



Builders' Guide

HINTS ON BUILDING



THREE HOMES TO BE BUILT

To start the new year out right two local builders, Fred Bennett and W. G. Noble, took out permits Jan. 2 to build three dwelling places, involving an estimated expenditure of \$3000.

Construction will be started on all three projects as quickly as the weather will permit.

Bennett, who has been in business here for many years and who has erected a large number of homes, will build a modern five-room bungalow on Box Elder between Adams and Jefferson to cost \$3500.

Noble will build two houses, on adjoining lots, one facing Spruce between Adams and Jefferson and one facing Jefferson between Spruce and Maple.

Late last month several predictions were heard that the building would be kept at a high mark in La Grande in 1926 and while these predictions do not bear out this contention they do give the total for the year a start worth while, and also give proof that the num-

ber of residences in La Grande is still short of the necessary total. Besides the three taken out Jan. 2, several have announced their intentions to build this year, most of whom, however, will wait until spring to secure permits.

Permits

Dec. 20—Permit issued to W. J. King to erect a garage on X between Spruce and Pine, to cost \$10.

Jan. 1—Permit issued to L. D. Noah to erect a garage on Oak street between Grandy and Palmer to cost \$75.

Jan. 2—Permit issued to Fred Bennett to erect a dwelling on Box Elder between Adams and Jefferson to cost \$3500.

Jan. 2—Joint permit issued to W. G. Noble to erect two dwellings to cost \$2000 and \$2500. One to front on Jefferson between Spruce and Maple, and one to front on Spruce between Adams and Jefferson.

REPORTS ON WATER PLANS

WENATCHEE, Wash. —Copies of a report, prepared by the committee that has been investigating the feasibility of installing a domestic water system in East Wenatchee today were mailed to every property owner in the district that will be included in the proposed system.

It has been found that the cost will be \$500 for each connection which will include a plant similar to the one owned and operated by Wenatchee. Water will be pumped from the Columbia river and filtered. The cost will cover the original cost of installing the system, with a reasonable surplus to provide against any emergency.

Dutch Colonial Home For Suburban Lot



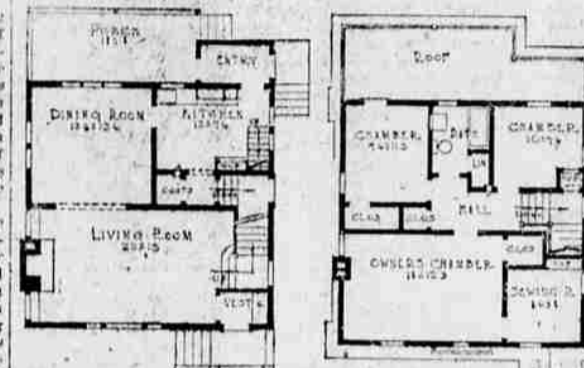
(By W. W. Parley)

For the person who is thinking about building a home in one of the suburban subdivisions today's "Dutch Colonial" house should have special appeal. This house is painted white with green shutters and trimmings. Its red brick chimney and tiny Dutch style windows make a brilliant splash of color, would be attractive and is a model that would grace even the most exclusive of neighborhoods.

This house is built on the square plan with all the bed rooms upstairs centering around a center hall way. There are three good sized bed rooms, each with a closet and well lighted. One from the main bed room is a sewing room which could also be used as a child's room or a nursery. The bath is conveniently located and there is an extra closet in the spacious hall.

The first floor has a large living room with brick fireplace. The stairway to the second floor ascends from this room. A wide, arched doorway leads into the dining room, which, with its many windows, makes a particularly bright sunny room. The kitchen has the sink, stove and necessary kitchen appointments arranged so as to have the housewife both time and steps. In the rear are an entry in which one can keep the refrigerator and a large back porch which could be used as a sleeping porch, if it were screened in. The house is 28 feet square, has hard wood floors, and exclusive of the plumbing and heating, it is estimated it would cost between \$7000 to \$8000.

As shown here it is constructed of wide siding and is a design that would make any owner experience a feeling of pride when showing it to his friends or to others attracted by its simplicity and practical floor plan.



OUTLOOK FOR BUILDING GOOD

(By W. K. Howes)

A normal but increasing activity in all lines of industry and commerce, a dependable stability that means prosperity to business, will characterize the successive months of 1926, if one may base an appraisal of the coming year upon the outlook for the building industry. And the nation's building program is a most dependable index of the nation's business welfare.

An enormous volume of capital is annually required for the financing of building. A great many other lines of industry and commerce are directly affected by or wholly dependent upon the building industry. Hence, this phase of our national business activity has come to be regarded as one of the fundamentals in any survey or forecast of financial, commercial or industrial conditions.

Outlook Rosy.

In our Pacific coast cities and throughout the United States, generally, the new year of 1926 begins with every promise of a building campaign that will return a greater total than has any previous year. The new year takes a demand for new buildings quite as great as did the year of 1925, yet the latter has achieved a record unsurpassed. When the annual total is reported it will show a 1925 building program probably ten per cent or more greater than that of the year before.

Building permits issued in some eighty odd cities of our Pacific coast states during the first eleven months of the closing year total more than \$496,000,000, about 8 per cent of the concurrent building activity of the United States. This is more than six per cent greater than in 1924, yet the need for new buildings in these cities is now quite as insistent as it was a year ago. So far as the building industry and its far-reaching influence may go, business in 1926 will thrive and prosper.

Building Cost Heavy.

The normal building requirements of the United States at this time represent a total of about \$1,000,000,000. The housing demands to meet a normal population increase of approximately 2,500,000 annually must also be considered. There must also be added the cost of replacing obsolete buildings, the requirements of changing population and business centers in our cities, and the new housing requirements of a constantly advancing standard of living that is a fundamental characteristic of our American people. And this status is applicable, proportionately, to our cities of the Far West.

various bond houses and sold during the year to investors from coast to coast, and to a far greater degree than ever before. Fortunately for the success of an uninterrupted building program, the more conservative class of investors throughout the country are fast increasing their demand for this class of security.

Estimating the Market. In estimating the market for 1926, one must also consider a vast amount of capital formerly invested in first mortgage real estate and building bonds, which has lately been turned to tax exempt bonds, but which will again absorb these bonds if congressional action now pending results in appreciable reductions in income tax schedules. Undoubtedly this class of investment will, during the coming year, assume much greater proportions in the national investment field than in former years.

At the threshold of 1926, therefore, every index of business conditions that has to do with the building industry points to an era of normal and dependable activity. In our Pacific coast cities, as throughout the country, a strong demand for new buildings exists to be met during the year. Capital is available for it and there is not now in evidence any indication of labor or material factors to interfere. In so far as the outlook for building is a guide sign of future business prosperity, we may enter upon 1926 with confidence and optimism.

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ST. HELENS—Contract is let for first unit of \$1,500,000 paper mill. Contracts already let for \$200,000 worth of machinery.

PORTLAND—Northwestern Electric company will build \$150,000 warehouse and \$50,000 substation this year.

EUGENE—Crystal Ice & Storage company will build \$20,000 warehouse.

DELAKE—An 80-room hotel will be built here for the season of 1926.

EUGENE—Labor organizations will begin work on \$45,000 labor temple.

SPRINGFIELD—Three important wood manufacturing industries will enlarge their plants this winter.

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Farm Pointers

The European fruit scale, including which attacks prune trees in Oregon, is controlled by spraying with miscible oils when the trees are dormant, says the entomologist of the experiment station. This spray consisting of 5 gallons of oil to 100 gallons of water is placed on the trees as early as possible after the leaves have fallen. The scale is rapidly recognized by the formation of honey-dew on the branches which causes smutting of the fruit and foliage. The female adults are reddish brown, very convex, longer than wide, and about one-eighth inch long. The winter is passed in the half grown stage.

It is a good plan in Oregon to use a check starting each year to about the fourth week. At the experiment station this starting means to mix equal parts of bran, shorts, and cornmeal. After the chicks are 10 weeks of age, the meals which may then be called a developing meal, is mixed just the same as the starting meal with the exception that instead of eggs there is a 20 per cent of a good grade of meat scrap is used with the meal. It is possible to change material throughout the growing period, then 5 per cent is sufficient. It is also advisable to add an equal part of a good grade of ground oats with the meal ingredients.

The small white mite-like insects found on house plants in Oregon are controlled by spraying with the greenhouse white fly. A spray consisting of white oil soap 1 1/2 ounces and water 1 gallon is satisfactory. This kills the insects by contact so several applications at weekly intervals are necessary.

It has been found possible to distinguish the sex of the chicks at time of hatching, but the method is a secret one which is used by one of the hatchery men in Estacada, Cal., who is making a business of selling day-old pullets and also day-old cockerels, reports the Oregon experiment station.