



# Builders' Guide

## HINTS ON BUILDING



### OIL HEATERS POPULAR HERE

La Grande householders are taking enthusiastically to the idea of heating their homes with oil, according to dealers here. A year ago W. H. Bohnenkamp installed one of the oil burning heaters in his home, with such favorable results that C. C. Pennington followed suit. Now there are 12 of the heaters in use here and other orders waiting to be filled, so that the total by spring promises to reach 20 or more.

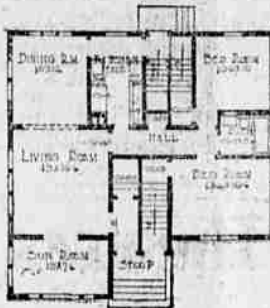
Oil burners are comparatively new everywhere. Three years ago the national board of fire underwriters began an investigation of the oil heating system and its hazards and worked out various regulations to insure safe and economic operation. The cost of operating, it is said, is about equal to that of burning coal. Most of the disagreeable features of smoking are eliminated, and at the same time

a quicker, steadier heat is assured, users say.

The Oilomatic, sold here by Nate Zweifel, is one of the 11 makes endorsed by the fire underwriters, the other 10 being the Arrow, Nokol, Baker, Calorol, Electric, Johnson's, Kerosene, Lillingside, Oliver and Quint. Mr. Zweifel is installing the twelfth burner ordered from him for La Grande today, and has filled three orders in Baker.

For a time, difficulty was experienced in procuring oil that would function satisfactorily in the burners, but with the sinking of two storage tanks that trouble is done away with in La Grande. W. H. Bohnenkamp company and Fletcher Oil company are both equipped now with base tanks, oil trucks with portable pumps and special attendants to serve owners of oil burners.

A light fuel oil—from 26 to 40 degrees in gravity measurement—is most desirable for the burners, according to T. R. Maxwell of the Fletcher company.



(By W. W. Purly)

weather permitting work of all kinds in the way of construction projects, has called for more common labor. All are being placed that apply. The demand for loggers exceeds the supply.

**MEDFORD**—Apple and Nalla pear picking is now in full swing and everybody working. Fruit picking will be over in about two weeks. We have demand for labor on road work that will practically last until snow flies.

**ROSEBURG**—Labor situation is well balanced at this date. Fruit harvest is nearly over. We will have no seasonal crop now until February and March when broccoli harvest will be on. Most of our work this year was done by local help.

**SALEM**—Hope and peach picking closed quite abruptly the end of last week. There has been a large decrease in placements for agricultural workers. A good demand for common labor and construction workers.

**1925 Greatest Building Year**  
This year will be the greatest yet experienced in the United States for construction expansion, according to present indications. Contracts now awarded tend to show that the \$5,000,000,000 record of last year will be exceeded by more than \$1,000,000,000.

**U. S. Dry Chief in Salem**

**SALEM, Ore.**—Roy C. Lyle, federal prohibition officer of the 21st district, including Oregon, Washington and Alaska, arrived here from Seattle to confer with William Levens, state prohibition commissioner. Mr. Lyle said that while the use of liquor had not been stamped out under prohibition, conditions were 100 per cent better at the present time than when the Volstead act was enacted.

A family tree isn't worth a darn unless it produces peaches.

### Softwood Demand Up; Orders Ahead of Cut

Demand for soft woods has shown a marked improvement in the last week, with the total volume of business running well ahead of that for the corresponding period last year, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. During the week ended September 19, the principal softwood mills booked orders 101 per cent and made shipments 108 per cent of actual production. Trading was most active in the city areas on account of the record building activity, but there was also an improved demand from the middle west where country yards are making small but tangible additions to their holdings. Farm consumption of lumber, however, is still below expectations, but as early estimates place the total farm income for

the crop year of 1925 at ten and a half billion dollars, producers feel certain that aggregate fall purchases will reach a satisfactory volume.

In the west coast field, the larger fir mills reported orders 7 per cent ahead of the cut. Business with the Atlantic coast and the middle west rallied admirably from last week's slump while California trade and export buying remained on an even keel. Stocks were further depleted by heavy shipments, making it difficult for the mills to fill orders for cars containing specified lengths. Some items in uppers have softened \$1, but in general the mills are getting enough business to maintain current quotations.

### Permits

Sept. 28—Permit issued to W. H. Gooderham to erect a one-story residence on Eighth between N and M. Cost \$2500.

Sept. 28—Permit issued to Jake Rostock to alter and repair a dwelling on Third between Crook and Z. Cost \$100.

Sept. 28—Permit issued to L. S. Holmes to alter a building on Lake between Second and Third. Cost \$25.

Sept. 30—Permit issued to W. S. McMillan for construction work on Washington between Fourth and Depot. Cost \$50.

Oct. 1—Permit issued to E. Jacobson to erect a dwelling on Greenwood between Washington and Adams. Cost \$4000.

Oct. 2—Permit issued to Stark and Cameron for Ed Eckert to erect a building on Walnut between Main and Spring. Cost \$200.

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Chas. Harris, Prop.

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### DON'T FORGET

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### \$4,000 Home Will Be Built by E. Jacobson

The first building permit issued in October was to E. Jacobson for the building of a modern residence to cost approximately \$4000, fronting on Greenwood street between Washington and Adams avenues.

Construction will go ahead, according to reports, and the home is expected to be ready for occupancy in the near future.

The Nail-Driving Contest is past history. A large crowd was here Saturday afternoon to see the contest. Forty married women drove eight-penny common nails for five minutes. The winner drove 99 nails and received the \$10 gold piece. The second drove 93 nails and received the \$5 gold piece. The third, two ladies tied, driving 86 nails each. Both received \$2.50 apiece.

Now, the fifty gallons of White Paint is here but won't be long. The No. 2 Cedar Shingles are selling like two of a kind.

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