



Builders' Guide

HINTS ON BUILDING



BUILDERS WHIP WINTER FROST

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Jack Frost has been whipped by the building contractor, and the increasing volume of contracts being let for winter construction indicate that its advantages are becoming better appreciated.

A survey by W. J. Lynch, vice president of a large contracting firm, disclosed that one of the principal advantages of winter construction was that the more constant employment attracted better artificers, and tended to avoid the peak demand of high wages and scarcity of labor experienced during summer.

"There is little, if any, difference in the amount of time lost between winter season and milder season work," Lynch said. "Delay due to severe cold and heavy snow does not amount to more than a week's time on a building and equal delays due to rain in the milder season seem to have been overlooked.

"It will be conceded generally

that the quality of the work in winter will be unimpaired, but it is urged that the cost will be prohibitive. The cost of heating materials for concreting on a million dollar job will run less than one per cent and the cost of heat for interior work rarely exceeds one-half on one per cent of the building's cost.

"One of the reasons for high wages in the building industry is the tremendous turnover and the contention of various trades that workmen have only seasonal employment, due to the nature of the industry. Furthermore, scarcity of employment in the winter months is a deterrent to potential mechanics who would readily enter the trades were there an all season demand for their labor.

"The practice of letting contracts during all periods of the year would give greater utilization to the business instrumentalities of the industry."

LA GRANDE'S WORK.

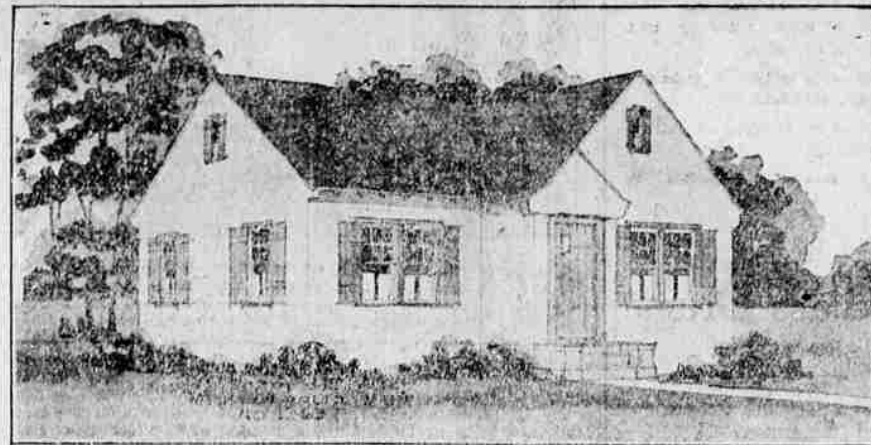
In La Grande building contractors have been working practically continuously during the fall and early winter with the weather such as to permit operation under favorable conditions. In several cases progress has been made and work finished that otherwise would have had to hold over until next spring.

SALEM BUILDING TO RISE

SALEM, Ore.—Construction of an eight-story office building on Liberty street, between Perry and State streets, was announced here by George C. Will. The building will cost approximately \$1,000,000, and probably will be completed by August 1 of next year.

Two small stores, each with a seating capacity of 50 persons each, will be included in the plans. These structures will be rented for public functions.

A 6-Room Bungalow For \$5,000



(By W. W. Pardy)

Simplicity and charm are the keynote of this bungalow, which is ideal for the young married couple planning to build their own home.

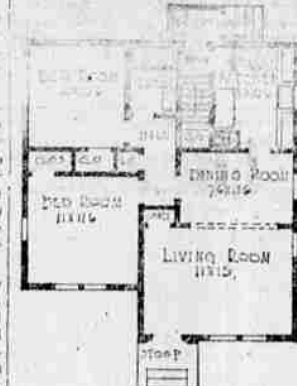
For the building, the foundation should be laid in concrete. The floor plan will be found in the accompanying illustration. No stairs to climb and with all her work on one floor is a point to be taken into consideration these days and the owner of such a house would find its care reduced to the minimum of effort.

As shown here this little home is built of concrete, a durable and economical home-building material and one that is coming more and more into general favor. The living room with its three windows and wide arched doorway that leads into the dining room, could be made one of the most attractive and cozy rooms imaginable. One notes here nice wall spaces for attractive furniture arrangement and it isn't hard to picture this living room, and dining just beyond, bright with chime hangings and with sunlight streaming in the windows and flowers and plants around making as sweet and charming a home spot as could be found anywhere.

In the rear are the kitchen and an entry—and on the other side of the house are two bed rooms, bath and several closets, including one for linen in the tiny hallway.

Concrete homes allow for almost any color trimmings, so either red, green, cream or yellow shutters would be effective. We would suggest a brick stoop and bright flowers and evergreens planted around the base of the house and along the edge of the walk so as to carry out the atmosphere of charm and sweetness which hovers over this little home.

According to the architect's estimate, this concrete bungalow would cost between \$4000 and



\$5000 to build, exclusive of plumbing and heating.

Here And There

KLAMATH FALLS—Building permits for November \$101,330.

PORTLAND—Orpheum circuit plans \$1,000,000 playhouse to seat 2400.

GOLD HILL—Beaver Portland Cement company will spend \$400,000 in doubling size of plant.

BEND—Catholic parish will erect parochial school.

SALEM—Home construction for 11 months totals \$982,500.

SPRINGFIELD—Mountain States Power company rebuilding part of its service here.

CORVALLIS—New Cress three-story building will cost \$100,000.

COASTON—Salvation Army will establish children's home near Coaston, Coos county.

HOOD RIVER—\$10,000 concrete building erected at State and First streets.

GRESHAM—New machinery installed for big pickle plant here.

ENTERPRISE—New bridge will be built on Tumshila river at Prosser and Cow creek.

CORVALLIS—Benton county to build new jail.

CARLTON—New sawmill puts on second shift of 40 men to meet lumber orders.

PORTLAND—Mickle mills, old Monarch plant, will build \$2,000,000 paper plant.

700 Autos



Shayes Kirtson, 43, is held at Wash. D. C., charged with being the head of a ring that stole more than 700 automobiles, mostly Fords, in Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado. Officials expect to arrest 25 more soon as accomplices.

Permits

Dec. 16—Permit issued to C. W. Inland to alter and repair a dwelling on Fourth between Spring and Pennsylvania. Cost \$200.

Dec. 22—Permit issued to Claude C. Pratt to erect a one-story dwelling on Cherry between O and N. Builder, Homer Smith. Cost \$1200.

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Dec. 22—Permit issued to H. L. Newlin to erect a garage on Cedar between Adams and Jefferson. Cost \$100.

OLDEST TWINS CELEBRATE. FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP)—Mary Sophia Dowd and Sarah Maria Seymour, believed to be the oldest twins in the United States, passed their 25th Christmas at their home here today Friday as neighbors and friends gathered there to extend cordial season's greetings.

CLAUDE C. PRATT, Lbr. Co., La Grande, Oregon. Dear Sirs—After reading your ad in the paper my decision is that you should handle Russian hose and wash tubs but be careful with coppered boilers because mosquitoes might visit you. Poor people cannot pay high prices for these articles. Therefore I say sell them as a "poor man's friend."



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LUMBER POSITION STRONG

The larger softwood mills are ending up the year in very strong position, having shipped ninety-eight per cent of their production so far. In recent weeks buyers have been holding back, to avoid swelling their inventories by the receipt of new shipments. As orders placed now for so-called immediate shipment would hardly arrive until the beginning of the new year, many of these buyers are now getting to covet, says the American Lumberman, Chicago, for bookings during the week ended Dec. 12 exceeded current output by eight per cent, though total production is about average. Increased output in the mountain pine sections of the west is for the time being offset by increased cutting in others. The general expectation is that the low stocks in buyers' hands will lead them to enter the market for their spring requirements, and the depleted condition of mill stocks in most softwood producing regions may give some buoyancy to quotations.

GIRL SLEEPS FOR WEEK

CHICAGO (AP)—Gladys Owen, 14 years old, has been asleep for a week at the home of her parents in Lake Forest, a suburb. Physicians attending her have become alarmed at her condition. The girl, who is a high school student, fainted on a train and has never recovered full consciousness. She is believed to be suffering from a nervous breakdown.

Doctors say married men live longer than single men. We say they do if they marry good cooks.



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