

# Building & Improvement



## NOW TIME TO FIX-UP LAWN

Everybody has a lawn, but very few people have good ones. Now is a good time to start a real one.

The first requisite is good seed, seed from a reliable seed house that will contain good perennial grasses free from weed seeds, which will take hold and make a velvet surface to increase in beauty each year. Much of the difficulty with lawns may be traced to poor, cheap seed which contains a large proportion of annual grasses which make a fine show the first year and then will leave a thin and bedraggled stand of perennial grasses which will need to grow for some time to cover the bare

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## Colonial Type Home Is Always "In Style"

(By Charles Miller)

In the two preceding articles in this building news edition we covered only the few general principles that should be taken into consideration in the planning and building of homes or new buildings. In the articles that shall follow we will eventually build a complete home.

Starting on the first things that have to be done and continue up with the building to its final completion, then we will be ready to turn it over to interior decorators and landscape designers to finish.

Each individual portion or part of the building will be handled every week. We don't expect to outline a home that will suit every one, perhaps we will not fully satisfy anybody, but ourselves, but the intention is only to call to the prospective builders the many convenient, economic, safe and good constructions. We are not as yet sure what type we will use for the exterior, nor are we sure just what kind of interior finish we will use. These things will have to work out for themselves.

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There are grass-seed mixtures for shady lawns, for sunny lawns, for light soil, for heavy soil, for sweet soil, for sour soil, seed that will give soil to stand hard usage, and for every purpose and situation likely to arise. It is a matter of consulting a catalog or a dealer of recognized standing to get the right sort of seed.

A lawn is a garden for grass. The soil needs fertilizing just as much if not more than the garden proper, for it must support a heavier and denser plant life. Fertilize the lawn. Use pulverized sheep manure, shovelled cow manure, nitrate of soda, or the balanced commercial lawn fertilizer.

There will be bare spots this spring owing to the casting of ice which covered such a large part of the country. Be ready to seed these spots as soon as the ice has melted.

Mow the lawn as soon as frost is well out of the ground.

Some June grass have two degrees. Word will give them the third.

You can't keep a fit as a fiddle by just riddling around.



## Your breakfast nook --

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## 1925 So Far Is Good Year for Timber Sales

Reports from 350 of the larger softwood mills, producing about 40 percent of the national total, show that for 1925 to date a greater volume of business was done than during the corresponding period of 1924. During the week ended May 9 they shipped an amount equal to their cut, and had orders for 95 percent of it. Softwood, however, tends to be over-supply, and prices are generally low and weak, though undoubtedly they have reached the bottom of their decline, for manufacturers realize that to sell for less would be financial suicide.

The news of the week most encouraging to lumber manufacturers is that the American Lumberman, Chicago, is that building activity is not only holding its own but gaining over last year. April contracts in States responsible for seven-eighths of the country's total construction showing an increase of 14 percent over March and 13 percent over April of 1924, and including 47 percent of residential construction—the kind that calls for the largest use of lumber.

The decline in foreign takings of Coast fir is largely responsible for the weakness of that market. To-

## EXPLAINS NEW PLUMBING LAW

A new plumbing code for Oregon goes into effect on May 25. C. H. Gram, commissioner of the state bureau of labor, explains the code as follows:

Pipes—All waste water and sewage from plumbing fixtures installed in any building or structure contemplated by this act shall be conveyed and discharged from the trap of such fixture through either wrought-iron, cast-iron pipe, brass or lead pipe to a point at least five (5) feet outside of such building or structure and shall be carried or discharged from such pipe to a sewer, cesspool or ultimate point of discharge through either a continuation of such pipe or through terra cotta or cement sewer pipe.

Fixtures—All fixtures shall be connected with waste pipes of not less than the following sizes:

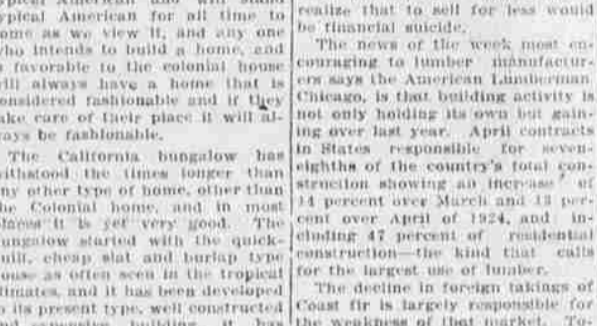
Wash basins, 1 1/2 inch; sinks, both tubs and laundry trays, 1 1/2 inch; water closets, 4 inch.

All fixtures shall be supplied with fresh water sufficient to flush the same.

Waste and Sewage—All waste water and sewage from plumbing fixtures shall be discharged into a cesspool, septic tank or sewer constructed for the purpose of sewage disposal, or into river or stream where such is not in violation of any city ordinance or law of the state, or in violation of any rule of the state board of health.

Calking—All joints of cast-iron soil pipe shall be calked with lead and oakum.

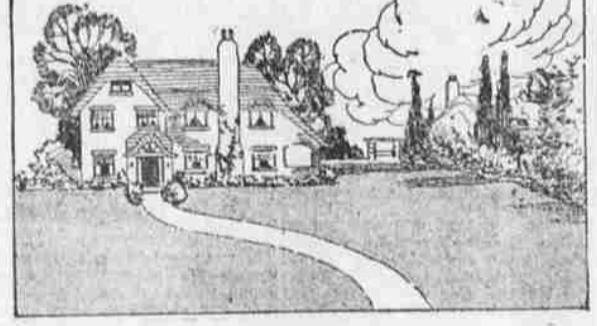
Vents—Each fixture shall have a vent not less in size than size of trap of such fixture, excepting wa-



## ter closets, which shall have vent of not less than 2-inch; provided, that one 4-inch stack shall be extended through the roof, and when not practicable to vent fixtures other than water closets, an anti-siphon trap shall be used.

All vents shall extend to and above the roof of the building and each fixture shall be separately and efficiently trapped, except that where battery of fixtures is installed in one room, all may waste through one trap.

Septic Tanks and Cesspools—No septic tank or cesspool shall be constructed nearer than ten (10)



feet away from any building, and no cesspool shall be constructed nearer than fifty (50) feet from any well.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent any incorporated city or town from enacting and enforcing any ordinance for the regulation of the business of master plumbers in such cities and towns, or to prevent such cities and towns from enacting and enforcing any ordinance or ordinances or building code which shall prescribe the manner in which plumbing and drainage work shall be installed in such cities and towns, provided, that such ordinance or code shall not prescribe or fix a lower standard of installation of plumbing and drainage work than by this act is prescribed.

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## PAINTERS BUSY IN LA GRANDE DISTRICT NOW

Another springtime activity that undoubtedly adds much to the value and appearance of residences in La Grande is exterior decoration.

Painters are busy throughout the city when weather permits putting a "new coat" on old buildings and also finishing up newly constructed residences. Probably the latter work is heavier now than the other.

## NEW HOMES ERRECTED.

**NORTH POWDER, Ore.**—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jacobs have moved into their new some-Bungalow type with six rooms and bath—recently completed on Center between Third and Fourth streets.

Another home just completed is that of Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Evans. An addition was built to the house making it five rooms with bath.

The new home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Johnson will be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible. It is of bungalow type, stucco finish.

## WINNIPEG, Man. (AP)—Value of building construction authorized in 60 cities of the Dominion in the first three months of the year totaled \$19,672,637, the highest since 1919, a report of the bureau of statistics shows.

Permit figures for March totaled \$8,457,791, a gain of nearly \$2,000,000 over February. Reports from the cities show 1100 permits for dwellings valued at \$5,200,000 and 1200 permits for other buildings valued at \$2,300,000 during March.



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## Permits

May 20—Permit issued at city office to Harry Christy owner to erect a frame dwelling place on W Avenue between Fir and Greenwood. The estimated cost is set at \$1,900.

May 22—Permit issued to Frank Hardy, owner, to erect a garage on T Avenue between Fir and Greenwood streets. Estimated cost \$150.

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