



Builders' Guide

HINTS ON BUILDING



LUMBER PRICE MAY ADVANCE

Sales of lumber have been maintained at an unusually high level over the holidays. Of the larger softwood mills reporting for the week ended Dec. 25, 1925, have a figure for normal production, and their cut for the week totaled 75 per cent of this. The total of 311 softwood mills reporting for the week shipped 18 per cent more than their production, and had orders for 19 per cent more. Already there are evidences of fresh interest in the market as the new year is entered, according to reports reaching the American Lumberman, Chicago, and it is expected that buying for spring trade will soon start.

Southern demand continues the market's best feature, and is likely to keep the mills well sold up. Transit cars in northern markets are not as plentiful. The manufacturers are holding their prices very firmly, and some predict advances.

Douglas fir mills produced about 75 per cent of their "normal" cut during the week ended Dec. 25. Their shipments exceeded this amount by 34 per cent, and their bookings were 25 per cent ahead of

it. The Atlantic coast market and California have been rather less active as buyers during the year end, but a growing volume of mixed cut orders is coming from the middle west, and the Orient and Australia are taking a good volume. The holiday shutdown was not as large as it had been expected to be, for the reason that many mills found continued operation necessary to meet demands upon them, and have therefore postponed repairs until January. Recent attempts to obtain lower prices on fir have been unsuccessful, for a firm stand is justified by the strong position of fir statistically and the prospects for a good year's sales.

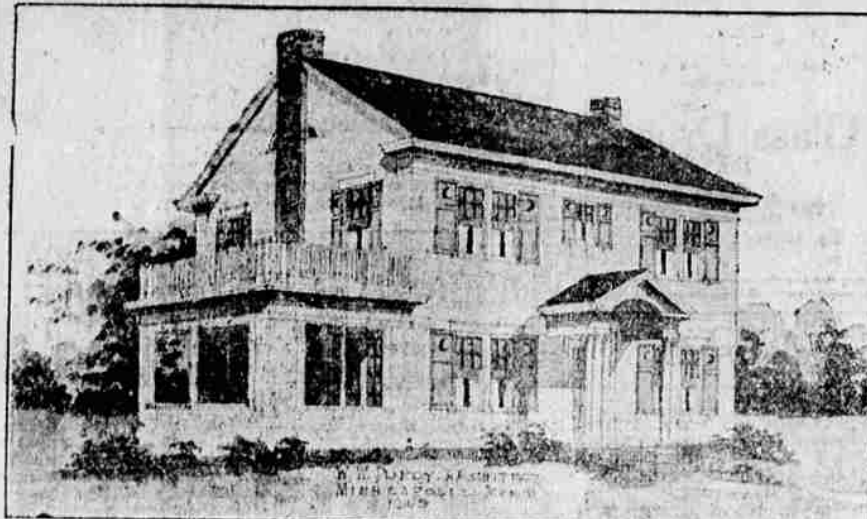
Permits

Jan. 5—Permit issued to E. O. Morris to erect a barn on Crook between Z and Lane to cost \$150.

Flax Machinery Being Bought. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10.—J. J. Alfred, eastern representative of Salem's proposed new \$240,000 flax mill, has advised directors of the concern that he is in New York preparing a contract for the purchase of the required spinning machinery. The machinery will cost approximately \$100,000.

The only hunter who trails his tracks is a fortune hunter.

Colonial Home With Center Hallway



(By W. W. Purdy)

More and more, as the home-builders' desire for a new old Colonial design, the center hallway, which runs the entire length of the house, is becoming a feature of the new design. This room has a central chimney fireplace in it and in addition it has several groups of windows which add to the charm of the room. On the other side of the house are the dining room and kitchen with a small entry at the rear.

Upstairs there are four good sized bedrooms and a bath room. Two windows on the stair landing make the upper hallway light. One is pleased to note ample closet space, too.

As shown here this design has a brick foundation and steps with exterior of wide siding, painted white with green shutters and green roof. There are two brick chimneys and the floors are of maple with birch doors, stained mahogany. The house measures 32 feet in width by 28 feet deep.

According to the architect's estimate it will cost between \$2500 and \$3000 to build this home, this estimate being exclusive of the plumbing and heating.

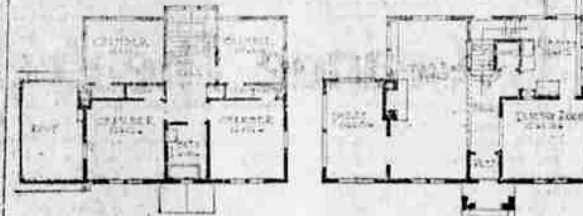
Shows Progress of Printing. CHICAGO, (AP)—The evolution of the art of printing is shown graphically in each issue of the Dai-Nippon, Japanese daily newspaper published here. Printed by hand, it has a circulation of five hundred.

There are 50,000 characters in the old Japanese alphabet and some 20,000 in the simplified writing vocabulary. That is why news in the Dai-Nippon is printed in the complicated characters of the two alphabets laboriously drawn by stylus on a stencil.



Old Scout

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Farm Pointers

Potato ground in Oregon or other land that has been in cultivated crops is provided with a cover crop to prevent winter leaching, says the experiment station. When rains prevent machine seedling on such land vetch and barley are broadcast and lightly covered until well into November.

Cover seed sent the free seed-testing laboratory at O. A. C. now will have both purity and germination tests mailed out in about one week from date of receipt, says G. H. Hyslop, professor of farm crops in charge. Longer time will be required in late January and February as there is always a rush on them. Orchard grass and bluegrass take about four weeks as germination is slow.

Use of sodium nitrate or ammonium sulfate tends to offset the depressing effect of grain straw or shade crops, the experiment station says. Ammonium sulfate tends to improve the structure of heavy soils, but increases the acidity on acid of a human reason. Oregon farmers at this season improve the time to make improvements and repairs. Many are hauling drain tile needed for early spring use. The experiment station advises that some sizes are likely to be out of stock in the local yard before spring and should be ordered now.

Oregon farmers having wet lands are scouring plans and estimated costs for complete drainage, installing the most necessary drains first and the other drainage needed when time and funds permit, reports the experiment station.

Packing and "plow sole" in Ore.

THE PARK HAS SNOW BLANKET

THE PARK. (Special)—One inch of snow fell here during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vandevanter and children were visitors at the Winn Duncan home Wednesday evening.

Ida Hunter, from Catherine Creek, is at the Park visiting friends.

Oella Vandevanter spent Wednesday night with her teacher, Mrs. Rose Hill.

Daniel Fruit, of Boise, Idaho, is visiting at the C. Vanorder home.

A. J. Vandevanter and Win Duncan went to Baker Thursday on business.

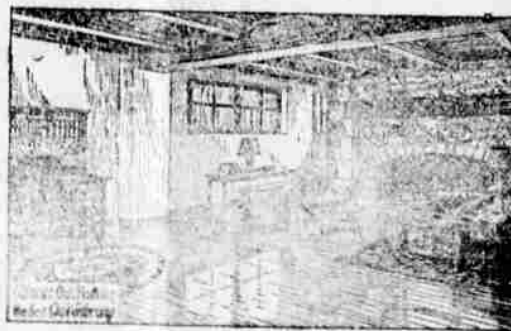
Miss Clara Lay returned to Union after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lay, at the Park a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wigglesworth and children were visitors at the C. Vanorder home Wednesday.

People of the Park were grieved to hear of the death of Mrs. Roy Jones, of Catherine Creek. Mrs. Jones died New Year's day.

Clarence Vanorder and son, Kenneth were Baker visitors Monday. Kenneth is still under the doctor's care.

People are encouraged by pasturing when land is wet or soft or by continued plowing to a uniform depth, says the experiment station. Variation in the depth of plowing and the use of legume crops like clover are overcoming this condition.



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Here And There

MEDFORD—Building record here for 1925 was \$755,310.

HILLSBORO—Community building operations for 1925 totaled more than \$300,000.

SALEM—Building operations here for 1925 reached \$1,734,625, a new high mark.

RAKER—Union Smelter company of Denver, plans 150-ton smelter in Baker county.

WOODBURN—Sash and door factory will be built here.

PORTLAND—Northwestern Electric company, Portland Gas & Coke company and Pacific Power & Light company plan \$2,000,000 of electric building.

ROSEBURG—Building record for 1925 passed \$800,000 mark.

ASTORIA—Building for 1925 almost totaled \$1,000,000.

Handits shot a man at a poker game in Lexington, Ky. It ought to be against the law to rob a poker game.

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