

Building and Improvement



BUILDING HERE IS DECREASING

Building operations in La Grande, at least new construction, have fallen into a slump this month whether temporary or not remains to be seen.

During the first five months of this year both residence and business building maintained a high figure. This month little has been done excepting minor building.

The second week of the month only two permits were issued and last week four, the highest being \$400.

Permits issued by City Recorder J. E. Stearns last week follow:

June 15—Permit issued to H. L. Love to alter and repair a dwelling and garage on W between Greenwood and Spruce, work to cost \$400.

June 15—Permit issued to W. M. Pearce to erect a garage on Jefferson between Greenwood and Hemlock, to cost \$200.

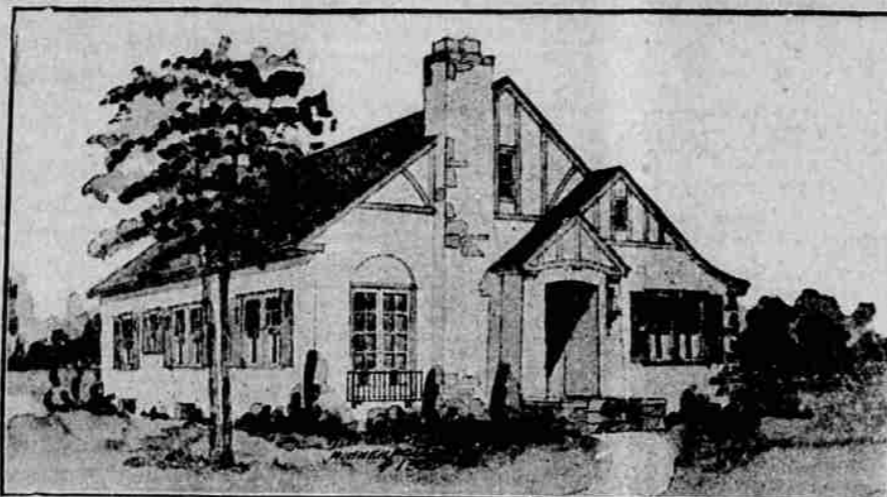
June 15—Permit issued to Irwin Pierson to erect a one and a half story woodshed and garage on N between Sixth and Seventh, to cost \$200.

June 15—Permit issued to E. E. Letton to erect a garage on Twelfth between K and L, to cost \$160.

SHOULD LIVE 150 YEARS
NEW YORK—The average life should last 150 years, instead of sixty, in the view of Richard Lynch as expressed at the congress of the International New Thought Alliance.

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AN ENGLISH BUNGALOW

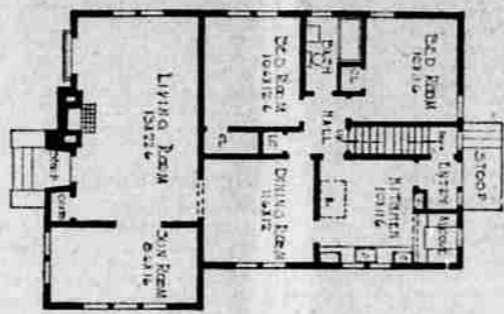


(By W. W. Purdy)

The bungalow is very popular with certain classes of people. These who have been used to living in flats or duplexes or those who do not care to climb stairs.

This little English home has two bed rooms on the first floor, with a stairway over the basement stairs, leading to the attic where the height is sufficient to allow another bedroom to be finished off. The plain gable roof without dormers is the most economical construction to be had. The stairway is arranged so as to come up in the gable end and the bed room is to be finished off in the front part, this gives good cross ventilation, and the balance of the attic may be used for storage purposes to good advantage.

The entrance to this bungalow is direct from a small recess stoop into the large living room with a fireplace. French doors open out onto an iron balcony that is equally effective from the inside as well as from the outside. French doors also lead into the sun room from the living room, while plastered arch ways separate the living and dining rooms. The two bed rooms and bath all open off from a small



center hall. The closets are of ample size. The kitchen is an ideal arrangement with a breakfast alcove in the end. The sink and cupboards are under the windows and there is plenty of wall space for the range and kitchen table. Additional cupboards for brooms, table leaves, etc., are provided for. The rear entry is large enough for a refrigerator that is to be led from the rear stoop.

There is the usual full basement equipped with heating plant, laundry, storage and fruit rooms. The floors throughout are of hardwood with pine for linoleum in the kitchen and sun room, and tile in the bath. The wood work is oak, painted grey on main floor, enamel, line in the balcony, with walnut doors. Walls in the sun room, living room, dining room are rough textured and termed a whisk broom finish, and tinted shade desired. Balance of rooms are papered.

The exterior is of frame construction with white cement plastered and stained shingled roof. The estimated cost of this home is from \$5000 to \$7500 exclusive of heating and plumbing.

ANALYSIS SHOWS HOW TO CUT DOWN INSULATION COST

The first question, after one has decided to insulate one's home, will be: "What material shall I use; how do the different materials come, and what do they look like?"

In general, insulators are made of three substances—animal, vegetable and mineral. There is one animal-substance insulator—batle hair, backed with paper—and one mineral insulator. But there are many vegetable insulators.

Cork is compressed into a board or is granulated and used as filler. Flax-fibre is compressed into a semi-rigid board, or is loosely worked into a blanket backed with paper. Seaweed also is made into a blanket. Wood is worked into a fairly stiff board covered with cement and paper. Wood fibre is compressed into semi-rigid boards, made into a quilt or used loose as a filler. Case-waste comes as a semi-rigid board.

Mineral insulators are made from gypsum, either as rigid boards (fireproof lumber), as dry fillers or as wet fillers. The latter swells when mixed with water, into a light porous fire-stop and insulator.

The foregoing classification will help the home-builder in his choice. A classification according to the form in which the various insulators are sold also will be helpful.

- 1. Rigid boards. These are made of cork, wood, wood fibre or gypsum. Some do nothing but insulate and thus are extra-cost items. Others can be used as wallboard to provide interior wall finish. Others give both fire protection and insulation. Still other boards are used as plaster bases or in place of wood sheathing.
- 2. Non-rigid boards. Some of these are extra-cost items. Others, despite their lack of structural strength, sometimes are used as plaster bases or as sheathing.
- 3. Quilts. Since these lack structural strength, the only purpose they serve is insulation.
- 4. Fillers. These come both

dry and wet and are poured between wall studs, over ceiling lath and plaster or between floors. Some fillers are loose. Some have structural strength. Some serve as fire-barriers. Others are combustible in varying degrees. Some are hard to install. Others, such as dry fill gypsum, can be installed by the home owner even in an old house. Some are higher in price. Others are lower.

The foregoing prepares the answer to the home-builder's question: "What types of insulation can I use?"

The answer is: "Any of those mentioned." But the home-builder can save money and add to the value of his house by buying an insulator that does double or triple duty—one that not only insulates but acts as a fire-stop, as in the case of the fillers, or serves as a regular item of construction, such as sheathing, as well as a fire-stop and insulator.

LEARNED SPIRIT VOICES
LONDON—Oliver Baldwin, who has campaigned for the labor party against the candidates of his father the premier, is now a spiritualist. He says he has heard spirit voices in five languages.

Building Activities in U. S. Slightly Modified

Official reports of May building permits received by S. W. Straus & Co. from 434 leading cities and towns throughout the country give indications, temporarily at least, of slightly modified activities in the building industry.

Permits of \$294,159,607 were issued in these centers in May compared with \$408,723,050 in May, 1925, and with \$442,858,145 in April, 1926, a loss from April of 11 per cent and from May, last year, of 3.5 per cent.

The reports indicated that the slowing down, though comparatively slight, extended quite generally

over the country with the notable exception of some southern cities, the metropolitan zone of New York City and a few important northern and eastern cities.

The 25 leading building centers reported \$222,613,193, a loss substantially of 4 per cent from May, 1925, and of 17 per cent from April this year. The May showing, however, was the largest ever recorded in these cities excepting

last year. The April to May losses this year are considerably greater than the normal downward trend between these two months, which is about 5 per cent.

U. S. FILMS POPULAR

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