

Building and Improvement

32 NEW HOMES SINCE JAN. 1

The period of home building in La Grande, which started in earnest in 1920 when 26 residences were erected, apparently is far from consummation. Many regarded 1924, when 195 homes were built, as the peak of the home construction period for this city, but figures taken for the first five months of this year indicate such is not the case.

Since January 1 this year, permits have been issued for 32 new homes, aggregating \$104,125 in value. The dwellings ranged from \$400 to \$10,000 in price but averaged about \$3200 and up.

May Pass 50 Mark.

With seven months yet remaining this year, last year's figure of 63 new homes seems likely to be surpassed.

The record for the past few years follows:

1920—24 new residences.
1921—35 new residences.
1922—65 new residences.
1923—40 new residences.
1924—195 new residences.
1925—52 new residences.
1926—32 new residences.

First five months.
Total new residences since 1920—376.

In addition to the home building

this year, thousands of dollars have been expended for business buildings and alterations and repairs, both in the business and residential districts. New garages and other buildings have been built in large numbers.

Bennett Builds Three

Bird Bennett leads the list of contractors who build homes for sales purposes. On January 1 he took out a permit to erect a \$1500 home and since then has started work on two more, one worth \$3000 and one worth \$4000.

Mrs. George Stoddard's new home on the corner of O avenue and Fourth street provides for the largest expenditure—\$10,000. This, however, includes the cost of tearing down an old building to make way for the new residence.

New Homes Listed.

Permits issued since January 1 for new homes here follow:

January: Bird Bennett, \$3500; W. G. Noble, \$4500; C. Hildebrandt, \$2000; William Rollins, \$1500; \$4000; Blake Shields, \$4000; J. M. McShain, \$1500; Clyde Wilson, \$400.

February: Claude C. Pratt, \$1,000; \$875; Mrs. George Stoddard, \$10,000.

March: O. L. MacDowell, \$3500; H. P. Nelson, \$1200; S. V. Keltz, \$2000; W. C. Kelly, \$2500; L. V. Spleer, \$600; C. A. Newkirk, \$1400; L. E. Evans, \$4000; Adolph Siegrist, \$8000; C. W. Bunyan, \$4750.

April: George Lyman, \$4000; C. C. Bull, \$2000; A. J. Warren, \$2500; Bird Bennett, \$3000; H. A. Scott, \$2500; Louis Wright, \$2500.

May: Mrs. S. C. Zuber, \$5500; William Rollins, \$4000; L. I. Busey, \$1500; W. H. Lesman, \$5500; J. F. Snyder, \$4500; Bird Bennett, \$4000.

NORWAY SPRUCE FAVORED

New trees for the parking bring many varieties into competition for the home owner's selection. Norway spruce, besides being hardy and a rapid grower in this locality, is also among the most beautiful trees. Its shade is beyond reproach. Careful planting and occasional soaking will insure a quick growth.

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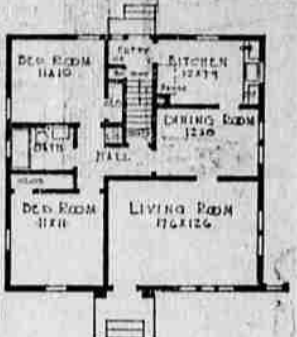
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A SPANISH BUNGALOW



(By W. W. Purdy)

With its broad frontage to the street this little bungalow of a Spanish design is most pleasing. The home was originally planned for a hill side location, that permitted the garage being worked into the hill so as to enter on a grade level.



The living room in this little home is "the room." The floor being somewhat lower permits the ceiling to be higher and so the arched effect is worked in very nicely. This is found in the Spanish designs of the better class homes. The strictly Spanish fireplace is most inviting. Plastered arches are used to good advantage in connecting the various rooms.

They give an air of spaciousness and are ideal for entertaining. The rooms are of fair size with good wall space and cross ventilation. The walls are of rough plaster tinted the desired shade and lighter fixtures are of heavy iron.

The kitchen is most delightful with the rubber tile floor, and wood work and walls tinted a yellowish color and trimmed with black. The plumbing is of the best and calls for a recess tub and shower. Everything is planned so nothing is lacking, and all the little essentials are provided for such as brooms closet, medicine cabinet, dust drawers, etc.

Electric wiring is complete with a number of base receptacles which permit the use of table, floor and candle fixtures. The basement is complete with all the usual rooms, boiler, storage, fruit, etc.

It is estimated this attractive home can be built, using best construction, insulated outside walls, and windows weather stripped, white cement plastered over metal lath, with Spanish tile roof, for from \$5500 to \$6500.

HEAT INSULATION BRINGS COMFORT AND HOME THRIFT

Heat insulation, like the clothes owners are coming to know, means money saved and comfort gained. One could afford to be careless with coat back in 1910, when it cost \$4 a ton. But last winter, in a typical city, the price was \$10.50. Now, if the house isn't insulated, an estimate of how much of the \$10.50 coat is going to heat the out-of-doors may be obtained from the following statement, made by the bureau of industrial research, Washington, D. C.:

"The fuel consumed in 15,000,

6000 homes in northern states is fully 20 per cent and probably 50 per cent more than would be necessary if standards were maintained in materials. Many homes in America have a fuel cost equal in a period of 25 years to the first cost."

This answers the prospective home-builder's question: "Should my house be insulated?" It is said that insulation of the right kind will pay for itself in two or three years through savings in fuel costs.

But money saved and additional comfort are not the only reasons why every dwelling should be protected against heat loss. The day of red flannels is past! The wives and daughters dress much less warmly than they used to do. The result is greater danger from colds, influenza and still more serious ailments if homes are drafty, cold or unevenly heated, according to physicians.

Modern offices, factories, schools, churches and public halls are steam-heated and scientifically ventilated. If homes are not heated in the same way, with ample, evenly distributed heat, the occupants may be uncomfortable and subject to illness.

Proper insulation is held a year round benefit and a year-after-year economy. And insulation need not involve great expense.

The Garden

FLOWERS WITH GOLDEN VEINS

The Salpiglossis or Painted Tongue, one of the handsomest of annuals but seldom grown, is exactly suited by late planting when the ground is warm. Many gardeners have had trouble with this plant because it takes its own sweet time about coming up, waiting until temperature suits it, and if the weather doesn't please it when it gets up, it stands still until it does.

As it is an inconsequential plant when it first appears, it is often destroyed or given up in disgust. But let it alone and when the hot days come it will start going and make up for lost time and deck itself with handsome trumpets of gorgeous colorings, all beautifully veined and marbled and with a glint of gold sparkling through the velvet surfaces, the only annual with the quality.

There are gorgeous shades of purple, maroon and mahogany as well as browns, being one of the few annuals showing this color, as pinks, roses and whites and pale yellow. It is just as well not to try to transplant, sowing thinly where it is to remain and thinning to about eight inches apart. There are several improved large flowered strains which are much superior to the older types. The Emperor and Gloxinia are of this type.

Sow the seed and forget about it and you will be rewarded. Gardeners are sometimes surprised after getting only two or three plants to find it coming up vigorously from self-sown seed the second year. It is notional but not difficult once understood.

American Held in Syria As French Deserter

DAMASCUS, Syria, June 7. (AP)—An American giving his name as Gilbert Clark, of Memphis, Tenn., a member of the French Foreign legion, is held in prison here on a charge of desertion and rebellion.

Clark arrived at Damascus last night under a strong military guard. The prisoner belonged to a company in the Column of General Adress, which advanced to Soufda last week.

The French military authorities state that Clark engaged in an altercation with his sergeant and then deserted with five other members of the legion.

Clark and his party were surrounded by French troops and were captured after an exchange of shots in which no one was injured.

STUCCO HOME CAN BE RECOLORED IN THREE EASY WAYS

If the home has a painted wood exterior, one can almost completely changing its appearance by repainting it in a different color scheme. This is true also of the stucco home, though most owners do not know it.

The first step in renewing and re-coloring stucco is to clean the surface thoroughly. This can be done with any non-alkaline soap and a medium hard brush, if there is no grease or grime on the walls, but if a solution of one part mur-

atic acid to five parts water may be used. With either the soap-suds or the acid solution, the walls should be scrubbed and then washed down with clean water.

Next, loose particles must be removed and cracks mended. Patching may be done with ready-colored stucco of the desired new color, or with Portland cement mixed with one and a half parts of sand and enough water to make it workable. Then the walls are ready for the new finish.

Factory-mixed stucco-finish may be applied over the old surface if the original stucco is a hydraulic lime or a Portland cement material. The colored stucco finish should be mixed with water to a creamy consistency and then when the walls are perfectly dry, may be applied with an ordinary painter's brush. The new finish need be applied to no greater depth than face.

Another way to accomplish the desired result is to buy an uncolored stucco finish and mix the color in.

Still a third method is to use stucco paint. Some of these are ready mixed; others require mixing. Those which have oil as an ingredient require a priming coat under the finish coat.

No stucco home ought to be re-finished until at least six months after application of the first stucco. This interval is especially necessary where oil paint is to be used because this material "seals" the stucco and prevents further "sea-

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