



Building and Improvement



OREGON BUILDING FIGURE IS LOWER

January Permits Only Equal \$1,298,968—Winter Given as Reason

Building construction for 1927 got away to a good start in the Pacific Northwest last month. Building permits issued in Washington and Idaho slightly exceeded the permits issued for the same month last year and Washington's total is considerably ahead of that for December.

Oregon felt the effects of a continued period of unusual cold, snow and ice, permits dropping almost \$2,000,000 under those of January, 1927, but approximating the total for last December. The major portion of this decrease was felt in the city of Portland.

While construction in Washington and Idaho already have a head start on the 1927 figures, California got away to a \$2,000,000 loss. January construction in that state totaled \$21,369,272 as compared with \$22,216,636 for the same month last year.

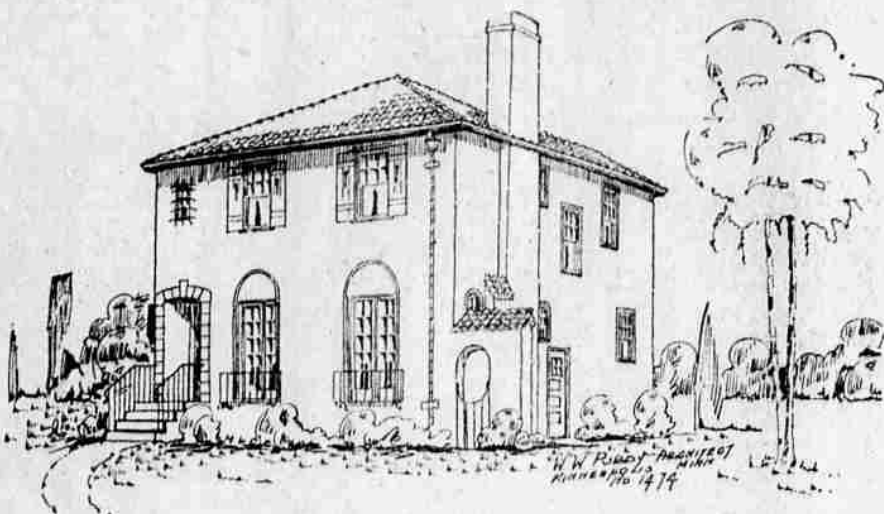
Both Spokane and Seattle report a 16 per cent gain over January, 1927, and large gains over December figures. Seattle's total was \$2,692,530, more than all permits issued in Oregon and Idaho together.

Hogium permits last month totaled \$155,703, as compared with \$41,135 for the same month last year and \$25,426 for December. Olympia, Port Angeles and Yakima all report substantial gains. Tacoma slumped, the Lumber Capital's total for the month being only \$302,255, as compared with \$94,040 for December and \$581,815 for January, 1927.

Helen and Lewiston showed comparatively substantial gains, while construction in Idaho Falls and Nampa was almost at a standstill.

Astoria and Marshfield are the only Oregon cities which reported important increases. La Grande's total was \$2,600

A PLEASING SPANISH DESIGN



With the advent of spring, many there are, which are interested in the building of a home; a majority of these people are those that have never built before; some no doubt, will be guided by the experience of others, while some will build and learn.

The sketch shows a square house, two stories, with simple ornamentation, a most economical home to build. The interior is most interesting, and will reveal many unique and interesting features.

Entrance is from a simple recessed doorway, into a small reception hall, the floor of which is a little higher than that of the living room, typically Spanish. The plastered arches, with wrought iron rail separating the hall and the living room is most pleasing. The fireplace with arched bookcases, rough hewn beams against the rough tinted plastered walls, rich in effect.

The stairway too, must not go unmentioned. With its wrought iron rail and balusters. The kitchen is most complete in its appointments, a breakfast nook that is ideal. Note the bookcases, refrigerator, sink, location of stove, all conveniently arranged. The grade as well as the rear door.

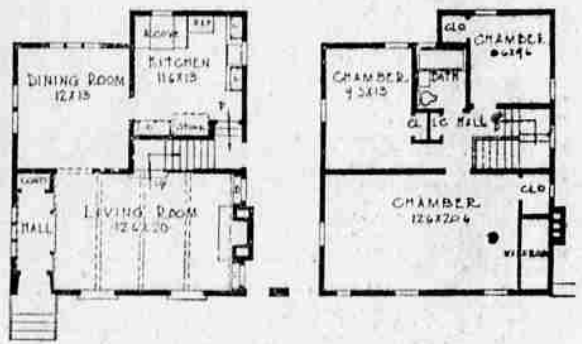
On the second floor are three chambers, the front and unusually large one accommodating twin beds, a large closet with window, a built-in wardrobe, cedar lined, tiled-in bath.

The basement too, is complete in all details including laundry, furnace, storage rooms.

The cost of this home is from \$5,000 to 7,500 exclusive of heating and plumbing.

SHINGLING HOME
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THE GARDEN

PLANNING THE GARDEN

With the location of the vegetable plot selected, the next task is laying out a plan, the main item in freestyle gardening which is the basis of a sound sunshine garden. Owing to the varying conditions in different yards it is difficult to lay down a standard garden plan. Each situation requires individual variations to suit its conditions. It is best to plant in rows rather than in beds for ease of cultivation.

A general rule the rows should run north and south for a more equitable distribution of sunlight, but it is more important from the practical standpoint of making hoeing and raking easy to run them the long way of the garden.

The first factor to be considered in planning the crops is to locate them in the garden plot so that the taller growing crops will not shade the lower growers. Locate the directions on the plan with regard to sunlight before planning the rows.

Draw the plot to scale and study the seed catalogues and garden books for proper distances apart for the rows and stick to it. These distances have been proved best by the practical experience of ex-

perienced gardeners and they are as closely placed as the best development of the plants will permit. Proper spacing means better crops than crowded plants. Crowding minimizes the bearing possibilities.

In city back yard gardens the problem of succession planning is an important one as the soil must be kept in continuous action. Succession crops must be marked into the plan. Peas for instance, are an early season crop. Late cabbage, beets, turnips, kale or spinach can be followed by tomatoes, egg plants or peppers. These should be considered in planning the vegetable crop for the season.

The main utility of a garden plan definitely on paper is to speed up the actual work of planting as the average city gardener must count his hours and make the most of them.

HOP OFF TODAY
CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 13, (AP)—Bern Hinkler, British flier, en route to Australia hopped off from Basra, Iraq, for Karachi, India, today. Hinkler left Ramleh, Palestine, Sunday, arriving at Basra that evening.

Hundreds of New Yorkers paused to watch the skyscrapers sway in the recent high winds. Isn't New York enforcing that curfew law?

WATER POWER IN OREGON IMMENSE

Government Survey Estimated 3,665,000 Horsepower in Existence

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13, (AP)—The potential waterpower of Oregon amounts to 3,665,000 horsepower, as estimated from the stream flow available 50 per cent of the time, or 5,890,000 horsepower as estimated from the flow for 50 per cent of the time, if storage is provided in feasible reservoirs. This is reported by the Interjurisdictional studies of the Geological Survey.

River surveys have been made and maps published by the Geological Survey covering 1,474 miles of rivers in Oregon.

Some idea of what nearly six million horsepower of potential waterpower in the rivers of Oregon may mean to the future of the state can be gained from the fact that so far only about three per cent of these horsepower resources have been utilized. With complete development the insatiable capacity of water wheels might amount to about eight million horsepower or more.

Some of the large rivers in Oregon for which recent estimates have been made by the Geological Survey are listed below:

- Columbia river 1,480,000 horsepower.
- Klamath river basin 122,000 horsepower.
- Umpqua river basin 561,000 horsepower.
- Togue river basin 522,000 horsepower.
- Snake river basin 523,000 horsepower.
- Deschutes river basin 734,000 horsepower.

The figures are based on flow available 50 per cent of the time. The figures for the Columbia river and the Snake and Klamath river basins represent only Oregon's share of the resources of these rivers.

PROMISE PERSONALS

PROMISE (Special)—Ralph and Roy Carper went to Wallawa Monday. They made the trip horseback.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Williams were at C. P. Carper's Saturday on business.

Agnes Bankhead, Bertha Reed, Roy, Lilian and Lewis Carper visited Sunday at Andrew Fishman's.

Mr. and Mrs. Corbett and family visited Sunday with Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Nellie Fishman.

Lacy Trump and family visited Saturday and Sunday at Bill Carper's.

The weather has been quite warm and springlike and the snow is going fast. Sleighting here is about a thing of the past.

Mrs. Henderson has received word from her daughter, Mrs. Alice Chenoweth, who has been attending college at Albany, that she has been compelled to give up her stu-

Displaying Three New Refrigerators

The W. H. Hohnenkamp company is displaying three of the newest General Electric refrigerators which are the first of the General Electric electric refrigerators to be shown in this city. Three different models are being shown by the local company and are drawing considerable comment, they say.

With Surface Al Capone out of Chicago and looking around for a town to call his home, isn't it strange that some chamber of commerce doesn't offer him an inducement? And isn't it a pity that he isn't for Chicago?

On account of trouble with her eyes, Eunice Courtney visited Sunday at C. P. Carper's.



Before I got home from Spokane one of the drivers lost a spare off the big Rex and we have put in several notices in the lost column but nobody has returned it so far and I find that no reward has been offered, so whoever found the tire and rim if you will return it to the Fruit Lumber Company there is \$25 waiting for you, but please don't lose any time because we need the tire.

We have a hog house all ready for the old sow to move in and start housekeeping. It also has a little lot in front of it where she can run out and take a look at the sun and inside of the hog house there are farrowing strips to keep the old mother sow from lying down on her children.

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Marshfield	30,100
Medford	48,115
Portland	987,200
Salem	118,650
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We wish people would learn to sign their names so we can read 'em.

These spring-like days make a fellow want to start his building operations—or so fishing.

Men living in certain portions of Russia find it difficult to remove their shoes without first unlacing them. Scientists have never yet discovered a woman who can yawn with her mouth closed. Eskimos never use salad forks. And by far the most important is the fact that now is an unusually good time to buy paint.

The Mt. Glen L. D. S. church is putting in the finishing touches on its new building.

HEALTHY NOTE:—The exercise that reduces the waist-line most quickly

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