



Building and Improvement



BRIGHT OUTLOOK IN CONSTRUCTION

Building Activity During This Year Expected to Be Great

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NEW YORK (AP)—Construction activity has been passing through a period of readjustment. This has been proceeding so quietly and moderately that it has scarcely been realized. It has been evidenced principally in a gradual decline in residential work, particularly in low-cost houses. As a whole, building activity has been declining. At the same time, engineering projects of the public works and utility class have been steadily increasing. The net result has been that total construction expenditures have been maintained at remarkably steady levels during the past three years. Estimated totals for the entire country are: 6,500 million dollars in 1925, 6,200 million dollars in 1926 and 6,300 million dollars in 1927. Underlying economic and financial conditions point to increased construction activity in 1928. The moderate decline in private construction work was halted several months ago and has been followed by a gradual rise in building volume. Improved conditions in agricultural districts and the situation that increased automotive production seems likely to give to direct business should have an encouraging effect on construction activities.

Construction is the principal industry in which accumulated investment funds are not to work to produce public and private improvements of a permanent character and by which these funds

are transformed into general community purchasing power. For this reason the conditions of investment markets give reasonably accurate forecasts of construction demand, and construction activity gives a good forecast of general business conditions.

During the past year domestic corporate bond issues, including refunding issues, have increased about 16 percent; municipal bond issues have increased about 10 percent; bond prices have been high and interest rates have been low. These indications of favorable investment conditions forecast increased construction activity.

No charts or statistics can forecast the possible effect of political events. Whether the approach of presidential election may cause some degree of uneasiness and hesitation in business circles generally, and in construction contract commitments particularly, is anybody's guess at the present time. Therefore a conservative view of 1928 prospects would anticipate a distinct but moderate improvement over 1927, not a boom.

Directions point to \$7,500,000,000 as a reasonable estimate of total construction expenditures in 1928, a figure that is just a little larger than the total for any previous year.

LEAF YEARS' BLAME

NEW YORK—Leaf years makes no difference in Peggy Joyce's life and she thinks it won't in the life of anybody else. "Being feminine, we women," she says, "will keep within bounds in spite of leaf years. I don't think a woman would do such a thing as propose to a man."

TENNEY WON'T RETIRE

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Gene Tenney will have his hands on when Father Time decrees that his career as a boxer shall end. "I will retire only when I'm unconscious," he said. "I know no other trade or profession where I could make a million a year."

NOW WE KNOW WHY "SWEARING-OFF" TIME COMES RIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS



Modern Methods Gaining Place In Rural Homes

A survey made by 4,000 rural and state grade school teachers reporting in 25,000 farms in Wisconsin show that farmers in the state are rapidly adopting modern conveniences in their homes and are generally improving their standards of living.

The Wisconsin Agriculturalist commenting on the figures says: "Of the farms covered by the survey 47 per cent have electricity. Carrying out this percentage and applying it to Wisconsin's 125,000 farms this means that there are more than 59,000 farm homes in the state where the family reads in the long winter evenings by simply turning a switch for light. Of these homes nearly one-half are lighted from the high tension lines that pass their doors. To be exact, nine per cent are lighted by current furnished from home light plants.

Those who have never used electric power, of course, do not know of its many advantages. But in 13 per cent of the farm homes of the state electric power is in daily use. It does the washing, the ironing, the separating, the pumping, water heating, and a number of other things both in and out of the house.

"Speaking of the labor saved by the use of these modern appliances this survey shows that nearly one-fourth of all the farm women in the state have now discontinued the old hand-power washer. Now 25 per cent of them do their washing with power. What a blessing that must be in those days when the women are called upon so often to lend a helping hand with the work in the dairy."

"In this great dairy state, where running water plays such an important part in the economical production of milk, the cow still leads the woman in her accessibility to water. Only 14 per cent of the farm kitchens have running water while 30 per cent of the dairy barns are equipped with running water."

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NORTH POWDER PERSONALS

NORTH POWDER (Special)—Mrs. Vera Jones, formerly Miss Marion Ballard, arrived Saturday morning on train No. 17 from Los Angeles to spend several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Ballard.

Carl Hoffman, of Portland, arrived Saturday at noon to spend New Year's with the Johnson family.

Mr. Silven, of Baker, made the radiator of his laundry truck while making his deliveries between Baker and Hot Lake Friday. Mr. Silven had a difficult time returning to Baker.

Twenty-two babies were registered at the P. F. E. plant Friday night. Roy Phillips, of Union, was here Saturday. Mr. Phillips is connected with the Pendleton Piano house of Pendleton, selling and tuning instruments.

The Masonic lodge held its annual watch party New Year's eve. Andrew Forstrom and Helen Hutchinson gave a party at the Hutchinson home for a few of their young friends to watch the old year out and the new year in.

Elmer Forstrom and son, Eddie, were Baker visitors Saturday afternoon.

"The boys' and girls' basketball teams here play the Haines teams Friday, Jan. 6.

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SPLINTERS

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Last week, who sure hard on the coal piles in La Grande. If your needs are plentiful, consider the Knight's Spring Canyon Coal--it's a sure fire.

First Sailor.—Dan, what's a heifer? Is it a pig or a sheep? Second Sailor.—To tell you the truth I don't know much about poultry.

Of all the sad surprises, there's nothing to remember. With treading in the darkness. On a step that isn't there.

A Christmas echo, one of our friends says if he had no feet he wouldn't have any Christmas. From which we realize that he is pretty well supplied with hooves.

We've always noticed that the man who is too busy doing good is never as good as the man who is against it.

VAN PETTEN LUMBER CO.

It's too early to pick out your wall hints for spring. Call our office and we will mail you a color card. We have a large stock of the VELVATONE wall hints in bulk, and can sell you any amount and you can RETURN any left over.

Have you broken any of your New Year resolutions? So have we.

BEFORE THE MAX

TUESDAY'S PROGRAMS

The National Broadcasting company (N. B. C.) program Tuesday night follows: 8:30, bridge lesson; 9, Eveready hour; 10, record tales.

KOA—Denver (325.9m-320kc) 6:30, farm question box; 7, bridge lesson; 7:30, dance program.

KFI—Los Angeles (465.5m-440kc) 8:30 to 11, N. B. C.

KHD—Los Angeles (410.4m-720kc) 8, Cavaliers; 10, dance music.

KNN—Los Angeles (330.5m-300kc) 9, Chinese theater; 9:30, feature program.

KGO—Oakland (354.4m-730kc) 9, N. B. C.

KLN—Oakland (508.2m-500kc) 9, special program; 9, dance music.

KFRC—San Francisco (444.5m-600kc) 9, concert music; 10 to 12, dance music.

KFO—San Francisco (422.5m-710kc) 8:30 to 11, N. B. C.

KHQ—Spokane (370.2m-810kc) 8:30 to 11, N. B. C.

KJR—Seattle (345.5m-580kc) 8, utility; 6:30, dinner concert; 7:30, studio program; 10 to 12, dance music.

KEX—Portland (123.5m-1250kc)

HILGARD PERSONALS

HILGARD (Special)—A sleighing party was enjoyed by the young people here Sunday evening. Among those that were included were Vernon, Vera, Thelma and Nolan Wilson, Eva and John Thornbrue, Donna, Winfield and Ellis Scott, Vera Weimer, Marie Sanford, Emory Ferguson, Alta Harrison, Paul Gettle, Arthur Cantrell and Leonard Ferguson.

Mrs. Frank Sanford was a La Grande shopper Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary G. Young was in La Grande Tuesday.

Miss Verda Ferguson has as her guest for the vacation Miss Juanita Thompson, of La Grande.

Rector Attacks Motion Pictures

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP)—Cannon William S. Chase, rector of Christ church, Brooklyn, believes the motion picture is a school of crime.

"Did you notice that in his account of his dreadful crime, Hickman said it was his habit to see motion pictures daily?" Cannon Chase asked in a debate with Dr. Wolfe Adler on the question, "Should there be federal supervision of motion pictures?"

He 6:30, children's hour; 7, orchestra; 8, studio program; 10 to 12, dance music.

THE WERCK OF THE PARAGUAY



Helpless on the rocks of Kitty Hawk Hill, a promontory of treacherous Cape Hatteras, N. C., lies the wreck of the Greek tanker Paraguay. Coast guards used the breeches buoy to get her crew of 24 safely ashore.

vision of motion pictures?" Dr. Chase also contended that motion pictures were a menace to the morals of children to the turbulence of world peace.

Dr. Adler asserted that while he had no admiration for the motion pictures he did not believe there should be censorship or supervision because all censorship was bad.

A man told us this week that he once ordered some chicken croquettes in a restaurant. The waiter called "Fowl Ball" to the cook.

To a throat specialist, if it isn't tonsillitis but is important.

A common cold is always extraordinary if it's your own.

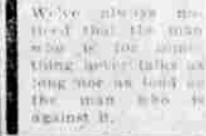


Brace your feet, pin your ears back and hold your head high. My police dog is still alive and we are selling Monarch paint and wallpaper in our mind way next summer sometime.

I am just as crazy as ever before and I was going to say twice as fat but I am not quite that bad. A nice looking gentleman came into the office Saturday and started to write out a check for me and he was writing the word "Tuck" before he thought. I wish I could be Tuck. I am a few more. I only have something like 70 nephews and nieces of my own, but I could take on a few more. Royal coat is not common ordinary coat. There is a string of coal leaving the yard—I was going to say day and night but the police dog is arranging to get material enough this winter to make a cozy patch quilt for his next year's kennel. Those police dogs are sure funny. They look like a wolf and they act like a wolf and they eat like a wolf. There is a kid that keeps hitting in as I try to talk and evertime I say something about the police dog and the wolf he keeps saying "So you old man."

Well, I am all varied now. I was going to try to write something kind of an ad but I will just have to quit and tell you more about Monarch paint when the weather warms up.

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