BUILDING PERMIT TOTAL AT $8600

Three Permits For Alterations and Repairs Issued During Week

Building permits in La Grande for 1931 reached a total of $8600 last week with the issuance of three by Recorder-Treasurer J. E. Stearns.

The total for January amounted to $7500 and with February half gone, the February total is at $1100.

Permits issued last week follow:

Feb. 11—Fred A. Balmes, to alter and repair a home on N avenue between Alder and West streets, work to cost $100.

Feb. 12—John Mars, to alter and repair a two-story dwelling on S avenue between Greenwood and Spruce, work to cost $200.

Feb. 13—John Mars, to alter and repair one-story and two-story buildings on Greenwood between Monroe and S, work to cost $300.

Farmers Face Tighter Money For New Crops

By Frank J. Weller
(Associated Press Farm Editor)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers will find it increasingly hard to get money with which to produce their crops in 1931, but correspondingly easy to get funds for marketing what they do grow.

That is what the annual agricultural outlook conference says.

Aside from the physical limitations of production credit, there is a well-defined attitude, particularly in the south, against lending money for increased farm activity in major crops.

In some instances none at all will be lent unless the farmer agrees to plant gardens and feed for livestock, and otherwise follow the agricultural program of his locality.

Banks' Funds Lower

Most production credit in the United States still comes from the country bank and the merchant, and the ability of country banks to make advances has been considerably impaired. Most of them entered 1931 with a smaller volume of deposits than they had a year earlier.

There were also less adequate secondary reserves consisting of commercial paper, bankers' balances and investments.

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Banks in many areas have been unable fully to liquidate their borrowings from correspondents and federal reserve banks. Failures in many sections, particularly in the southern states, have accentuated further the shortage of available funds.

Advices from agricultural credit corporations and federal intermediate credit banks indicate that an increased volume of credit from these sources will be utilized. This increase will result in part from the formation of new credit corporations, and in part from enlarged operations of existing corporations.

Merchants Limit Credit

The ability of country merchants to extend credit to their customers will be adversely affected in many sections by an abnormally large carryover of last year's accounts, and by difficulties in obtaining new loans from the local banks.

The outlook for far mmortgage credit does not hold much promise of improvement during 1931. The decline in land values and the poor income returns of 1930 are making it difficult for borrowers to obtain renewals upon favorable terms.

A few insurance companies have withdrawn from the farm mortgage field. Most of the joint stock land banks are temporarily inactive, or have greatly restricted their operations.

The supply of credit for marketing the 1931 crops, however, seems likely to be ample. This type of credit is supplied from central money markets, where an abundance of credit is available and interest rates at the lowest level in any recent year.

TOWN'S JOBLESS TO TRY FARM PLAN OF RELIEF

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—An agrarian plan of relieving unemployment and its consequent distress is to be tried at Orange, Tex.

H. J. Lutcher Stark, Texas capitalist, has made available to the relief committee 100 acres of land, on which the unemployed will grow vegetables and other produce. Part will be used to feed families of the jobless, the remainder will be marketed.

CHLOROFORM HELPS SPOT 'COPPERY' TASTE IN MILK

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Chloroform has provided a new, quick method of determining the amount of copper in milk, in a process developed by H. P. Gebhardt and H. H. Sommer of the University of Wisconsin dairy department.

The chloroform shows up copper by discoloration. It reveals also the proportion of copper by degree of color. Chloroform is added to other chemicals hitherto used alone and gives greater speed.

Copper usually gets into milk from plant food, the Wisconsin scientists state in a report to the American Chemical society. In small amounts the metal is considered harmless but is often detrimental to dairy products.

FOREIGNERS JAM COURTS

PARIS (AP) — An average of ten foreigners a day were sentenced in the criminal courts of Paris in December. Italians were most numerous because they have the largest colony here. Next were Poles and Russians. No Americans were on the lists.

JUDGE VALUES FINGER

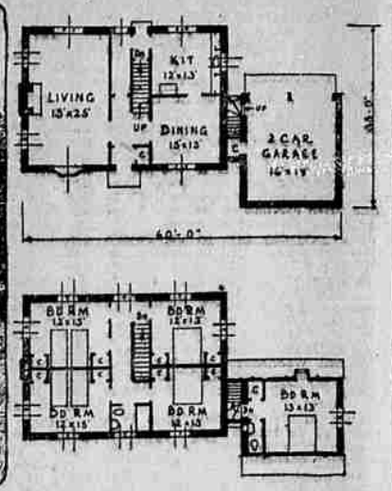
LONDON. (AP) — A man's finger is worth more than $175, Judge Cluer, of Shoreditch county court, believes. The judge refused to allow a settlement for that sum to be made to a youth who had been hurt, saying: "Cut off your own joints for that amount!"

WEALTHY WOMAN KILLED

SEATTLE, Feb. 16 (AP)—Mrs. Edith Huntington Wakefield Spreckles Kendrick, wealthy Seattle woman, and divorced wife of John D. Spreckles Jr., son of the pioneer California capitalist, was killed in an automobile accident on Whidby island Saturday. Mrs. Kendrick was riding with her husband on a weekend vacation trip when the car plunged over an embankment.

During 1930 more than 1,820,000 persons visited the Field museum of natural history at Chicago.

FIVE BEDROOMS IN COMPACT HOUSE



(By the Associated Press)

This house, based on the English Cotswold type, is convenient and modern, compact and economical to build.

The first floor has a living room to the left and a dining room to the right of the entrance hall, which continues through from the front of the house to the garden side. The kitchen is to the right at the rear.

Upstairs, four bedrooms, all cross-ventilated, and a bath form the main family quarters, while there is a bedroom with a lavatory over the garage for the maid or chauffeur. This bedroom is reached by a small stair in the garage, accessible from the kitchen side drive.

The house is of stone facing, backed up by concrete block or hollow building tile. A warm stone with rough-cut face, random in size, should be used, while cut limestone is specified for the trim about the windows, which are of the casement type.

The roof is of slate in grap, blue grays and some warm grays. The chimney is of stone.

If the house is built so as to face toward the west, the living room will have an all-day sun, while the kitchen and garage serve as buffers toward the chilling north.

A lot 75 by 150 feet would be proper for this house, which is best adapted to sections of the United States north of the Mason-Dixon line.

Estimates of the cost range from $10,000 to $12,000, the final figure to be determined by local factors of material and labor scales, as well as upon the selection of material itself.

Ten Million To Be Spent This Year, Northwest

SEATTLE, Feb. 16 (AP) — Contemplated building construction in the Pacific Northwest announced from January 6 to February 10, and on which bids are yet to be called totalled $9,383,604, according to the Pacific Builder and Engineer, construction news weekly.

The magazine's summary included public, commercial and residential buildings, planned in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska.

Oregon's total is $1,759,272; Washington $5,234,332; Montana $1,550,000; Idaho $820,000; Alaska, $20,000. Schools account for $2,965,000; hospitals for $2,198,000 and to new federal buildings $1,100,000.

NEW ENGLAND PLANNING BIG EGG CO-OPERATIVE

DURHAM, N. H. (AP)—With competing strictly fresh western eggs selling for 18 cents a dozen, New England poultrymen see themselves approaching the necessity for an egg co-operative marketing association.

W. T. Whittle of Milford, N. H., envisions lines of trucks making daily trips down through New Hampshire, picking up each day's output of eggs and converging at a convenient co-operative packing plant where the eggs will be graded, cartoned and labeled. Another string of trucks will carry them to the grocer's shelves each day—but only a day's requirement at a time.

"We must realize," he says, "that eggs are judged by their freshness rather than their nearness to market."

CUBE ROOT IS HARDER

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)—Mathematical concepts related to money are more easily mastered by grade school students than any other kind.

The concept "profit" was mastered by more than 90 per cent of the pupils in seventh, eighth and ninth grades, says Charles H. Butler of the University of Missouri in a report to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

But the same grades rated barely two per cent in understanding the meaning of the "root of a number."

Judge Salmon W. Gleason of St. Charles, Minn., celebrated his 98th birthday as active judge of the municipal court.

Income tax collections in the Chicago district during 1930 were $227,000,000, or $42,000,000 less than in 1929.

Wales' Trip Causes U. S. No Worry; Nation's Latin American Trade Big

WASHINGTON (AP) — The South American trip of the Prince of Wales and his "kid brother," Prince George, may cause some feminine hearts to palpitate, but Uncle Sam's position as the big business brother of Latin America seems secure.

Foreign trade experts of the department of commerce do not believe American markets in South America will be jeopardized by the British business-boosting tour of the two princes.

It may sell a few more high priced automobiles and English sports togs, they say, but business in the main probably will continue to go to whatever country can give the best service.

Foreign efforts to capture trade now going to the United States depend on the ability of foreign producers to cope successfully with specialized American products, says George J. Eder, chief of the Latin American section of the department of commerce.

Chief among these are automobiles, agricultural and industrial machinery, and motion pictures.

The United States now buys from and sells to Latin America considerably more than Great Britain, Germany and France combined. Prior to the 1930 world depression, this country's trade with Latin America amounted to more than $2,000,000,000.

Some Latin Americans have stressed the desirability of "buying only from those who buy from us"—meaning Europeans.

"But," says Dr. Julius Klein, assistant secretary of commerce, "the fact is that Latin American countries sell to us considerably more than they purchase from us."

United States trade with South America has increased tremendously since the World war, passing Germany and the United Kingdom, which held second and first places, respectively.

In 1913, American exports to South America were valued at $177,627,000; the exports of the United Kingdom were $307,916,000, and of Germany, $208,780,000. In 1927, out exports were $530,956,000, the United Kingdom, $334,741,000, and Germany, $192,447,000.

Argentina, where Great Britain is concentrating her trade expansion efforts, is the leading South American market of both the United Kingdom and the United States.

Government statisticians point out that while America has "encroached" to some extent on British lines of trade with Argentina, the progress can be attributed almost entirely to new products typical of American industry, such as the automobile.

"The people of Buenos Aires are almost as familiar with our motor cars as we are ourselves," said Dr. Klein. "Almost equally popular are our motion picture films, our farm equipment, our office appliances and other products of our mills and workshops."

Major British exports to Argentina are coal, steel rails, tin, woolens and cotton cloth. On the other hand the United Kingdom buys more from Argentina than the United States does.

CLUB'S 10-INCH TELESCOPE IS BUILT OF PIPE FITTINGS

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A wooden shack surmounted by an aluminum dome, enclosing a telescope built mostly of plumbing fittings, is Pittsburgh's newest astronomical observatory.

The observatory is the work of amateurs of the astronomical section of the Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh.

"Valley View Observatory" is located on property owned by Leo J. Scanlon, secretary and treasurer of the section, and by trade a plumber. It was in his shop that the telescope was constructed, and the ten-inch lens ground in months of work.

A tattered American flag was found still floating over the log shack in which Stock Richter, Civil war veteran, lived alone at Centerville, Wis., after his death recently at 91.

Many large-scale farmers in Iowa have adopted truck farming as a side line.

Search For Clear Picture of Mars Brings Triple-Speed Film to Movies

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (AP)—Because astronomers wanted better pictures of a peculiar mist on Mars, the movies have a new triple-speed film.

In this instance real stars and screen stars are on a par—in their reaction to light. Abstract old astronomy thus contributes a slap-bang improvement to movies—particularly to talkies.

More light has been the perennial need of both movies and astronomy. But the astronomers could not even imagine in a relative way any method of getting their stars to give more light.

So they said to Dr. C. E. Kenneth Mees, director of research for the Eastman Kodak company:

"Make us a new kind of film, more sensitive to light, so that we can see better with the present starlight."

Mees made a film which is much more impressionable to red and green rays than any hitherto. At the same time it retains all the old sensitiveness to the blues.

As there is plenty of all colors of light streaming from stars, the result for astronomers is film that takes a good black and white image with much less light. It takes the picture in one-third the time previously required. So a star like Mars gets its face recorded before it has had so much time to rotate and distort.

A few technical changes adapted the film to movies. The seemingly white light reflected by silver screen stars is also rich in reds and greens. In fact, there is more red now, since talkies have forced substitution of incandescent for the former "noisy" arc lights.

So the new film records three times as fast as the old; this is to say, is about three times as impressionable. This results in deeper space on the stage for the actors to move without getting out of focus.

It gives more margin between the sound track on the edge of the film and the picture, restoring some of the lost artistic photography.

Best of all from the viewpoint of the human stars, it reduces the glare which has tormented them for so many years.

Washington's Birthday Holiday Now, But He Made No Ado About The Day

WASHINGTON (AP)—While George Washington's birthday is the only one of any American observed nationally, Washington himself celebrated his 67 anniversaries with characteristic placidity.

Many were passed in periods of personal hardship and anxiety or of national stress which precluded much gaiety. While there were public observances from the year 1784, probably his last birthday, February 22, 1799, was his happiest.

Retired from public life, he was enjoying the seclusion of Mount Vernon. Congratulations and good wishes poured in from all parts of the United States and from many admirers abroad.

But the big event of the day at Mount Vernon was the wedding of Washington's adopted daughter, Nellie Custis, and his young secretary and nephew, Lawrence Lewis.

The wedding took place "about candle light." The bride was gowned in white satin brocaded in silver, her filmy veil held in place with a cluster of flowers and the handsome plumes sent to General Washington from France.

It was the wish of the young bride that the general appear in the gold embroidered uniform assigned to him by the board of general officers. Washington, however, wore his favorite blue and buff uniform and the old Continental cocked hat with the plain black riband cockade, a type of the days of '76.

The wedding supper was described as "the extreme of perfection and elegance in silver, china, linen and crystal." Cakes, bon bons and other dainties were supplied in abundance and many toasts were drunk to the health of the young couple.

Union Team In Idaho Tourney; Win One Trophy

By W. V. Connor
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION (Special)—The Union Blue Devil basketball squad arrived home Sunday from Gooding, Idaho, where they had participated in the annual Outlaw tournament, February 12-14. The Union team played three games in the tournament, losing to Boise Thursday 27-44, winning from King Hill Friday 50-31, and losing to Jerome, the same day 31-52. The Union lineup included Parent, Blacker, Harn, Geertsen, Gilkison, Miller and Lang. Mr. Lang came over from Pendleton and made the trip to Gooding with the Union team. Ellis Hess, manager of the Union team, and Mrs. Hess accompanied the boys to the Idaho tournament.

The Blue Devil team, organized in connection with the Union High school alumni, played 16 games during the season, winning from Baker, Cove, Cove High school, Baker, Helix, Union High school, Union M. I. A., La Grande All-Stars, and King Hill in the Idaho tournament. They lost to Helix, M. I. A., Pendleton, La Grande Normal school, two games, Boise and Jerome.

The Union team brought home from the Gooding tournament a trophy which was awarded to them for being the outstanding team of the meet in sportsmanship.

D. A. VanHouten has been in temporary charge of the Maxwell creamery station for the past few days, while the proprietor, W. A. Maxwell, made a trip to Portland.

Miss Aileen Boyles came over from La Grande Friday afternoon and visited with Miss Ruth Connor until Monday. Miss Boyles was formerly a resident of Union and a student in the local high school.

Two cases of smallpox were reported in Union last week, one in the home of Mrs. Ackley and the other on the Baxter ranch just out of town. Two cases were quarantined here earlier in the season and these latest cases have been isolated also so it is not believed that the disease will spread.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Rosenbaum and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Skiff and daughter were among the La Granders who came over Saturday night to see the basketball game between the Union and La Grande high schools.

According to the reports from the Union members who atended the Encampment meeting in Pendleton Friday night, especially the five candidates who were given the Royal Purple degree, the local boys had a splendid visit. About 25 members of Grande Ronde Encampment made the trip, returning home after the meeting.

Miss Erla Clark, director of the local high school orchestra, and several members of the orchestra furnished a musical program for the Epworth League meeting at the Methodist church Sunday evening.

Johnny Geertsen, a member of the Blue Devil basketball team, sprained his ankle in the second game he started to play and was unable to play any more during the Gooding tournament.

Lewis Davis who underwent an operation for hernia at Hot Lake last week, is reported as doing as well as could be expected.

Sixteen friends of Miss Betty Cadwell were entertained at the C. L. Cadwell home Friday night at a Valentine Party. Miss Alice Cadwell and Mrs. Edith Phy assisted the young hostess with the evening program, which of course, included a lunch suggestive of the day.

California imports 55 per cent of the pork it consumes.

WOLF CREEK PERSONALS

By Mrs. J. A. Nice
(Observer Correspondent)

WOLF CREEK (Special) — Mrs. Andy Timpy and children and Barbara Harrison visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Giles Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Glenn Smith and son, Robert, of La Grande, are visiting at the H. L. Nice home. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Nice are sisters. They will visit with other relatives and friends while here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carr and Mrs. Maude Pearce were Baker visitors Saturday where Mr. Carr went to see a doctor. Mr. Carr is feeling somewhat better this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McClure and son, of Ladd canyon, returned home Friday after spending several days at the Oscar Smith home. Mr. McClure is looking for a new location, having sold out in Ladd canyon.

Owen Gorham and Charles Nice, who are subs on the North Powder basketball team, went to Wallowa last Friday, returning Friday night. The home team was defeated.

Mrs. M. A. Turner, a former resident of Wolf Creek but now of North Powder, died at a Baker hospital last Thursday. She leaves her husband and four small children, the baby only two weeks old.

Charles Smith went to Ladd canyon last Saturday, returning with a truck load of things Sunday for Henry McClure. They are stopping at the Oscar Smith home until they find another place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irby and daughter, Betty Lou, of La Grande, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hattison Sunday. Mrs. Irby attended the funeral of Mrs. M. A. Turner.

Mrs. Allen Wicks was taken to a Baker hospital last Saturday for medical treatment. Mrs. Wicks has been ill for some time.

Mrs. Ralph Speelman, of Haines, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matts Nice. Mr. Speelman came down Tuesday and she returned home with him.

There were several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. M. A. Turner last Sunday in North Powder.

Harold Blanchard, of Elgin, was a business visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Coles, who have been staying at Matts Simonis' for some time, have moved to Baker. Charley and Jesse Smith moved them with a truck.

Malcolm Nice visited in Union recently with his brother, Chester, and family.

Mrs. Rose Hill, of Portland, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Gilkinson, this week.

Mrs. Wren Myros is visiting at the home of her daughter in Hermiston the last week.

Mrs. Matts Nice is ill this week, being in bed most of the time.

Mrs. Lee George and daughters visited in Union over the weekend. Paul George, of Union, came up after them.

George Gilkinson is visiting in Union this week.

Mrs. Allie Gorham is doing the housework at the Charley Brant home. Mrs. Brant has just returned home from La Grande where she underwent an appendix operation some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Nice and J. A. Nice were visiting in La Grande Friday.

The Work Creek school put on a program Thursday morning at the school house. The program follows: song, "Star Spangled Banner," by the school, flag salute; "Gettysburg Address," Bessie Nantz; reading, "The Flag Song," Roland Gorham; "Life of Lincoln," Glenn Nice; "A Lincoln Song, Paul Nice and Zeutin Bowman; reading, "Song of the Flag," Orvan Gorham; stories of Lincoln and Tad, Maurice Hand; song, "America the Beautiful," Francis Myers; reading, "Pictures in the Fire," Vernon Hand; stories of Lincoln, Lorene and Virginia Giles; song, "Oregon, My Oregon," all the school; reading, "Name of Lincoln," Virginia Nice; reading, "Men of February," Jefferson Harrison; song, "Mt. Vernon Bells," Forrest Bowman; recitation, "O Captain, My Captain," Pauline Gibson; song, "There are Many Flags," Orvan and Audrey Gorham; play, Lincoln and the Bird, first grade; song, "O Columbia the Gem of the Ocean," Pauline Gibson; song, "America," all the school. There were several of the parents present including Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nantz and son, Allen; Mrs. H. L. Nice, J. H. Carr, Mrs. Oscar Smith and son, Jesse; Mrs. Arthur Gorham, Mrs. J. L. Hand, Mrs. Maude Pearce, and Mrs. George Harrison and daughters, Martha, Barbara and Joyce.

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