis Elected President—Mrs. Palmer Attends Meeting.

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrill (Observer Correspondent) UNION, Ore., (Special)—The organization of Union Unit No. 56 American Legion auxiliary was completed Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14 when the following officers were installed by Mrs. Rena Palmer, past department president, of La Grande: president, Eleanor H. Davis; first vice president, Louise Burwell; second vice president, Lillie Cross; secretary-treasurer, Katherine Spenser; historian, Carrie Croiter; and sergeant-at-arms, Edna Hoffman. Much interest was shown by the 25 charter members and all indications pointed toward a very successful organization.

Mrs. S. E. Miller was hostess at a luncheon and bridge party at the Union hotel on Thursday with members of the Caranation club and several others as guests. The setting for the long dining table was chrysanthemums and Chinese candies and shades. The guests dined in Chinese costume, ate Chinese dishes with chop sticks and were waited upon by attractive waitresses in Chinese costume. Six tables of bridge followed the elaborate meal and after a jolly afternoon prizes were awarded to Mrs. P. N. Fox, Mrs. Frank Hall and Mrs. Willis Phillips.

S. L. Benson was host at a delicious 6:30 dinner at his home Friday evening. The table was attractively arranged with a centerpiece of pink snapdragons and ferns and fall pink tapers in green candlesticks. Covers were laid for eight and included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Terrill, Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor and the host. Pinochle was the diversion of the evening.

Ed Hoffman moved his family from the logging camp in Ladd canyon to the Clara Lee house the last of the week.

The Women's club netted over \$50 from the commission on sales at Cook Bros. Company, the Union Hardware and L. A. Wright stores last Friday. The checks supplied by the club proved equal to the occasion and seemed to enjoy the change of duties for the day. The attendance at the Cozy theater was small Friday evening due to so many other activities and Mrs. Webb kindly agreed to set aside another night for the Women's club to collect a 10 per cent commission.

The Masonic lodge held its annual election on Saturday evening and filled the following offices: W. M., G. I. Hess; S. W., Clarence Rosewall; J. W., Floyd Edwards; treasurer, L. A. Wright; secretary, T. D. Smith. The balance of the officers will be appointed at a later date and installation will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 18.

W. P. Shields, district deputy grand master of Enterprise, accompanied by E. R. Hines, of La Grande, paid an official visit to the lodge and gave a talk to the members.

Charles Tolin moved the past week to the Ed Miller cottage. Mrs. Tolin who has been in the hospital at Esker for some time is expected home soon.

Mrs. R. H. Bonney who underwent a tonsil operation at La Grande last Wednesday returned home yesterday and is slowly recovering.

BUSINESS STEADY DURING 8 YEARS

No Sharp Booms or Slumps in Period, According to Secretary.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The steadiness of business during the last eight years, characterized by neither sharp booms nor slumps was portrayed by Secretary Lamont in his annual report.

With two or three minor and short-lived recessions, he said in his report for the years ending June 30, 1929, the upward trend of production and consumption had been gradual, but in the aggregate considerable.

For the twelve months period he said the activity of American factories was the high spot of industry, and while business was not spotted by the feverish activity of the war period and the immediately succeeding boom the actual production of commodities and services was larger.

The secretary reported that the high activity of manufacturing and mining industry during the year was accompanied by larger employment of labor and reduction in unit-time work.

"Throughout our history a gradual shift has been taking place in the occupations of the people," he said. "The proportion engaged in production of necessities of life has steadily fallen, more and more labor being set free to produce advanced commodities and services characteristic of a higher standard of living."

For a long time this movement was reflected in a steady expansion of employment in factory industries as well as in distribution and in service occupations, agriculture being almost the only branch of industry to lose relatively in the number of workers. For some time after 1920, however, the trend toward service occupations was so strong as to bring about an absolute reduction in the number of factory employees.

This downward movement has been checked during the last three or four years, and the number of factory workers employed during the fiscal year 1928-29 was appreciably greater than during the preceding fiscal year.

Some improvement in the agricultural situation during the year was noted by the secretary. With an increase of 2 per cent over the year ended June 30, 1928, the gross income from farm products (after deducting the value of crops fed or used for seed) totaled \$12,527,000,000, the largest, except for 1925-26, he reported. If allowance is made for the buying power of money, he continued, the value of agricultural production in 1928-29 was larger even than in 1920-21.

Less Construction The construction industry was reported by the commerce department head to have been one of the few branches of business which was less active during the year, while the net operating income of Class 1 railroads was the largest ever reported, exceeding the figure for the previous year by 20 per cent.

He asserted that the quality of service furnished by railroads as well as by other public carriers, was better than at any other time in the history of the country, with shortage of cars a rare occurrence. The other branch of transportation, American shipping, also was reported to have progressed satisfactorily, a marked reduction in the tonnage of idle vessels and a

Steep-escape Obstacles The highest jumps in the British Grand National F. 1, are then fences 5 feet high and 2 feet thick. One of the fences is 4 feet 10 inches high and has a ditch on the take-off side 6 feet wide and 4 feet deep. Beecher's brook is a thorn fence 4 feet 10 inches high with a brook on the far side 5 feet wide and 4 feet deep.

Finish Plumbing Work—Nate Zweifel has finished the plumbing work and installed a furnace for the Harry Wormhole home on Ninth street.

Painting Building—The building at the corner of Adams and Hemlock is being painted by the Hugg Paint company.

Redecorating and Painting—Hill Department store is being painted and redecorated and the redecoration of the lodge room of the Elk's temple has been completed by Hugg's paint store.

Remodeled Office—The office rooms of Dr. E. L. Tribe have been remodelled to accommodate the installation of a new X-ray machine.

SEEKING TWO MEN BEND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—Deputies and Jefferson county authorities today continued their search of the sagebrush country between Bend and Redmond for two unidentified men who escaped from a stolen automobile after they had fired on Clarence Crosswhite, state traffic officer.

The officer gave chase and after speeding the automobile for some distance, the two men halted and fled into the brush. Crosswhite checked the number of the automobile and found it had been stolen from a Portland used car lot.

WEATHER OUTLOOK SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning Dec. 15 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: "For western states—The outlook is for occasional rains in Washington, Oregon, Northern Idaho and probably the northern half of California. Temperatures will be mostly above normal."

RAIN IN ROGUE VALLEY MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—Rain fell throughout the night in the Rogue River valley following the warmest December day with a maximum temperature of 71 degrees.

considerable increase in the tonnage active in seagoing foreign and domestic commerce being reported despite a slight decline in the total capacity of seagoing vessels registered under the American flag. Experts continued to take an increasingly large place in American industrial life, with the export trade for the fiscal year 1928 per cent greater in value than the year before and 42 per cent greater than in 1921-22. Finished manufactures reached more than \$2,300,000,000, showing an increase of 22 per cent over the previous year, the secretary reported, while purchases of this country abroad increased about nine per cent.

SPLINTERS Official Publication of THE VAN PETTEN LUMBER CO. Vol. 1 No. 27 This is the time of the year when a man discovers that his vests no longer match his suits, that evil and keep the cold winds out at the same time. A nice oak floor would make about as fine a XMAS remembrance as we can think of. We have several kinds to pick from. Many a fond mother arranges an elaborate condone-out for her daughter and then spends the next few years wondering when she will come in. Do your windows rattle and keep you awake at night? METAL weatherstrips will remedy that evil and keep the cold winds out at the same time. METAL weatherstrips can be installed without taking your windows out. La Grande has an optimistic outlook for next year. Well, we have the best town in Eastern Oregon and can see no reason why every year shouldn't be good. A canoe is like a small boy—both behave better when paddled from the rear. VAN PETTEN LUMBER CO.

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