



Building and Improvement



EXPECT YEAR TO BE RECORD ONE

With Normal School and Hotels Projected, Much Building Foreseen

Although the first week of 1927 found permits for three new residence buildings recorded at the city office only one construction application was made last week.

Jan. 16 George Paper was issued a permit to alter and repair a one and a half story house on Second street between Grand and Jefferson avenues.

Addition records of building activities in coast cities last year have been received here and they show more than ever La Grande's construction standing for 1926.

4 Oregon Cities Jump
In Oregon only La Grande, Klamath Falls, Medford and Salem spent more than in 1925. Other cities tabulated showed a decrease in permits. La Grande's increase was practically 75 per cent, Klamath Falls 85 per cent, Salem 95 and Medford 15.

Coast cities ranking below La Grande in 1926 building included: Marshfield, Eugene, Clatskanie, Clifton, Astoria, Cannon Beach, Tillamook, Cannon Beach, Tillamook, Cannon Beach, Tillamook.

Builders and those who finance building operations and realtors who market new homes and handle the rentals of commercial properties consider that the general reaction in building over the coast area in 1926, in which La Grande

was an exception if carried on for a few months into 1927 in those cities where overproduction has seemed threatened, will effectually stabilize conditions so that during the latter part of the year operations may be resumed on the active basis of 1925.

Record Year Expected
With a normal school to be built here and several other buildings, including apartment houses and hotels, planned for this year, indications are that La Grande's building—barring some unexpected slump—may reach a new high level. Some predict that more than half a million dollars will be spent and give this as a very conservative figure.

Here And There

ST. HELENS—Building here during 1926 reached \$226,950.

MEDFORD—Building operations here last year totaled \$1,200,000.

McMINNVILLE—Addition being built to St. Barbara Episcopal church.

SALEM—M. B. Sanderson will build factory for street-marking machines.

SVENSEN—New Redmen lodge hall is opened for public use.

Sixty-nine \$5 gold pieces were found in telephone bay boxes in New York just after New Year's, which proves conclusively that the Volstead act was enforced.

A HOME WITH TILE WALLS



By W. W. Purdy

There are a great many people who prefer to retain a large open porch, whether it be located in the front or the rear, the porch in front with the Gambrel roof.

Colonial works out very well indeed. In this plan another screened porch is located in the rear, a retreat from the morning sun in the summer months.

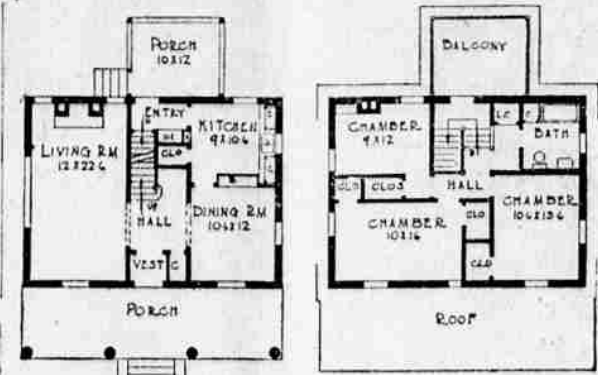
Of the center hall type it would be difficult to obtain a more satisfactory plan for a small home of six rooms, with upper and lower floors.

The materials used in the construction of this home are hollow tile for the exterior walls, stucco, with brick sills, the walls on the inside to be tiled and plastered. This gives one an exceptionally warm house in winter and cool in summer. If one did not care for the plastered walls on the outside the tile could be veneered with a red brick, so as to carry out the Colonial color scheme.

The basement is complete with the laundry, storage and boiler rooms. The trim is birch, ivory-colored for the woodwork with mahogany stained doors. Bath floor and wainscot of tile, with the balance of the floor of oak, stained, filled and waxed. The inside walls are putty coated and papered. The cost of this home is placed at \$7,500 to \$9,000, exclusive of heating and plumbing, using the tile construction. Frame construction would reduce this about 10 per cent. Brick veneering the tile walls would add about \$200.00.

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Viscount Cecil Believes America Offers More Careers to Poor Boy

GENEVA, Jan. 17. (AP)—Ambitious young men must choose between greatness for themselves or for their deeds—they can be something or do something, but not both, believes Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, prominent English statesman.

America offers greater opportunities than England to the poor young man, he adds.

"We have solved the problem of liberty as well as you," Lord Robert Cecil, as he is better known in Geneva, told the Associated Press correspondent, "but you have solved the problem of equality better than we have."

More Equality in U. S.
The Viscount, engaged with others here in the intricacies of remodeling and interpreting the League of Nations covenant, is the son of a distinguished father, Lord Salisbury, and his family has been eminent in English parliamentary life since the days of Queen Elizabeth.

"If you are well-to-do in England and can afford to wait, practically all careers are open to you," he said. "If you are poor, it is a different story, of course. I don't think we have solved in England the question of 'open careers' or opportunities for young men as well as you have in the United States. Unlike you, we are a crowded country."

"Apart from special circumstances, I am convinced that in the end a man generally does what he desires to do and I believe that is more true in the United States than in England. If with sufficient strength he desires to do a special thing, he will finally accomplish it."

Can Either 'Be or Do'
"Broadly speaking, there are two objects of desire. To be something; to do something. If you want to be something, for example, a rich man, or president of the United States, or judge of the supreme court, well, that's one form of life. But if you want to do something, then you must be on your guard as far as you can, against caring what you are. You must not bother about what will happen to you. If you would struggle to be things, then you must abandon hope of doing things."

Determination, tenacity and resource are salient traits of Englishmen, Lord Cecil said, "but the great factor in the success of the British is the experiment station. This spray, consisting of 5 gallons of oil to 100 gallons of water, is put on the trees as early as possible after the leaves have fallen. The scale is readily recognized by the formation of honey-dew on the branches, which causes smutting of the fruit and foliage. The female adults are reddish-brown, very convex, longer than wide, and about one-eighth inch long. The winter is passed in the half-grown stage.

Winter cleaning of the farm, house garden, and orchard materially reduces the insect pests of the following season, says the department of entomology of the Oregon experiment station. Cutworms, grasshoppers, and root maggots are destroyed by winter plowing and burning of the weeds and ditch banks. San Jose scale, tent caterpillars, tree crickets, aphids, leaf hoppers, and cicadas are destroyed by burning the prunings from the orchard, bush and cane fruits.

Chicago Paving Way To Build Own Homes

CHICAGO, Jan. 17. (AP)—Chicago is getting ready to dispose of its housing problem.

The city has launched its first concerted effort to adequately house the "white collar" man and his family by providing him his own home, on terms he can meet, or by giving him reasonable rent in ideal apartments.

Thirty-three representatives of business, industry, and welfare, appointed by Mayor Dwyer, are busy on the problem. At the head of the committee is William Zelosky, an experienced Chicago builder.

The first objective is for modification of the law which impedes limited dividend corporations entering the housing field in Illinois. A law will be drafted to present to the state's legislature. If that obstacle is hurdled, the committee plans to form a corporation for First, erect comfortable homes and make it easier for the man with limited income to own one by stretching the financing period over 15 to 20 years time. It is now 5 to 10.

Second, to gradually buy property in desirable residential districts, tear down dilapidated structures, and erect architecturally correct and attractive apartments. Zelosky believes such apartments offered at a rental of \$10 a month.

Chicago's home owning percentage is one of the lowest in the country. It is 27 per cent, just ahead of that of New York which is 12 per cent but unlike New York, Chicago's land area is almost unrestricted.

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Farm Pointers

Bean and pea weevils are controlled in Oregon by fumigating the seed with carbon disulfide before putting it into permanent storage, says Don C. Mote, entomologist of the experiment station. Materials held over winter for non-use are heated in the oven for an hour at a temperature below that of boiling water. Weevils not killed in the fall or early spring fly to the beans and peas in the field and lay their eggs on the green pods in the early summer.

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Fights Tips



You won't have to tip your barbers as much as James C. Shanessy, resident of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union, has his say. Shanessy wants the custom of tipping barbers done away with, because it "reduces the dignity of the trade" and drives customers to safety razors.



It just looks to me like Spring is here. Not only the weather but the volume of material that we are moving, but just because it's a little warmer weather, the people must think it is a sign it's going to turn cold, for they're storing up heavy coats at the office Friday and said he had a complaint against the coat. Of course we were surprised, and asked him what was wrong. He said it smoked, and his neighbor had the same trouble. We asked him if his fur was all right and he said everything was fine. It was just the coat. Mr. Pratt told him he didn't have any trouble that way. The man said he believed he did. "Just look at the smoke coming out of your chimney now." But I guess it wasn't as serious as it sounded, for he is coming back after more soon.

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