Builders' Guide

HINTS ON BUILDING

THREE HOMES WILL BE BUILT

Permits were issued during the past week for the construction of three new homes in La Grande, calling for a total expenditure of $9560.

William Rollins will erect two residences, one on Washington between Balm and the city limits, and another on Washington between Balm and Cherry. The former will cost $1500 and the latter $4000.

Blake Shields is building a five-room modern home, with full basement, on Cedar between M and N at a cost of $4000. Construction was started some time ago and the work will probably be finished during the spring.

Issuance of the three above permits brings the total number of new homes to be built this year to six with only the first three weeks of January past.

City Building Work Is Nearly Completed

Work of the remodeling of the city offices which house the city recorder, city treasurer, and other departments, have been completed and the departments, which have been temporarily located in the police station, are being moved today.

Work on the municipal building is now practically completed with only a few finishing touches remaining to be done.

McNary Backs Highway Plan

SALEM, Ore.—Senator C. L. McNary has sent a telegram to Governor Pierce, in which he said he had assured Senator Gooding of Idaho that he would cooperate with him in the construction of a proposed new highway from Winnemucca, Nev., to Snake river via Jordan valley. The necessity of this road was called to the attention of Senator McNary by Governor Pierce and other residents of Eastern Oregon.

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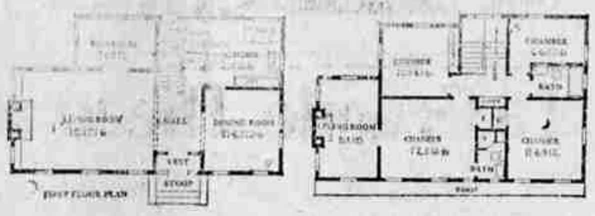

(By W. W. Purdy)

[illegible] English Colonial, of the center hall plan.

Entrance is through a recessed stoop, with built in seats on each side, into a center hall, with the living room to the left and dining room to the right, with plaster arches opening into the hall from both of these rooms, this gives a very spacious appearance as one enters, and makes an ideal arrangement for entertaining.

The living room extends beyond the wall of the house, with a fireplace in the end; this portion is carried up two stories so as to provide for an additional living room on the second floor. Here, too, another fireplace is provided for.

The kitchen portion is complete with ample space for the stove, cupboards, sink, together with a built-in breakfast table and seats.

The finish of the first floor is in a birch stained mahogany, with the usual white risers and spindles on the stairs. The entire second floor is in ivory with walnut doors. Bath rooms are in a soft green enamel, harmonizing with the floor and wall tile. The extra bath is of great convenience, and adds much comfort, at a slight additional cost.

There is the full basement with laundry, furnace and fuel, vegetable rooms, storage, etc.

The exterior is frame construction, well insulated walls, as well as the second floor ceiling.

Wide siding has been used on the outside of the sheating, painted white, with green shingles on the roof, as well as green shutters. A red brick is used in the chimney, stoop, and soldier course at grade. Cost, exclusive of heating and plumbing, $7500 to $9500.

Practical Books On House Building And Remodelling

The following five-minute book chat is one of a series to be prepared once a month from now until June to be given over the O. A. C. radio, KOAC.—Editor's Note.

(By Bertha E. Herse)
Reference Librarian,
Oregon Agricultural College.

Bonta, Edwin. The Small-house Primer. Little. 1925.

A practical book for those planning a house of moderate size, which while built to suit a purse of the same proportions does not sacrifice beauty. It discusses plans and proportions, exterior and interior detail, color and individuality in the house. Illustrations and diagrams clarify it.

Brinckloe, W. D. The Small House, How to Plan and Build It. McBride. 1924.

Especially for the person of limited means. Sixty plans are included for small houses, bungalows, apartments, farm houses and garages. Plans were based on the needs of 10,000 women who expressed their wants in the author's "home-planning contests."

Child, George Boynton. The Efficient Kitchen. McBride. 1925.

One of the few books entirely on the subject of kitchens and one of vital interest to women. There are chapters on planning the kitchen with plans and charts for doing this in the most efficient and labor-saving manner. Built-in conveniences have a chapter to themselves. Illustrated with photogravures and line drawings.

Gray, Greta. House and Home. Lippincott. 1923.

A book by a woman who recognizes the importance of the interior of houses who writes for readers not architecturally trained, but interested in acquiring their own homes. Its scope is wide—location, plans, materials, plumbing, lighting, built-ins, etc. Has a good chapter on the farm house.

Hering, O. C. Economy in Home Building, with a Consideration of the Part Played by the Architect. McBride. 1924.

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Hill, Amelia Leavitt. Redeeming Old Houses. Holt. 1923.

Describes transformation wrought in some decrepit farm houses and other old buildings. There are 31 photographs to show the remarkable result in producing liveable homes. There is a general discussion also on walls, floors, and heating, and other helpful advice is given. Perhaps more adopted to the houses of the eastern coast, but is suggestive for any locality.

Lescarboura, Austin C. Home Owner's Handbook. Scientific American Publishing company. 1924.

A very useful book full of practical information for the inexperienced man who is a prospective home owner. Almost any problem which might arise in connection with location, planning and building is treated in an enlightening and sensible manner. Suggestions about financing, titles and mortgages are included. Many helpful drawings and photographs.

Old Homes Made New. American Lumber company. 1925.

A clever little book of 12 reproductions of photographs showing "befores and afters" of houses, illustrating what can be done by well planned remodeling. Gives splendid ideas.

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Paints, Oils, Glass, Varnish
Brushes and Painter's Supplies
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Entrance on Washington

"Jaw-bone talk, Jaw-bone walk, Jaw-bone eat with a knife and fork."

"Is this the place to buy kalsomine cheap?"

"Yes this is the Claud C. Pratt Lumber Co."

"I see you have built up quite a place."

"Are you still selling paint, cheap?"

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NEARLY SEVEN BILLION SPENT

Total building operations in the United States for the year 1925 approximated $6,500,000,000, according to the estimate just made public by S. W. Straus & Co. based on official reports from 391 cities and towns. These figures compare with an estimated volume of $5,750,000,000 in 1924.

The report covers 81 per cent of the cities and towns of the United States with a population of 8000 or more. In these centers there was a volume of $4,451,959,540, compared with $3,740,791,486 in 1924, a gain of 19 per cent. In the 25 principal cities in point of building, operations totaled $2,761,070,793, a gain of more than 21 per cent.

High Spots of Year.

Among the high spots of the year were the following:

Spectacular activities in the South where the huge development program of Florida and the commercial activity throughout the Southland was reflected in a 50 per cent building increase over 1924.

A gain throughout the East of 19 per cent.

A substantial, well distributed gain in the great Central district where the 1924 volume of construction, itself about 2 per cent below that of 1923, was exceeded by 15 per cent.

West Recovers.

In the Pacific West a recovery of six per cent over 1924 and a return to the 1923 level of building.

The greatest December on record, 15 per cent above December, 1924, following four fall months of exceptional activity.

Sufficient volume of building already permitted for or contemplated to give definite assurance of a very high rate of activities for several months to come.

A year of relative stability in building costs with slight increases in building wages practically offset by moderate declines in the prices of some building materials.

In the building material market a prospect for the next few months of firmness with the possibility of price increases.

No wonder the cotton crop was too large. Skirts are too short for cotton stockings.

No defects in workmanship or material.

Fred Spaeth
PLUMBING, HEATING and SHEET METAL WORKS
108 FIR STREET
PHONE MAIN 586

Permits

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Jan. 19—Permit issued to Blake Shields to erect a one-story residence on Cedar between M and N to cost $4000.

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Jan. 23—Permit issued to F. O. E. to alter and repair a two-story fraternal building on Washington between Fourth and Depot to cost $500.

Some day a gang of superstitious folks will rally around and lynch our weather forecaster.

Those Floors

Can be put back in shape by a thorough Sanding with our Electric Floor Sanding machine. Better have this work done now before the spring rush.

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Our assortment is complete. Come in and look them over.

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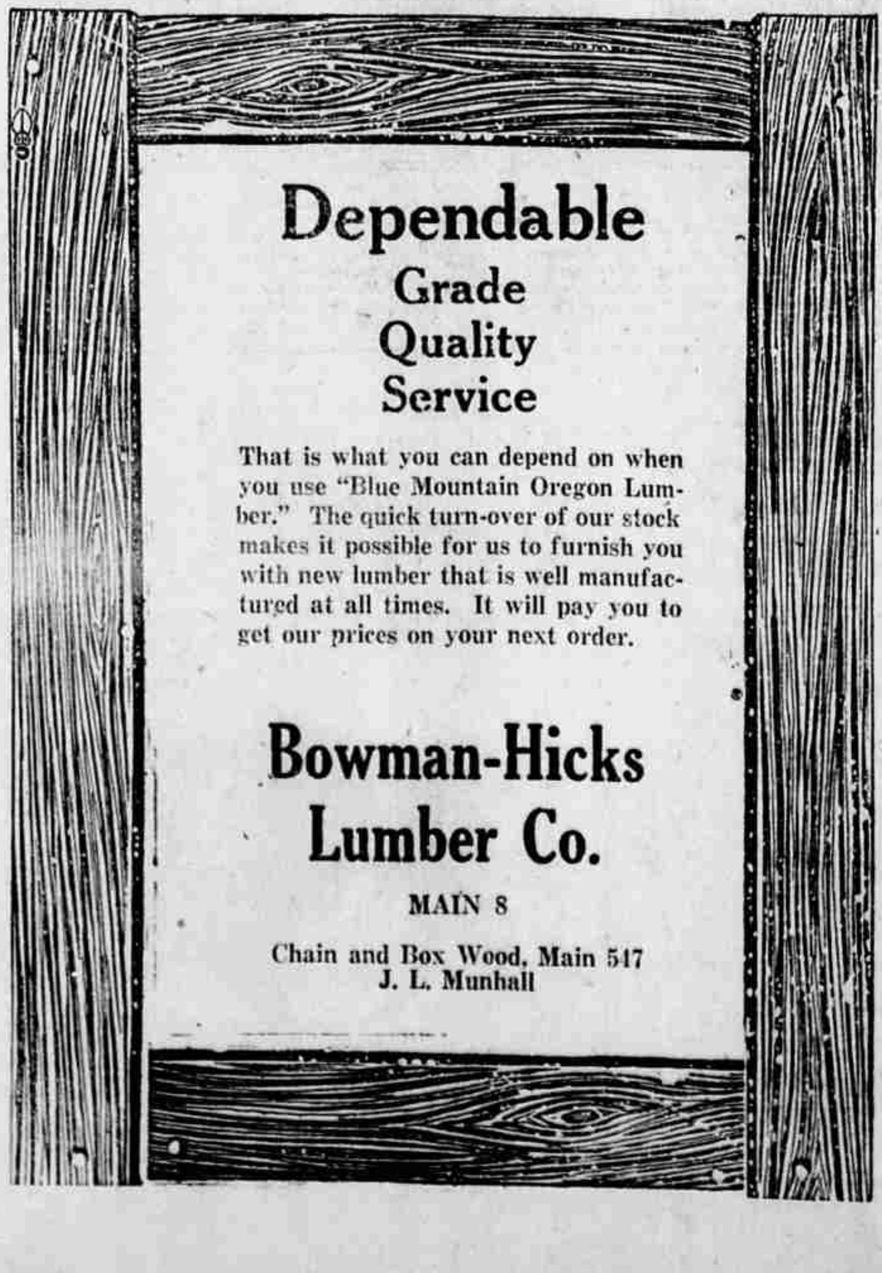
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J. L. Munhall