



# Builders' Guide

## HINTS ON BUILDING



### NOVEMBER IS BETTER MONTH

Compared with November, 1924, building permits issued during last month in La Grande were practically the same with the balance slightly in favor of last year. November, however, showed a gain of \$195 over October this year. The figures, for comparison, follow:

November, 1925—\$12,249; November, 1924—\$12,600; October, 1925—\$11,459.

Other nearby cities registered during November follow: Astoria, \$28,720; Eugene, \$187,000; Klamath Falls, \$109,430; Medford, \$57,280; Portland, \$3,121,195; Salem, \$78,550; Logan, Utah, \$23,500; Provo, Utah, \$29,000; Salt Lake City, \$259,510; Boise, Idaho, \$62,754; Lewiston, Idaho, \$54,600; Nampa, Idaho, \$11,000; Twin Falls, Idaho, \$3400; Walla Walla, Wash., \$5,640; Yakima, Wash., \$48,230.

With a grand total of 14,088 building permits involving \$37,152,275 in costs, issued in 95 leading cities of the Pacific coast during November, last month's record shows a slight gain over that of last year, according to a survey by R. W. Strawn and Co.

**BUILDING PEAK REACHED**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—The real estate committee of the Investment Bankers' association of America reported here that the building peak is about reached and the housing shortage created by wartime activities practically made up.

The committee in its report to the association's 14th annual convention declared that surveys showed rents have become stationary or are returning downward, and said that building costs are 92 per cent above pre-war levels and 10 per cent higher than living costs.

Another beauty secret: If you nose is too pointed a sure remedy is poking it into other people's business.

### A Small Frame Bungalow



(By W. W. Purdy)

A small economical bungalow suitable for a small family is often in demand and this plan is just such a one. This bungalow stands with the wide front to the street. The size is 28 ft. in width and 24 ft. in depth, exclusive of the sun porch.

The construction is frame and the outside covered with siding and painted white, the roof is shingled and stained green. There is a full basement with concrete foundation and the foundation is faced with brick from the grade line up to the bottom of floor joists.

Entering through a glazed sun porch into the living room 15 ft. by 11 ft., this room has a projected fireplace at one end of the room with a window on each side of fireplace, and one in front.

The dining room is at the right of living room with kitchen and bed room in rear.

The kitchen is planned to save steps and labor. It has direct access to the stairs and front door, which is a fact housewives will appreciate. It is ample size for a small home and fitted with cupboards, sink, etc. In the rear is a convenient entry with space for refrigerator.

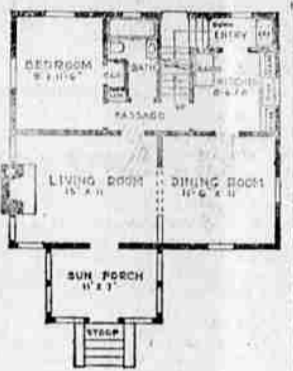
Basement stairs lead down from kitchen with glass entrance at rear. There is plenty of space for laundry, heating and fuel rooms in basement.

The arrangement is adapted to an east or south frontage and with the aid of shrubbery and trees around would make a very attractive home.

The bed room is medium size, with closet and a small linen closet next to the bath room.

The finish of the main rooms is birch with birch floors throughout and pine finish in other rooms, painted white and enameled. The kitchen has a pine floor covered with linoleum. There is a small stairway leading to the attic space, where there is space for storage.

This is a very convenient and economical little bungalow to build and suited to the average city lot. It is estimated this little house can be built, exclusive of heating and plumbing for \$2500 to \$4500.



### Here And There

**PORTLAND**—Steel work almost finished on \$2,500,000 Burnside bridge. Bascule span said to be largest in world.

**CASTLE ROCK**—New Castle Rock steel bridge finished and open to traffic.

One company has sold 1000 building sites along the Mt. Hood Loop highway.

Portland building total for 1925 will reach close to \$40,000,000.

**BEND**—New union high school costing \$275,000 dedicated.

**SALEM**—Directors of new \$640,000 linen mill ready to buy site and start building.

**WOODBURN**—New \$280,000 plant of state boys' training school almost completed.

**SALEM**—Spanning Lumber company's new shingle mill will cost \$750,000.

**DALLAS**—\$5,000,000 foot standing timber near New Grand Ronde sold for \$165,000. Mill will be built there.

**THE DALLIES**—New pumping plant will give country club 633,000 gallons of water daily.

**EUGENE**—Eugene now has nine public school buildings and will erect two more next year.

**EUGENE**—First \$100,000 wing of \$400,000 motion picture studio, promised by April.

### Permits

Dec. 7—Permit issued to J. A. Russell to alter and repair a dwelling on Fifth between G and Penn. Cost \$50. Contractor P. L. Blanchard.

**LUMBER DEMAND BETTER.**  
Lumber demand during the week ended November 28, as reported by about three hundred fifty of the larger sawwood mills, was fourteen per cent above production. Operations of southern pine mills are somewhat curtailed because of wet weather, and the inland Empire and California pine regions are going into the winter period of low production, according to the American Lumberman, Chicago.

Developments in the southern states, especially Florida and along the Gulf coast, are consuming large quantities of lumber and drawing heavily on local producers as well as the shorter mills of Georgia and the Carolinas, and big cargoes of fir and redwood are being brought in through the Panama canal.

Building is less active in the north and northwest, though winter construction will be at a much higher level than usual. Northern retailers are making every effort to keep their stocks low until factors are assessed, though some are attempting to buy at current prices for spring delivery.

The design of the car may change but the same old-fashioned mortgage covers it.

So few ladies and gentlemen drive their autos like ladies and gentlemen.

The mid-February sowing is usually late enough to avoid this injury.

### Farm Pointers

Mineral mixtures are necessary for crops if they are to reach their development, advises H. A. Lindgren, extension specialist in animal husbandry at the Oregon Agricultural college. The use of mineral mixtures, because of the elements they contain that are required by the body, cause a better utilization of the other feeds. The most satisfactory results are obtained when minerals are kept before the hog at all times. This can readily be done by the use of self-feeder. A liberal proportion of salt is contained in the best mixtures. A very satisfactory mixture is made up of two parts of common salt, 15 parts of bone meal and one-half part of air checked lime.

Because of some better clover seed yields in Oregon and the excellent prices prevailing, many farmers will desire to grow clover, says the experiment station. A successful clover seed business involves the securing of seed from Yorkburn or similar. The seed laboratory at the station is in excellent position to make prompt tests on clover seed at this time. Those who wait until planting time usually find the laboratory congested in spite of additional assistance and the reports cannot be got out so rapidly.

Seed potatoes for next year should be kept in a cool dry well-ventilated place, says O. A. C. experiment station. In this way sprouting and shrinkage are limited, and it is thought that there is less spread of disease in the bin. If potatoes show a tendency to heat they should be opened out and thoroughly ventilated.

The sowing of clover or other small seeds at this time of the year in Oregon invites loss. The freezing and thawing attendant on the clear winter periods of winter destroys a great many of the tender seedlings. Winter sowing, except on land where lifting by freezing is not a factor, is rather un-

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### CONTRACT LET; WORKMEN BUSY

**JOSEPH, Ore. (Special)**—Workmen are busy putting the finishing touches on the White Elephant Chalet at the head of Willows lake in preparation for the 1926 vacation season. Contracts have been let for the completion of the main hall, the basement, and for temporary finishing of the second floor.

Tole Johnson and Charles Seiber are now at work excavating for the basement. When the excavating work is done a floor will be laid. Mr. Hopkins plans to install bowling alley and some other features which will add greatly to the entertainment of guests. Johnson & Seiber will also build a large fire place in the main hall.

Harry Dawson has the contract for finishing the hall. This includes sealing the walls, putting in base boards and otherwise completing the job. The upstairs will be covered with a good grade of subflooring which can later be finished with regular flooring. For the coming season, at least, Mr. Hopkins does not plan to finish the upstairs for hotel purposes but this will be done in a few seasons. The main object now is to provide something in the way of amusements for lake visitors.

Provision will be made for campers by clearing the grounds surrounding the building. There is plenty of running water for all needs.

When completed, the White Elephant Chalet will offer one of the best attractions in this vicinity.

Gone are the days when mine-people had a kick.

### POLICE STATION IN USE

Completion of the remodeling of the police station was marked today by the moving into the new offices of the city recorder and city treasurer to permit the remodeling of the recorder's office. Work was started on the latter this morning.

### back into popular favor in southern California as a material for the building of ranch houses, small houses and even pretentious dwellings.

"Adobe" was used by Francisco fathers in the building of their missions, and later many houses and commercial structures were erected with these widely made bricks.

Christmas story: "Mama, can I hang up one of sister's and let Santa Claus think it is mine?"

### Artistic Chandeliers

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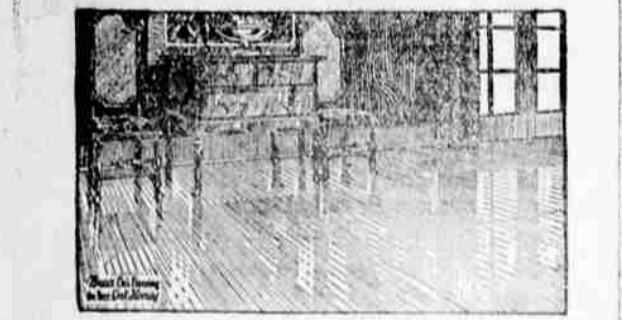
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