



Builders' Guide

HINTS ON BUILDING



BUILDING IN CITY SLUMPS

Compared with building during October, 1924, La Grande took a decided slump in construction activities last month, when permits totaled a valuation of \$11,456. During the same month last year building permits were \$41,600.

Not only did the amount fall far below the 1924 figure but it also dropped more than 50 per cent less than September's total, which was \$59,765.

Many attribute the decline to the arrival of the cold period, which, in northern cities invariably checks building to a great degree.

On the Pacific coast, 50 principal cities reported a grand total of 16,378 building permits calling for an aggregate construction cost of \$42,642,136 during October. Portland, Ore., was in fourth place

with \$2,295,800. Los Angeles was first with \$11,655,785.

Oregon, as a whole, ranked third among seven for western states and British Columbia.

Permits issued in principal cities in Oregon follow:

Astoria, \$29,740; Eugene, \$139,760; Klamath Falls, \$71,920; La Grande, \$11,456; Portland, \$2,255,500; Salem, \$70,650.

Lumber Demand Stays High; Building Active

Despite the intensity of the season, 42 of the principal softwood mills shipped 5 per cent more than they cut during the week ended Oct. 31, and new bookings amounted to 29 per cent of the cut. Continuation of demand, says the American Lumberman, Chicago, is due to building activity, the volume of which, from the national viewpoint, is likely to be well maintained throughout winter. Takings by Northwest states during fall have been below expectations, but the South is a heavy consumer though the rains that have forced heavy curtailment of hardwood production have held back full development of rural consumption of softwoods.

Near coast mills during the week shipped 3 per cent more than they cut, but orders dropped to 15 per cent below output. During the first forty-four weeks of this year, however, these mills shipped 4 per cent more than they cut. Some buyers expect that increased production will bring a weaker market, but mill stocks are low and yards have so reduced holdings that they may be expected in the market earlier than after a year of normal buying.

Mexican Railway Oil Output More Than Is Used For Fuel

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Lands of the Mexican National Railways are producing more oil than the railways use for fuel as an oil company, a subsidiary to the railways, has been organized to develop the railways' oil properties.

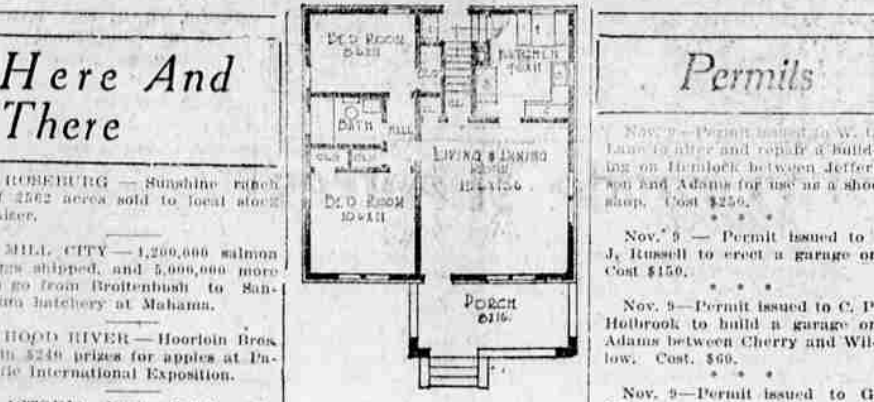
New wells are being sunk. Government officials hope that when the railways are returned by the government to their former private ownership the developed oil properties will be sufficiently valuable to offset some of the losses and depreciations in the railways.

Properties owned by the National Railways include both coal and oil fields.

TO GIVE SKIN FOR GIRL

EUGENE, Ore.—The local people will give little Mildred Hamilton of this city enough skin to cover her whole back. Mildred was burned September 25, and for six weeks has been hovering between life and death at a local hospital. Now, on the road to recovery, doctors decided that to make it complete she must have skin grafted from living bodies. Last week her sister Margaret gave enough skin to cover an elbow and Monday four members of the Sigma Chi fraternity will give patches of their skin. Five others have volunteered, including Greta Thorsen, a playmate of the little girl.

A Typical "Love-Nest"



(By W. W. Purdy)

Today's brick and stucco bungalow of four rooms is an ideal "love nest" for a young married couple. The floor plan is arranged with the idea in mind of saving steps and time so that the housework is reduced to the minimum. The young wife would find the combination living room-dining room, adjoining the bright sunny kitchen a joy and she would no doubt just doze on the cozy little breakfast nook which one finds a part of the kitchen and right beside a window through which the morning sunshine streams.

The two bed rooms, which will give such a couple a room for guests, are of very nice size and each has its own closet. There is a linen closet in the hall right beside the bath room which the housewife will find a delight. The front porch can be enclosed in glass or screened if the owners wish with little extra expense.

This bungalow is brick to the first floor and stucco above. This type-built home is very substantial and will endure the ravages of time and weather. One notes the many windows in this home which assure one of its always being a bright, cheerful house in which gloom and depression will have a hard time finding a place to lodge. With the rooms all on one floor the housewife would not find the housework difficult and the idea of being maidless need not appal her. It will cost between \$3000 and \$3700 to build this home, exclusive of plumbing and heating. It is estimated.

tests show sugar beets to yield from 12.3 to 15 per cent sugar.

GRANTS PASS—First National bank will build addition, to double its present quarters.

HANSON—Local growers plant large quantity of broccoli as experimental crop.

ST. HELENS—Manson-McCormick steamer "Munich" loads with 4,000,000 feet lumber.

EUGENE—Mountain States Power company will spend \$30,000 extending service, during 1926.

WEDDING—Unanimous vote in favor of \$4000 bonds for school house.

PENDLETON—Horeshy Bottling Works will install \$20,000 machinery for carbonated drinks.

PORTLAND—\$1,000,000 pounds lime cement already exported this year.

GRANTS PASS—Josephine hotel is to be rebuilt to six full stories.

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PENDLETON—For first time in years, all three flour mills here are in full operation.

ELGIN—H. H. Weatherspoon orchard has raised \$75,000 worth of apples this year.

EUGENE—Only one fire was reported here during October, with a loss of \$10.

ONTARIO—Lucas orchard of 15 acres produced 10,000 boxes apples this year.

MEDFORD—Offices and personnel of California & Oregon Power company, recently merged with H.

Baker Will Get New Business Building

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—A one-story modern brick building 50x100 feet will be erected on the corner of Main and Valley avenues, on a site now occupied by the Willis Shoe store, by William Pullman, owner of the site.

Mr. Pullman said that work of raising the old wooden building will be started within the next 10 days and although the contract for the structure has not yet been let, work is expected to begin an excavation promptly after the raising is completed.

The building will be erected for store purposes and will be of best architectural design. It will have a 16-foot ceiling.

Elite of Livestock Groomed For International Exhibit

CHICAGO (AP)—In quest of tiny blue ribbons and \$100,000 in prizes, symbols of championship, ten thousand cattle, swine and horses—the best in the country—will compete in this year's International Livestock Exposition.

While judges from the United States, Canada, England and Scotland are viewing this great army of livestock, agriculture also will be having its day for the International Grain and Hay Show and the National Boys and Girls Club Congress will meet as departments of the exposition.

A display of newly discovered varieties of crops and an exhibition of work accomplished by farm boys' and girls' clubs will be among other features.

Three hundred thousand persons are expected to visit the show, which will continue from November 28 to December 5.

BROTHERS REUNITED AFTER PARALLEL WAR SERVICE

WINNIPEG (AP)—Wounds received by Ernest and Harry Gridley, twin brothers, on the western front in the world war left each minus his left leg. The brothers were wounded at the same time on the morning of October 30, but one year apart.

Records show that each was operated on 19 times for war injuries.

The brothers were reunited at a convention of the Canadian Amputations' association here. Ernest lives in Winnipeg and Harry in Toronto.

KLANSMAN BAN LIFTED

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—Maj. Luther I. Powell of Portland, Ore., organizer of Canadian Ku Klux Klan, was given a permit Saturday night to enter Canada for 30 days. He attended a meeting here Saturday night of the Canadian Ku Klux Klan at their imperial palace headquarters for the dominion organization. Powell was barred by immigration authorities from entering Canada last week pending an investigation into his activities in connection with the Klan.

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COBBLE HURDING—Sunshine ranch of 2502 acres sold to local stock raiser.

MILL CITY—1,200,000 salmon eggs shipped, and 5,000,000 more to go from Brottenbush to Sautin hatchery at Mahama.

HOOD RIVER—Hortoin Bros. win \$240 prizes for apples at Pacific International Exposition.

ASTORIA—During October, \$2,139,611 feet of lumber was shipped from the Columbia river.

PORTLAND—Is second wool market in United States, handling 25,000,000 pounds a year.

EUGENE—First National Bank increases capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

SALEM—Oregon State Fair for 1926 paid \$195,659, and has \$24,388 surplus.

ALBANY will try to interest Swiss or Swedish dairy colony to locate here.

BAKER—Baker theater is being reconstructed, at cost of nearly \$20,000.

PORTLAND—Pacific International Livestock Exposition had 110,000 people attending.

ALBANY—Flax scutching and retting plant will be built here if a community subscribes \$50,000 to Salem linen mill.

SALEM—Marion county farm

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