

# Building and Improvement

## EXPENSE LESS TO BUILD HOME

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Costs of construction decreased slightly during June. The average for the month was on a plane that has been held quite consistently for several months, according to statistics compiled by the Associated General Contractors of America.

An analysis of the cost of building in various large cities shows the small changes noted last month to have been the effect of scattered wage reductions. The prices paid by contractors for materials remained at the average they held during May.

Study of the relative trends of wages and costs of materials shows them to be widely divergent. Whereas the costs of materials have constantly been dropping since June, 1923, the average of wages paid in the construction industry is shown to have been steadily mounting since that time.

The building costs, composed mainly of these two elements, have thus maintained a virtually single level. The effect of the upward trend of wages, the statistics show, has been balanced during the past three years by the steady

downward trend of material prices. The result is that the total costs, following a line at all times equally distant from the cost of labor and the cost of materials, has shown but small fluctuation. Since August, 1925, the costs of construction have remained within a range of three points on an index based upon conditions in 1913. The index number held at the end of June on this scale was 198. The most recent peak was 208, reached in June, 1925.

**MOVIES LURE O. N. G.**  
EUGENE, Ore., July 20. (AP)—The national guard troops from Eugene, Springfield, Salem, Albany, Corvallis and Cottage Grove will entertain Thursday for Cottage Grove, where they will be outfitted in uniforms of civil War pattern, to take part in the making of "The General," a new motion picture now in the making by Buster Keaton.

Nearly 1,000 men will be employed in the making of one of the battle scenes, and the national guardmen who take part will camp up Row River, where the scene will be filmed, for at least three days.

**TOURISTS DISAPPOINTED**  
SAIDA, Syria.—Some intrepid American tourists here are disappointed. No whale is to be seen. Forbidden to swim at the spot where Jonah is supposed to have landed after his adventure they did so just the same, but nothing happened.

## OUT OUR WAY



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## Here And There

**SALEM**—Building permits for six months total \$1,458,020.

**PENDELTON**—\$30,000 addition to Hotel Dorion has 74 rooms.

**WALLOWA**—Work begins on new Halston building; new post-office to be built soon.

**MEDFORD**—Masonic lodge will build modern warehouse here, block for lodge home.

**GARHART**—Contracts let for new high school to cost \$100,000.

**MEDFORD**—American Fruit Growers, national distributors, build modern warehouse here.

**MEDFORD**—Masonic lodge will spend \$25,000 to enlarge new lodge hall building.

**MYRTLE POINT**—Construction begins on new hospital here.

**HAGEN GOING GOOD**  
WHITE WATER, Gappa.—The Hag is surely a money player. A century note is awarded each day for the lowest score in the eastern open. Sir Walter copped it in the first day's play and just by way of getting over with one Jones, broke Hobbs's 26-hole record by doing a 67-65-132. And at that he missed a hole in one by six inches.

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## Radio

**TUESDAY, JULY 20**  
**KFKX, Colorado Springs, Colo.** (250m-1200kc), 7:30 p. m., H. Gratz Cor free voice lesson; 8:30, Paul Antle's orchestra; 10-11:30, Berttram T. Wheatley, concert organist.

**KOA, Denver, Colo.** (322.4m-830kc), 6:30 p. m., Brown Palace string orchestra.

**Pacific Standard Time Stations**  
**KFI, Los Angeles, Cal.** (467m-642kc), 7-8 p. m., Virginia ballroom orchestra; 8-9, Screen Artists string quartet; 9-10, Ernest H. Ball, composer and others; 10-11, Packard Radio Club.

**KFWB, Hollywood, Cal.** (252m-1190kc), 7-7:30 p. m., program, Morris and Company; 7:30-8, program, White Auto company; 8-9, Bill Hatch's orchestra; 9-10, program, American Brake Testing Machine company; 10-11, Warner Brothers frolic.

**KGO, Oakland, Cal.** (361.2m-830kc), 8-9 p. m., Eveready program, Valencia orchestra; Harrison L. Coles, tenor; G. Franklin Roberts, baritone; 9-10, Pilgrim's hour, Don Lee Chappelle company.

**KGW, Portland, Ore.** (491.5m-610kc), 6-7 p. m., Shagun United artists; 8-10, educational program; 10-12 midnight, Herman Kenyon's dance orchestra; Curt Kraemer, pianist.

**KHJ, Los Angeles, Cal.** (465.2m-740kc), 6:20-7:20 p. m., Weekly visit of Queen Titania, Sandman from Fairyland; 7:40, talk on dogs; 8-10, Tower studio musical program; 10-11, Southern Seaside's dance orchestra.

**KJR, Seattle, Wash.** (384.1m-780kc), 5:30-10 p. m., Puget Sound Savings and Loan Association orchestra; 10-11, Nite Motor

company studio program.  
**KNX, Hollywood, Cal.** (336.9m-800kc), 7-7:45 p. m., program, Geo. E. Read, Inc.; 8-9, Builder's Finance company program; 9-10, Western Auto Supply company program; 10-12, movie night, Ambassador, Hux, West's Coconut Grove dance orchestra.

**KPSN, Pasadena, Cal.** (315.6m-950kc), 8-9 p. m., Star-News ensemble, Henri J. van Praag, director; George Fronger, tenor.

**KTAL, Oakland, Cal.** (230.9m-1250kc), 5-10 p. m., classical program.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 21**  
**KFI, Los Angeles, Cal.** (467m-642kc), 7-7:30 p. m., popular program; 8-9, program, California Petroleum Corp.; 9-10, popular program; 10-11, Charles Beauchamp, tenor and others.

**KFWB, Hollywood, Cal.** (252m-1190kc), 7:30-8 p. m., program, Corduroy Tire Stores, Inc.; 8-9, program, A. V. Shotwell Corp.; 9-10, varied program; 10-11, Warner Brothers frolic.

**KGO, Oakland, Cal.** (361.2m-830kc), 6-6:55 p. m., Ben's Little Symphony orchestra; 8-12 midnight, Lions' clubs; Illinois and Indiana night.

**KGW, Portland, Ore.** (491.5m-610kc), 6-7 p. m., dinner concert; 8-9, Western Auto Supply company; 9-10, musical entertainment.

**KHJ, Los Angeles, Cal.** (465.2m-740kc), 6:30-7:30 p. m., Uncle John and the children; 7:40, talk on astronomy; 8-10, Times presentation.

**KJR, Seattle, Wash.** (384.1m-780kc), 7:30-8:20 p. m., Arrowhead Mfg. Co., studio program; 10-11, Olympic Carpet Ref. company, studio program.

**KNX, Hollywood, Cal.** (336.9m-800kc), 7-8 p. m., studio program; Stewart-Warner dealers program; 9-10, program, Motor Transit (10) orchestra; 10-11, Edgewater club; 11-

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