



Building and Improvement



OREGON CITIES BUILD RAPIDLY

Seven Spend More Than
\$47,000,000 in Con-
struction in 1926

During the year of 1926, just ended, seven Oregon cities spent a total of \$47,389,211 in new construction, a figure that compares favorably with other yearly records.

Portland, with \$58,187,830, led the list, although Medford,

Klamath Falls, Salem and Eugene each spent more than a million. Salem's figure of more than three million was a record-breaker in the Western Oregon city's history.

In La Grande the year's total was \$258,887, although a figure slightly larger was announced a few days ago, prior to closing of the books. La Grande's construction work since 1920 is well above the two-million mark, including nearly half a thousand homes.

Last year's figure is the greatest in local history, excepting 1924, and conditions are that this year will find heavy building operations.

PORTLAND PERMITS
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3. (AP)

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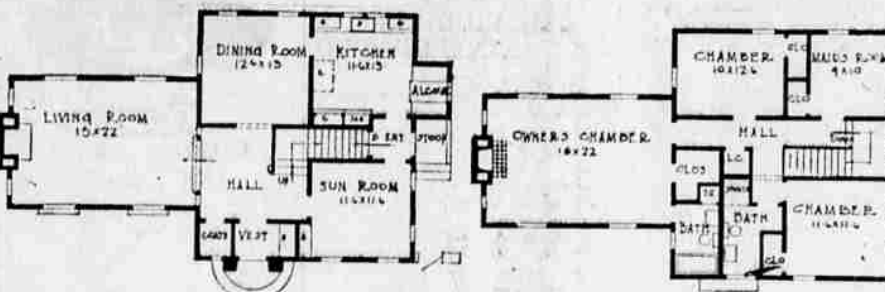
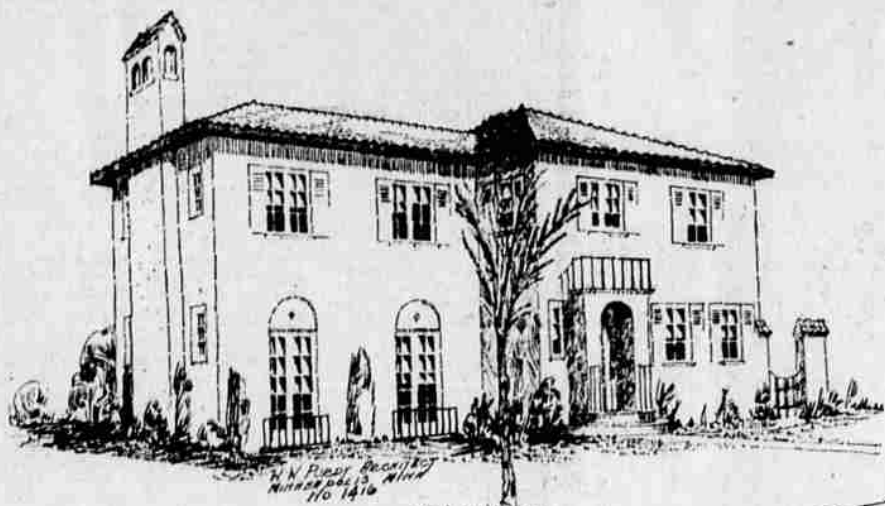
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AN ATTRACTIVE SPANISH HOME



By W. W. PURDY

In many sections of the country the Spanish type of architecture is becoming more and more popular.

While usually simple in lines, the exterior with its tile roof, presents a most attractive appearance whether it be in the summer-time contrasted with the green foliage, or in the winter time, with the ground covered with snow.

The broad frontage of this home is to the street, planned for an east front lot, almost equally as good on a south facing one. Set low on the ground, the floor of the living-room dropped, the iron balconies are just above the grade, yet together with the blue green shutters, and materially to the exterior appearance.

The entrance is from a vestibule into a square center hall, the

stairs being located so as to get the effect from the living-room, nearly centered on the opening and fireplace directly opposite in the end of the long living-room.

With the dropped floor, the ceiling which is arched, is somewhat higher than the rest of the house. The walls, a rough plaster, stippled. An arched opening is opposite the entrance into the dining-room. The kitchen, larger than usual, is exceptionally well arranged with ample cupboards for dishes, tin, etc. Note the built-in alcove, the steep and the convenience of the rear entry and basement stairs, to both the kitchen and front part of the house as well.

A sunroom is located in the corner, which has built-in bookcases. The second floor contains a large

owner's bedroom, with fireplace, an exceptionally large closet, and private bath, with the main bath so as to reach the same stack, the tub in this bath being omitted and a shower substituted.

In the basement is a large amusement-room, the furnace-room, laundry, storage and an extra toilet.

The materials used in the construction of this home are of the best. The floors are of oak, except the kitchen, which is rubber tile, and the bathrooms, where a colored tile is used on the floor and for the wainscoting.

The woodwork throughout is of birch, painted a gray and ivory. The cost, exclusive of the heating and plumbing, is placed at between \$19,000 and \$22,000.

Here And There

Building permits in Portland in 1926 totaled \$25,187,830. This compared with \$44,161,619 for 1925 and \$44,186,125 for 1924.

Blank plans for this city for 1926 totaled \$2,109,849,193. The total for 1925 was \$2,015,148,509.

SPENDS NEARLY \$3,000,000

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 3. (AP)—Building permits here during the past year totaled \$2,900,818, according to official city figures.

HEAVY YEAR IN EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 3. (AP)—There were 475 building permits issued in Eugene during the year 1926, with the approximate value of the buildings represented placed at \$1,495,067, according to Inspector W. E. Alexander. Of the total permits, 215 were for new residences.

SALEM YEAR ACTIVE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3. (AP)—With building construction in Salem for the year now closing totaling more than three million dollars, the year is a record-breaker in local development. The actual expenditures always exceed the amounts recorded with permits. The total for the year is \$1,192,169 greater than last year.

\$237,505 SPENT IN G. P.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 3. (AP)—Construction in Grants Pass during 1926 reached a total value of \$237,505. Of this amount, \$122,575 was for business building and \$76,660 was for residences. Forty new residences were constructed during the year.

MEDFORD'S TOTAL

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 3. (AP)—Building permits issued in this city during 1926 will exceed those of 1925, previous record year, by approximately \$75,000, according to figures given out by the city building department. A total of \$1,300,000 in construction permits was issued this year, the heaviest month being March, which showed \$175,000.

SEEK BANK CONDITIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (AP)—The comptroller of currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Friday, Dec. 31.

REJUVENATE WET UNION

BOSTON—A call has been issued for a meeting to rejuvenate the local bartenders union. The reason is described as "news of greatest importance."

CORVALLIS—Plans ready for \$300,000 O. A. C. soldiers' memorial building.

MARSHFIELD — \$12,000 auto storage building to be erected here.

MEDFORD — \$70,000 Masonic temple dedicated.

MOLLA — Sawmill to be built near here.

KLAMATH FALLS — County will build \$30,000 jail.

PORTLAND — \$200,000 building to be erected at Park and Yamhill.

MT. ANGEL — Plans developing to spend \$200,000 in rebuilding Mt. Angel college.

EUGENE — Store building will cost \$175,000.

CUSHMAN — Local cannery, recently destroyed by fire, to be rebuilt.

COQUILLE — \$16,000 already raised to build \$25,000 M. E. church.

KLAMATH FALLS—New Hamilton apartments will cost \$25,000.

Salesman Dies of Gunshot Wounds

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 3. (AP)—Accidental discharge of the gun with which he had been duck hunting on the McKenzie river resulted in the death here of Clarence A. West, salesman with the E. L. Dunn Motor company of this city. West died a few minutes after he had been brought to a local hospital.

No one saw the accident. Fellow salesmen heard the shot and the injured man's cries. West had parked his car in front of the salaroom, and when fellow workers responded to his cries they found him lying on the pavement by the car.

The gun, a 12 gauge pump action shotgun, was on the floor of the car, pointing to the open door. The load had struck West in the abdomen.

New York is to have a 110-story building. We wonder how Detroit feels now about that 82-story cottage.

Washington police men have been ordered to give women their street car seats. What will the male copper do when a policeman gets on?

Maytag Trains End Race in Tie

The two Maytag washing machine trains which have raced across the continent, arrived at their destination at exactly the same time, and a tie has been declared as a result.

It was a race between the electric power of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul and the steam power of the Northern Pacific. These two solid trains of Maytag washers sped across the continent to see who would be first to deliver to Maytag Pacific, Inc. its record breaking shipment of two solid trainloads at one time.

This is the greatest shipment of washers ever received by one distributor, and the first time one distributor has ever taken two solid trainloads at one time. Railroad officials and the public at large watched the race with interest, as a test between electricity and steam. For the most part the steam train pulled ahead on the level but the electric motor made speed over the mountains.

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