



# For Better Homes



## INSULATION IS CHEAPEST WAY

You've seen a cork rise in water? Warm air rises almost as fast in flues. And the walls of a frame residence, if unfilled, are flues. There is sheathing covered with clapboards, brick veneer or stucco on the outside of the studs, and lath and plaster on the inside. And there usually is nothing at the foot of the walls to prevent the warm air rising from the basement, and nothing at the top to prevent this air from passing into the attic. These flues, of course, are ideal for the transmission of heat to the great out-of-doors.

There are two ways to stop this. One is to use an insulator in place of ordinary wood sheathing. If this is done, the insulator chosen should be a large-unit board which makes the studding stronger than narrow wooden boards. It should be a fire-stop. It should eliminate the need for building paper. It should provide a base for clapboards or a backing for stucco or brick veneer, and it should not be more than a trifle higher in cost than non-insulating, inflammable wood sheathing.

Another way of insulating the walls is to put a dry filler between the studs. Whereas the insulating sheathing mentioned is not an extra item in the materials bill, since it takes the place of wood sheathing, these fillers are extra items. But they are not expensive. The cheapest may be selected, provided it also is a fire stop.

Dry fillers, in the main can be installed by common labor, or by the home owner himself, and their use is not confined to new buildings. In a majority of cases they can be installed in old residences without cutting into the structure in any way. An incombustible dry filler, used in combination with in-

ulating sheathing, provides a high filler, used in combination with insulation.

**More Precaution.**  
But how about the transmission of heat directly from the rooms to the outside? Even though the "flues" in the walls are filled an additional heat saving precaution may be taken at no extra expense.

This precaution is to use an insulating lath as a plaster-base or, if that cannot be afforded, to use an insulating wallboard for the interior finish of the walls. The insulating lath may be either vegetable or mineral in substance, either rigid or semi-rigid in form. The owner will select the one which is less expensive and which will best prevent plaster-cracks and will add most to the structural strength of the building.

If wood lath are used instead of insulating lath, an insulating quilt may be placed between the studs. This is an extra item in the building cost. But it should be remembered that insulation is an economy. It means greater comfort all the year round and a year-after-year saving in fuel cost.

### Observer House Plan Used for Home Here

Evidence that the house plans being published in the Evening Observer each Monday in the building section are meeting with favor is shown in the erection of a house on Cedar street by Clarence Green, following the plan of one of the attractive homes designed by W. W. Purdy.

Several other plans have been studied and many excellent features in them incorporated in other houses now being erected here, it is said.

**CLARA HAS PARTY**  
**SAN QUENTIN**—Clara Phillips had a prison birthday party yesterday. Seventy-four women inmates were hostesses at a "surprise" party in the Los Angeles hammer murderess' cell. Each gave her a present.

## Here And There

**Rainier-Mentee mill, burned with \$400,000 loss, will be rebuilt.**

**Portland—Oregon Box and Manufacturing company builds better plant to replace burned one.**

**Salem—State fairgrounds to have automobile building to cost \$20,000.**

**Klamath Falls—New six-story hotel to be built to cost \$150,000.**

**Portland—Model residence to be built to display 29 building specialties.**

**Portland—Jantzen Knitting mills to erect addition to cost \$200,000.**

**Myrtle Point—Construction begins on \$12,000 hospital building.**

**Sandy—Contract let for \$60,000 hotel at Wildwood.**

**Mill City—School district votes \$5,000 bonds for high school addition.**

**Ashland—Cornerstone laying and dedication of new Oregon State Normal school takes place.**

**Salem—Old buildings demolished to make way for new \$350,000 national bank.**

### THREE PLEAD; BONDS FIXED

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trials here in justice court.

Rube McClune is in jail on a charge of transportation. Ed Wise is out on \$75 bail until Thursday when he is to make his plea.

M. Wapato and Daniel McJoe, Indian, alleged violators, each furnished bail of \$50 for appearance before Judge Brady. They are charged with possession.

A charge of driving while intoxicated was filed today against Nathan Frank, of Maxville. He was arrested at Elgin by state and local officers.

**Two Fined.**  
C. E. Willis and S. D. Gray paid fines of \$50 apiece when they pleaded guilty to possession before the justice of the peace at Elgin Saturday.

### 4 CONVICTS CAPTURED BY POSSE

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o'clock. The convicts had crawled under brush in a creek bottom and had then covered themselves up with old boards. They were not armed and there was no struggle.

Moore and Franzen had eaten nothing since Sunday noon except green apples, they told Sheriff Manning. The sheriff immediately ordered food for them. After eating heartily, both declared they felt fine.

Decision to split from Fisher and Mitchener was reached Sunday night, the prisoners said.

**Headed For Portland.**  
Moore and Franzen decided Tuesday morning to make their way to Portland. It was when they started to carry out this plan that Brax, a nursery man saw them in a field and fired six shots at them.

In speaking of their escape from the penitentiary, the two convicts said they decided to use no guns for their recapture were about 75 per cent against them and they did not want to face a charge of murder in the event of their failure to get away.

Moore said they were greatly surprised when they scaled the prison wall at Salem without being detected, as they fully expected that some one of their number would be struck with bullets from the guns of the guards.

**Guards Not Watching.**  
"We simply caught them when they were not watching," said Moore in explaining the escape was made so easy.

Moore complained bitterly over the treatment he received in the bull pen at the penitentiary, where he said he was confined for 40 days after the dining room riot several months ago.

"It's the bull pen for us again, when they take us back," he said, but neither he nor Franzen seemed to be perturbed by the prospect.

The two men said they had no definite plans for escape, and attested their capture to lack of knowledge of the country and hunger.

Twenty-three per cent of all wells drilled for oil are failures.

## POPULATION RETURNS TO L AGRANDE

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cluded more than half a hundred historical characters, as unusually good. A bucking Ford drew a good deal of laughter.

**Husker's Elgin**  
The celebration at Elgin closed Saturday night with a dance. Although the town was decorated, the affair was staged at the fairgrounds where everything from push ball contests to dancing held sway. A parade, entitled the pageant of nations, drew much praise from the spectators. Large crowds were in attendance both days.

At Cove every Episcopal church in Eastern Oregon was represented at yesterday's celebration. Scores from La Grande joined Cove and her visitors during the day. The swimming pool there was one of the most popular spots.

**Portland Attracted Many**  
Portland, Ore., drew several hundred persons from Eastern Oregon, with an excursion train that left Baker, stopped at La Grande, Pendleton and The Dalles, and returned in time to get a little sleep before starting work this morning.

The trails left here shortly after eight o'clock, carrying a large crowd of La Granders. Fishing streams and lakes over all the two counties had their share of guests. Catherine Creek, above Union, was literally crowded for miles by picnickers and anglers. Despite the crowded condition of the banks, many good catches of fish were reported.

The few who remained in La Grande amused themselves in various ways, ranging from peacefully reading the papers at the shady side of the house, to taking short hikes into nearby hills.

**Weather Warm Here**  
The weather was warmer than usual both days, the maximum for Sunday being 97 and for Monday 100 above. A breeze and a few clouds late yesterday brought a little relief from the heat.

All in all, probably a better Independence Day celebration never passed. Enterprise reports its most successful celebration and so do the other communities that entertained.

Everyone who wanted to go

someplace went, the only difficulty being which one to choose. As the correspondent would say—"A good time was had by all."

## Episcopalians Gather At Cove July Fourth

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cars that were parked showed numerous alien licenses among those that came from Oregon, Pendleton, Baker, Canyon, Prairie, Cove, La Grande and Union furnished the biggest share of the attendants.

Mrs. W. P. Remington was present as official representative of the bishop, who was called recently to direct some council work in California.

Because of the wind, the balloon ascension plans were abandoned. The one balloon sent up drifted from La Grande instead of towards it, and had to be rescued from a treetop.

**Woman Knocked Down by Car**  
EUGENE, Ore., July 6 (AP)—Mrs. Mary Griffin of Eugene, was knocked to the pavement and sustained a broken arm when she was struck by an automobile here late last night. Cecil D. Brown, of Dallas, driver of the car which struck Mrs. Griffin, stopped and offered assistance, and reported the accident to the police. Witnesses said that Mrs. Griffin stepped in front of the car, and that Brown was driving slowly at the time.

## BLACKINGTON IS FREED OF FIRE CHARGE

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monstration. But afterward, when he turned to receive the congratulations of his attorneys, he clutched the hand of Henry L. Hess warmly.

**Thanks Hess**  
"I feel as if I ought to kiss you," he said.

George Mowry, Multnomah prosecuting attorney, and H. H. Pomeroy, chief deputy state fire marshal, who left Saturday night after the trial, declared that they were completely satisfied with the outcome of the case.

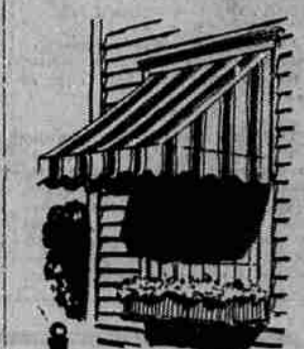
"The state had a square deal

straight through the trial," Mowry averred. "None could have been more fair than Judge J. W. Knowles was in the case."

Mowry and John S. Hodgkin assisted Carl G. Helm, district attorney, in the prosecution.

## Court In Recess

Court takes a recess this week until Thursday, when two civil suits are scheduled for succeeding days. The first will be Floyd McKennon versus E. Zundell. The Grande Ronde Lumber company versus Mrs. Blanchard et al is to be heard Friday.



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