

\$7405 SPENT ON NEW WORK HERE

Building More Active in La Grande—One \$3500 Project is Started.

New building took a spurt in La Grande last week with the issuance of six permits calling for construction costing about \$7,405, the heaviest week of 1931.

The largest job was started by the General Petroleum company which is to erect a lubricating room on Adams street between Cedar and Fir at a cost of approximately \$3,500. Two other permits were \$1,000 or more.

With the warmer weather, indications are that more and more new building will be started, including a great deal of alterations and repairs to both residences and business buildings.

Permits issued last week at the city office follow:

Mar. 16—W. Vedder, to alter and repair a two-story brick building belonging to the federal government, located on Fourth and Adams, work to cost \$1700.

Mar. 16—W. Vedder, for Bohan's greenhouse, to alter and repair a building on A between Cedar and Fir, work to cost \$555.

Mar. 17—M. Scully, to alter and repair a home on Z avenue between Fir and Depot, work to cost \$400.

Mar. 17—R. A. Crawford, to alter and repair a home on Fourth between Spring and Penn belonging to the Damon estate, work to cost \$500.

Mar. 18—General Petroleum company, to erect a brick lubricating room on Adams between Greenwood and Fir, to cost \$3500.

Mar. 21—John Gellhuber, to alter and repair a two-story brick business building on Adams between Depot and Elm, for Mrs. Dave Stewart, work to cost \$1500.

Building Average Reaches \$15,558,958

NEW YORK, Mar. 23 (AP)—The daily average of building contracts for the first half of March totaled \$15,577,958, an advance of \$3,000,000 over the best daily rate reported for February and nearly double the daily rate for the entire month of January, according to reports by the F. W. Dodge corporation.

The report covers activities in the 47 states east of the Rocky mountains.

BUTLER INDICTS U. S. POLITICS

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the best organized and most active plurality of voting minorities. It would surprise most persons, even those considered well-informed, to learn what a small fraction of the possible voting population senators of the United States hold their places at Washington. Senator Walter Huddell, for example, represents the people of the state of Oregon, but he is not a native Oregonian. He is a native of England and has lived in the United States for only a few years. He is a member of the House of Representatives and has been elected to the Senate for the first time.

"There are no real political parties in the United States, and there have been none for years past. What we have in their stead are political wing names, trademarks, which have much political and sentimental value and appeal in different sections and states, but for which there is nothing approaching a uniform content or implication."

"Discussing the lack of harmony and efficiency resulting from the collapse of the party system, Dr. Butler said: 'The interests of the people are left to the titanic play of individual ambition, individual temper, individual prejudice and individual humor; and apparently nothing can be done about it.'"

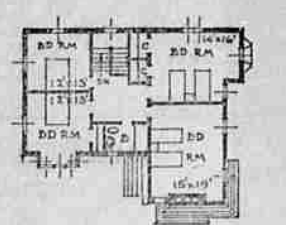
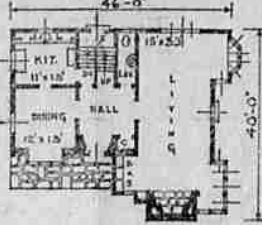
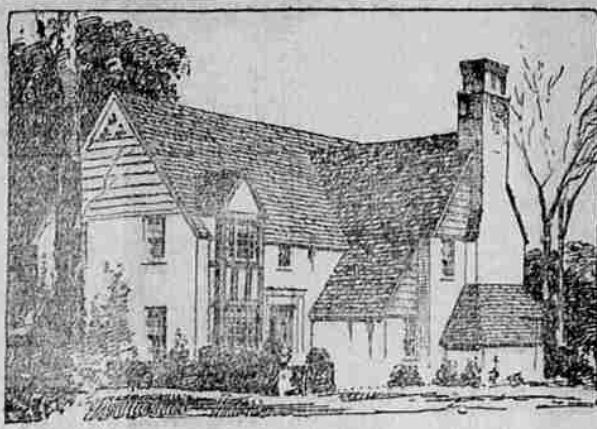
"A steady reading of the congressional record," he said, "is one of the saddest of occupations. What wonder is it that the President in Italy and the Communist in Russia point at us the finger of scorn for our political feuds and our political incompetence?"

BERKELEY, Cal., March 23 (AP)—Eminent educators from California and elsewhere in the United States assembled here today to celebrate Charter Day, commemorating the signing in 1908 of the document which converted the College of California into the state university.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, was the principal speaker, having chosen "These United States" as the subject of his address on democracy.

The conferring of honorary degrees upon several distinguished vis-

ROOM ADDS TO HOME APPEAL



(By the Associated Press) Among its other good points, this house features a large living room, increasingly popular the world over. In the arrangement here the living room is to the right of the spacious entrance hall. On the left is the dining room, and directly ahead is the stairway.

Adding attractiveness to the exterior is the tall bay, which enlarges the dining room and bedroom above it. Adjacent to the living room is a convenient lavatory.

The very large fireplace claims much interest in the living room. Other notable features here are the space for books and the fernery bay window beside the chimney.

Exterior walls are of buff, coral or cream stucco. The half-timbering and wide claddings are rough-hewn, and other marks showing through the weathered gray finish.

English Financier May Help Snowden In Budget Slashing

LONDON (AP)—Sir George May, if London reports are carried, is to be the "axe" for Philip Snowden, chancellor for the exchequer.

Sir George is to resign at the end of March at secretary of the Prudential Assurance company, a post he has held for years.

The only explanation of his resignation has been Sir George's own statement that it was "owing to the effluxion of time."

Unofficial reports, however, have it that Sir George has been invited to become a sort of "unofficial chancellor" to advise with Mr. Snowden in connection with vast schemes of reducing expenses.

Sir George is 60 years old and for thirty-four years of his life has been with the Prudential. Part of the time he labored under difficulties, for his sight became poor and at one time it was feared he would become entirely blind.

But not only did he continue to administer the Prudential's financial affairs, but was adviser of a dozen royal commissions.

During the war, when money was needed urgently to pay for war supplies, he then chancellor of the exchequer went to May for help.

"How much money have you got in American securities?" he asked.

"Forty million dollars," May replied.

"Can I have them?"

"Certainly."

At the end of the war he was knighted and later made a baronet. To the general public he is little known, but his tall, alert figure is well known in halls of finance.

But even so, there are a few anecdotes concerning him.

Recently it is reported, he concluded an important deal involving a loan of \$15,000,000. He signed the check and then went to lunch at a restaurant where he was a regular.

When his bill came he had not a farthing in his pocket!

BRITISH 'CARNER' WANTS ORIGINAL IN LONDON BOLT

LONDON (AP)—Backed by a group of British sportsmen, George MacDonald, veteran manager of Jack Pettifer who is hailed as the British Carnarvon, has issued a challenge to Carnarvon to meet Pettifer in London.

MacDonald would have Pettifer meet the Italian over 10 two minute rounds in a 20 foot ring, and suggests the latter part of May as the time for the meeting.

According to MacDonald, the group sponsoring the challenge has an option on a site which would accommodate 80,000 spectators in the open air.

Sophomore Play Given Friday At Union High Gym

(By W. V. Connor) (Observer Correspondent) UNION, Ore. (Special)—The high school play, "Star Bright" which was staged at the high school gym Friday night by a cast from the sophomore class of the Union High school, was thoroughly enjoyed by the patrons who attended. Wendell Green and Virginia Ward handled the comic part of the play in a creditable manner. Ruby Moffitt and Fernell Wolf handled the two leads very nicely and the other parts were well chosen and carried out. The high school orchestra furnished music for the evening.

Funeral services for Ed Cline, who died at Hot Lake Friday afternoon, were held from the Methodist church at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. R. C. Lee officiating. The K. P. lodge of Union of which he had been a member, also held a short ceremony at the church and at the grave. All available standing room in the church was filled and many people were unable to get into the church for the service.

Cyrus Williams, who was taken to the Hot Lake hospital a week ago, having broken his leg while handling a cow on his ranch, had the injured bones set Friday and is getting about as well as possible, according to latest reports from the hospital.

Two church programs are scheduled for this week. The women of the Ben Gump Gump and the Widow Zanders, which will be held at the high school gym Friday night, and a literary program which the Woman's club is planning to put on Sunday evening for the benefit of the Epworth League. The League had pictures of early missionary life in Oregon for part of their Sunday evening service March 22.

R. J. Kitchen, La Grande attorney, was visiting in Union Sunday afternoon.

Miss Agnes Brien, who has been at Hot Lake for medical treatment, was brought home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bater came up from Portland on receiving a telegram when their son-in-law, Ed Cline, was critically ill. They remained in Union until after the funeral services. Mr. Bater was a former resident of this city and was leader of the Union Cornet band several years ago.

Those who attended the O. S. C. band concert at the school gym Sunday afternoon enjoyed an hour and a half of excellent music. The band presented the following program:

Overture "Bembridge"
Clarinet solo—Scene and Air From "Lullu de Monfort."
Dance Joyous.
Soprano quartet "I Miss a Little Miss."

Trombone solo "Lassie o' Mine."
Scenes Neapolitanes "The Dance" and "The Fete."

Vocal solo "The Road to Mandalay." Humoresque "Taint Goin' to Rain no More," this being a composition of H. L. Beard, the leader, in which the entire band and their leader get "all wet."

March "Stars and Stripes Forever." Several encores were also played. The moving pictures could not be given as the room was not equipped for this kind of a program in the afternoon. One unique feature of the program was the trombone solo work by Wesley Heise, the one-armed musician, whose work has been receiving favorable comment in the papers.

Clarence Bates, clarinet soloist, also made quite a hit with the audience.

Mrs. Chandler, who lives near Haines is here visiting her sisters, Mrs. J. I. Sturgill and Mrs. John Clark. She arrived in Union Sunday.

A call has been issued for a meeting of members of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show association to be held at the city hall Monday evening, March 23, for the purpose of electing officers for the 1931 show. Now that the matter of state aid has been favorably decided the association will get busy and be busy every day till the show opens in June.

The new building, which will include a dance floor, kitchen and rest room, is about completed at the Goodbrod tourist camp grounds in South Union.

Senate Members On Committees For Biennium

SALEM, Mar. 23 (AP)—Appointment of senate members to interim committees pursuant to resolutions adopted by the recent legislature are announced here by Willard Marks, president of the senate. Appointment of house members by Speaker Frank Longenecker have not yet been given out.

President Marks' appointments are as follows:

To prepare arguments for a constitutional amendment relating to the rights of accused in criminal prosecutions—Senator James Crawford.

Committee for the consideration of establishment of a state narcotic hospital—Senator Joe E. Dunne.

Committee to study roadside businesses and advertising along highways—Senators J. O. Bailey and D. L. Eddy.

Senate members of point committee to confer with similar conferees from state of Washington relative to fish-

Decapitated



Sant Ram Pande, Hindu student at the University of California and undercover operator of the state bureau of identification, was found dead, his headless body tied to a tractor wheel in a slough near Rio Vista C.

ing laws governing Columbia river—Senators F. M. Francisovich and Gus C. Moser.

Committee to investigate chain store systems—Senators J. E. Bennett, Charles K. Spaulding and Henry L. Ruck.

Committee to study crime conditions—Senator William F. Woodward.

Committee to meet with like committees from Washington, Idaho and Montana to draft uniform warehouse law—Senator Fred E. Kiddle.

Committee to investigate method of assessing municipal utilities—Senators B. W. Johnson and Colon R. Eberhard.

Committee to investigate floor problems on Willamette river—Senator Linn E. Jones.

Committee to investigate feasibility of changing state's fiscal year—Senator W. H. Strayer.

No Question About It—Spring's Here

NEW YORK, Mar. 23 (AP)—In the haberdashery windows, lots of neckties, Easter bunnies. In the Grand Central palace, the flower show. Long bunches of pink rhubarb at the grocer's.

Dogs are shedding, children on roller skates bump into you. East River bargemen hang out their washings. There are three buttons missing off your winter overcoat.

Spring is here.

Inferiority complexes don't worry some women as much as inferiority complexes.

There's many a beauty parlor with rooms for improvement.

WOLF CREEK PERSONALS

(Observer Correspondent) WOLF CREEK (Special)—Mrs. Jack Gorham was a Baker visitor last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Smith and son visited with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gilkinson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison and son, Jefferson, and granddaughter, Joyce, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irby, of La Grande, last Friday. Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Irby and Mrs. Harrison and children motored to Heppner where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hastings and son, returning Sunday to La Grande.

Mrs. Irby and Mrs. Hastings are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison. George Cusick of Jimmy Creek, visited at the William Miller home Monday.

Oscar Pierce was a La Grande business visitor Monday.

J. H. Young, of Baker, was a business visitor at the Jack Gorham and J. A. Nice homes Tuesday.

Joe Harrison, of Sumpter, visitor with his brothers, Bennett and George Harrison, and other relatives a few days last week.

John Daugherty was very unfortunate when three calves died with the blacking this week.

Eth Maxwell, of North Powder, was here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gryan Gorham and children recently called at the J. A. Nice home where they secured enough eggs to set their incubator again. Mrs. Gorham hatched 76 chicks last week.

The regular semi-annual meeting of the North Powder Cattle and Horse association was held at North Powder March 16. After the usual business was dispensed with the following officers were elected for the coming year, president, A. P. Bowman; vice president, Matts Nice; secretary and treasurer, J. A. Nice; advisory board, W. A. McCall and W. M. Kester. Roland Huff, of the forest office, was present.

The declamatory contest for the Wolf Creek school was held on Thursday, March 19. The following were contestants: Quentin Bowman, Glenn Nice, Beattie Nantz, Francis Myers, Pauline Gibson, Daisy Nantz, Orrin Gorham, Forrest Women, Virginia Nice, Roland Gorham, David Pierce, Paul Nice, Vernon Grout, Maurice Hand, Audrey Gorham and Jefferson Harrison. The judges were L. J. Allen, H. G. Avery and Hugh Gilkinson. Those winning were: group 2, humorous, Glenn Nice; non humorous, Virginia Nice; group 3, humorous, David Pierce; non humorous, Audrey Gorham. The pupils will contest for other honors at Cove on April 3.

The Wolf Creek Pig club was organized on Thursday, Mar. 19, by L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader, and H. G. Avery, county agent. There are 12 members enrolled. The following officers were elected: president, Charles Nice; vice president,

Willard Carnes; secretary, Owen Henry McClure and Charles Smith were in La Grande Thursday. Mr. McClure still delivers his cream in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Smith suffered a relapse after having the flu and are both in bed again this week.

JOSEPH PERSONALS

(Observer Correspondent) By Malda L. Stevenson

JOSEPH, Ore. (Special)—The dance given in the Masonic hall, March 17 by the Catholic Ladies society, was well attended, several coming from quite a distance. Music was furnished by the Blue Mountain Wranglers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winston and daughter, Treva, returned Tuesday from a three month trip to Ashland and various other points. They also visited Mrs. Edward Forstrom who is in a hospital at Clatskanie. Mrs. Winston and Mrs. Forstrom are sisters.

Thad Mead returned to Joseph Tuesday and is visiting his sister, Mrs. Charles Pines.

Mrs. Sarah Magnus who fell and broke her hip, is getting along very well. Mrs. Magnus is in the Wallace hospital.

Mrs. Dudley Peal and Thomas Bates are also patients at the Wallace hospital and are improving.

Mrs. William Cameron was hostess at a pinocle party Wednesday night in honor of Mrs. Margaret Beth who leaves soon for O. S. C. to take a course in business administration. Miss Beth's place in the Joseph State bank has been taken by Marjory Wilson.

Layton Hamilton, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hamilton, has been out of school for two weeks with a severe cold and croup.

Mr. and Mrs. William Needham have moved to Joseph and are living with Mrs. Needham's father, John Borer. Mr. Needham has been farming east of Joseph.

Jack Isom, of Divide, was in Joseph this week attending to business and visiting his brother, Marion Isom and family.

Mrs. Mary Cole and son, Hugh, have moved from their farm south of Joseph, to a small house in town. Mrs. Cole rented her farm to Charles Pines.

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"Pretty well, thank you, Brady," says he.

"Brady?" says I. "That's not my name."

"Faith," says he, "and mine's not O'Brien!"

"With that we looked at each other and sure enough, it was naythur of us!"

Stomach Acid Ruins Many a Sweet Disposition

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