



# Builders' Guide

## HINTS ON BUILDING



### LUMBER INDUSTRY REPORTED AS IN GOOD CONDITION

Though 328 softwood mills having a standard for normal production, during the week ended Feb. 16, actually cut one per cent more than this, the larger group of 359 principal softwood mills, making comparable reports, in which group the 328 are included, sold three per cent more than they produced. The industry is therefore in a very healthy condition, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. Demand promises to reach much larger totals as soon as the passing of the severe storms in the east permits that region to begin on its construction program, and warmer weather in the middle west brings about more active buying there.

Southern pine demand had a temporary check during the week, bookings being about five per cent below output, though shipments exceeded the output and further reduced mill stocks. The larger mills are operating a little more actively, but most of the smaller, non-reporting mills find it next to impossible to keep going. All mills have low stocks and insist on full list prices.

The coast mills produced twenty-

five per cent less during January than they did in January of 1925. Buyers who had been hoping that accumulation of a surplus would weaken prices, now find difficulty in placing mixed car orders. The mills entered this year with low stocks, and so far have shipped considerably more than they cut. Their January bookings were 20 per cent more than their output. California buyers have been holding off, and the Atlantic coast has not yet made a real beginning on its spring takings. Rail trade demand, however, made another gain of about a hundred cars during the week ended Feb. 6 and the export situation is more favorable than in a long while. Prices are not more firm but show an advancing tendency.

### Red Cross Elects Officers

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore.—Duncan P. Cameron was chosen chairman of the Cottage Grove branch of the American Red Cross at a meeting held last week. Other officers chosen were: Vice chairman, H. L. Stewart; treasurer, Worth Harvey; secretary, Mrs. H. L. Job. Since the war \$7150 of the Red Cross funds have been expended in the community to relieve distress.

### A Stucco Bungalow



(By W. W. Purdy)

This little stucco bungalow, of the most economical construction but with a very pleasing arrangement, gives one much more space than is contained in the general impression that it is a small, cramped room.

The wide opening between the living and dining rooms makes the bright cheery room, whether it be used as a living, or a dining room.



Bookcases are built in to divide the space. Two good sized bed rooms and bath open off a small center hall, as well as a coat closet. A stairway leads to a well ventilated attic over the basement stairs. There is a full basement with laundry trays, provided for, but no plastered laundry.

The exterior walls are frame, with stucco applied over metal lath, roof of wood or asphalt shingles. The floors are of oak, except kitchen which is pine, the wood work in the main rooms is oak, balance in fir.

A warm air furnace is used for heating. The single chimney is placed in the kitchen convenient to the range if desired.

Built as described, exclusive of heating and plumbing, it is estimated to cost from \$3000 to \$4000.

Livestock Rate Hearing Set.

SALFEM, Ore.—Hearing of transportation rates on livestock in Oregon has been set for March 10 in Portland, the public service commission announced. The application for the hearing was filed by

the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, Portland Livestock exchange and Northwestern Shippers' Traffic League, and involve virtually all railroads operating in this state.

### CENSOR OF PALM BEACH SAYS MORALS IMPROVING

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP).—Conde Lewis, for years an authority on Palm Beach morals, has declared that the recent "morality wave" is unfeigned for. The habits of the famous resort are said to have been more puritanical this year than ever before.

For the last five years Lewis has held the position of official beach censor. He said his duties this year have been less arduous than in the past several years. He estimated that he has ejected an average of only three bathers a day from the beaches here, whereas in former years he has ejected as many as 10 and 12.

He ascribed as one of the reasons for the smaller number of violations to the lifting of the ban on flesh colored stockings.

### Construction Cost in Pendleton Said High

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special).—That building material prices are not high in Pendleton was declared in a talk at the Exchange club by Dr. M. S. Kern, who is starting the construction of a \$400,000 apartment house on the north side of the river.

According to Dr. Kern lumber and other materials may be bought here as cheaply as at other points when freight rates are considered. Lumber prices he said are comparable with the prices in Portland or Seattle with the local freight rate added.

In his talk Dr. Kern said that when he secured bids upon his apartment house he found local contractors higher than outside contractors by from 25 to 35 per cent. He is having the work done under the "American plan" and said that local plumbers and local painters had refused to bid upon the work. Consequently outside contractors are being secured. Some of these were here to see him from Walla Walla and La Grande.

Abdel-Krim, leader of the Rif "Rifians," was once a student at the University of Madrid.



### LARGE VOLUME OF BUILDING EXPECTED DURING SPRING

January building permits in 426 cities promise a larger volume of building in many parts of the country this spring than was indicated at this time last year, according to the national monthly building survey of S. W. Straus & Co. made public yesterday. A gain of 9 per cent this January is comparable with a loss of 2 1/2 per cent last January.

While the new year begins with

a total volume greater than for any previous January, the general report is somewhat spotty. In many states the issue of permits was considerably less than during the same month last year.

The 426 cities covered in the S. W. Straus & Co. survey issued \$269,610,715 of building permits as compared with \$247,079,606 in January 1925.

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