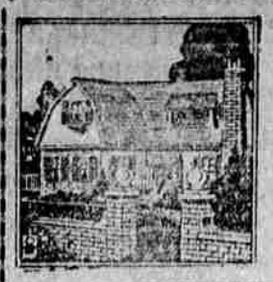


Building and Improvement

ACTIVE BUILDING YEAR EXPECTED

Highway Shops, Addition to Garage and Other Construction in Sight

With the announcement Saturday that bids will be received for the erection of five large buildings on the state property along East Adams avenue, purchased recently from Toy Young as a permanent site for the highway department shops, the outlook for building in La Grande this year jumped another notch.

The five buildings will cost a large sum of money to construct, although the exact cost will not become known until bids are opened March 27 in Portland. Many thousands of dollars, however, will be spent in construction and maintenance.

In addition to this, Avery Harrison announced last week that the wooden building next to his garage will be torn down to make way for a modern addition to the Blue Mountain garage. The wooden building, which was one of the first business structures to be erected in that part of La Grande, now houses a restaurant and its removal will mark the passing of the last wooden building from that block.

Several other rumors of new buildings, both business and residential, have been heard but have not been confirmed as yet.

Week's Building $1050

Three permits for construction were issued by City Recorder J. E. Stearns last week.

They follow:

Mar. 6—To M. A. Smith to alter and repair the Masonic hall on Adams between Elm and Fir, work to cost $500.

Mar. 7—To Felix Asla, to alter and repair a residence on Madison between Elm and Fir, work to cost $50.

Mar. 8—W. Vedder, to erect a business building on Monroe and S for Fred Young, to cost $500.

The enlarging of the kitchen and the building of a new ladies' rest-room constitute the remodeling now under way at the Masonic hall. A new kitchen range is being installed in the kitchen, the size of which is being practically doubled. A large ladies' rest room, equipped with modern fixtures, is being built.

Franklin Building Will Be Tallest

NEW YORK (AP)—When the International Benjamin Franklin society carries out its plan for a temple of peace here in Franklin's memory, the Woolworth building will no longer will be the tallest in the world.

The temple will rise skyward 800 to 850 feet. The Woolworth building, completed 13 years ago, is 792 feet high. The Franklin memorial will have 75 stories, of which three will be devoted to a museum of Franklinians, an auditorium and offices of the international society. The other 72 stories will be rented for offices.

William Guggenheim, chairman of the Franklin memorial committee, is planning the financing of the temple, which will cost between $15,000,000 and $18,000,000.

ELECTRIC BILL ITEMS

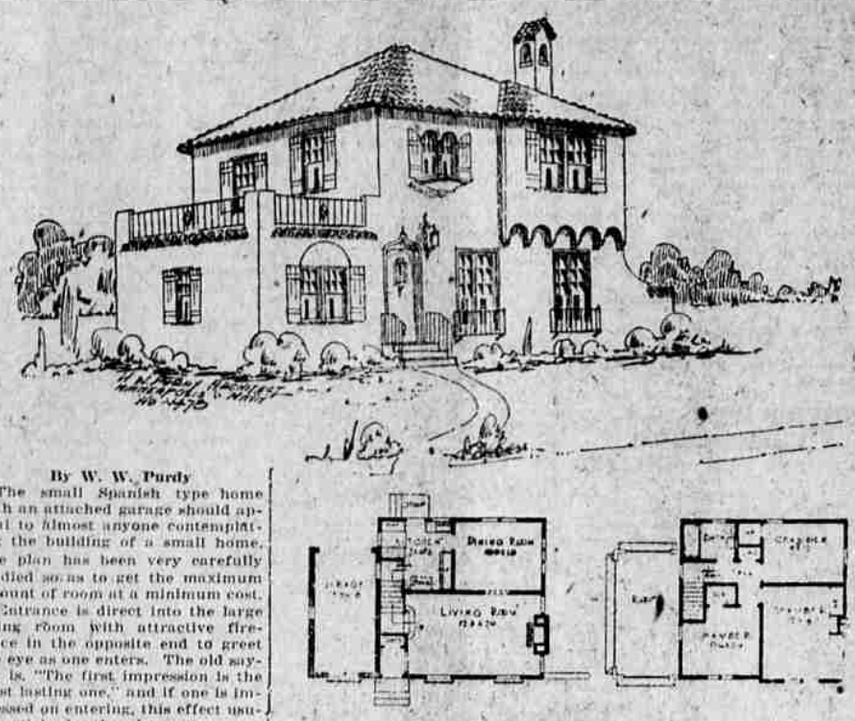
If a customer of an electric light company were to demand an itemized bill in place of the one he usually receives each month, specifying the number of kilowatt-hours and the total cost of same to him, the items would look something like this:

To paying local, state and federal taxes and insurance; buying coal and oil with which to operate power plants; maintaining forces of men 24 hours a day to operate power plants; maintaining standby plants for emergency service; allowing for wear, repair and replacement of costly plant, transmission and distribution equipment; maintaining offices and trouble departments for the convenience of customers; paying dividends on money put in by stockholders from their savings.

RENOVATING SILVER GRILL

Extensive renovation work is under way at the Silver Grill, owned by Mrs. J. J. Beubridge and Dal Hindepeth. The ceiling has been kalsomined the walls painted and the booths are receiving a new coat of paint. A light grey is the predominating color.

A SMALL SPANISH TYPE HOME



By W. W. Purdy

The small Spanish type home with an attached garage should appeal to almost anyone contemplating the building of a small home. The plan has been very carefully studied so as to get the maximum amount of room at a minimum cost.

Entrance is direct into the large living room with attractive fireplace in the opposite end to greet the eye as one enters. The old saying is, "The first impression is the most lasting one," and if one is impressed on entering, this effect usually sticks by the observer.

The dining room is of fair size. The kitchen, while small, is most complete, entrance from the kitchen is to the grade. From this grade one can ascent to the basement or out into the garage, a service door connecting with the house, very desirable in bad weather.

On the second floor are three good chambers and bath. There is a full basement, with laundry, furnace and storage rooms.

The exterior construction is of frame, using metal lath on the outside, and cement plaster. Red Spanish tile on the roof. This, while adding somewhat to the cost, gives a touch of color and an impression of stability and richness which the small inexpensive home very seldom has.

The finish is oak stained with oak floors, ivory enameled woodwork on the second floor, with birch doors stained a walnut. The bath, floor and wainscot are in tile, kitchen floor of linoleum.

With the walls a rough plaster tinted, best construction, and cement wall between house and garage, this home should be built for from $5500 to $6500, exclusive of heating and plumbing.

COVE PERSONALS

COVE (Special)—Every corner of the school yard is filled with children playing baseball. There are about six games going on every day at the same time. "Batter out," "foul ball," and "home run" can be heard at any corner of the school yard.

The general science class made an experiment outside Thursday afternoon on leverage.

Miss Vera Mullen, of Washougal, Wash., was at the Cove High school Wednesday afternoon.

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Cove High school Wednesday afternoon in the interest of the Smith-Hughes projects.

At a recent meeting of the baseball team, Edward Bristow was elected captain.

The little folks of the first and second grade room will soon be using the doll house that the shop class is making for them.

The junior vaudeville folks are busy this week getting ready for the "show" which will be held March 16.

The boys of the athletic team went down to French hall Tuesday afternoon to replace the partition, which was necessary to take out in order to play basketball.

A student body meeting was called Monday to discuss baseball funds. It was decided that the student body money should be used for this sport.

Lura Palmer, an eighth grade student, was invited into the high school room Wednesday morning to question the high students on geography.

The report cards for the last six weeks have been given out to the students.

Ward Paige, freshman, visited Imbler High school Monday.

Vernona Goodell, Maxine and Geneva Murchison, Edith Johnson, Esther Anderson, and Clara Roberts were excused from school to attend the funeral of Mrs. Haefer Wednesday afternoon.

The Cove basketball girls, who are to be awarded letters for having played eleven quarters each in basketball games, are Elsie Anderson, Louise Anderson, Estella Blank, Lee Ellen Bresheers, and Dorothy Barker.

Big Bill Thompson of Chicago wants to draft President Coolidge. We didn't know the president had any bombing experience.

The Grange

RAISING GOOD SWEET PEAS

There is an embarrassment of riches each season in new sweet peas in a bewildering array of gorgeous colors. There are hundreds of varieties, many of them so nearly alike they can be distinguished with great difficulty. The selection of seed may well be determined by following the advice of the better class seedhouses which have reached a point where they do not try to offer all varieties but a selection of the best colors and best growers.

The sweet pea has become even more of a florists' flower than a garden annual, but there is no reason why every one should not enjoy his own sweet peas to be cut lavishly as long as their season lasts. We are told that the finest sweet peas in America are grown in Alaska gardens, the cool soil conditions being ideal for them. To provide cool roots is an essential in their culture together with rich food and plenty of moisture. The sweet pea cannot weather, so the beauty of this handsome annual must be enjoyed in the early summer months, the season usually ending in July in favorable years.

The seed must be sown as early as the ground can possibly be worked, from the middle of March to the middle of April at the latest. The most approved method is to make a trench six inches deep and sow the seed an inch deep in the bottom of it, press the soil down firmly. Thin to from two to four inches apart. The old style of thick sowing and allowing the plants to touch does not produce best results. They should be given support as soon as the first tendril-bearing leaves develop. It is best to fix the support when the seed is planted as it is difficult to place it later without disturbing the roots. Five feet high is the minimum if the peas make healthy, normal growth.

Fill in the trench as the vines mount upward until finally it is filled to ground level. This gives the roots a cool run.

A Hawaiian has invented a concert ukulele that can be heard for half a mile. Dispatches fail to say whether he got life or the chair.

Brick and Tile Study Is Made; Care Is Urged

The Pacific Northwest Brick and Tile association, in conjunction with the ceramics department of the University of Washington, has been making a study of the cause of efflorescence on brickwork where Northwest materials are used under Northwest weather conditions. They have just published as a reprint from the Journal of the American Ceramic society, a 34-page pamphlet entitled "Progress Report on the Efflorescence and Scumming of Mortar Materials."

According to this association, there is nothing mysterious about this white crystalline substance that occasionally under proper conditions makes its appearance on the outside of brick walls. Efflorescence is due to nothing more or less than the presence in the masonry material of soluble salts. Hence, two years ago the association decided to set about analyzing which salts were giving trouble in the Northwest when trouble occurred, and the sources of the salts and possible ways of taking safeguards to avoid their occurrence.

The pamphlet that has been published, although only a progress report covering two year's work, discloses some very interesting facts which should prove of a great deal of interest to architects and builders. Briefly, these facts are as follows:

1. That practically the entire source of efflorescence is the mortar—brick and tile from the Northwest clays showing traces of soluble salts.

2. That the condition which favors efflorescence is extreme moisture in the masonry which may be either caused by excess moisture during construction or improper construction and coping of walls which allows high moisture penetration after construction is completed.

3. That under this condition of excess moisture, the main sources of efflorescence in the mortar are salt water and sand, free lime, and calcium sulphate in Portland cement.

It is found further that the calcium sulphate forms the most permanent type of scum and that that formed from the free lime can only continue temporarily or until the mortar has completely cured throughout the thickness of the wall.

General conclusions to date are:

1. That excess water should be kept from the masonry during and after construction.

2. That lime should be thoroughly slaked to remove all lumps.

3. That walls should be left to cure as long as possible before washing down.

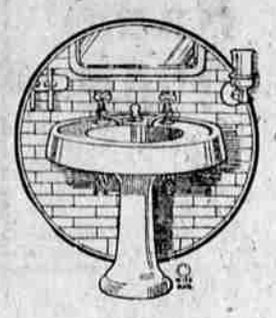
4. That the introduction of a certain inexpensive amount of barium carbonate into the mortar has shown excellent results in eliminating efflorescence due to gypsum or calcium sulphate.

Copy of the above mentioned pamphlet may be secured free of charge by those interested from the office of the Association, 913 Arctic Building, Seattle.

—Pacific Builder and Engineer.

Fruits and fruit juices should have a daily place in every child's diet. For the child under one year, orange juice should be the staple fruit. Between the ages of four and seven raw fruits may be introduced cautiously, provided the child chews them well. Begin with apples, pears, berries which are not too seedy, melons and peaches. It is wisest to use only cooked fruits for supper at this age. After the eighth year, all fruits, fresh or cooked, may be introduced gradually, provided they are sound and perfectly ripe. It is well to postpone somewhat the use of strongly acid fruits, except in diluted form.

The velvet beans is considered one of the most valuable crops in the south. Considerable work has been done in selecting early maturing varieties for use near the northern border of the Cotton Belt. In the coastal plains section of the gulf states early planting of early-maturing varieties is not desirable, for the beans mature so early that the pods are likely to split and scatter seed, and the foliage has a tendency to shed.



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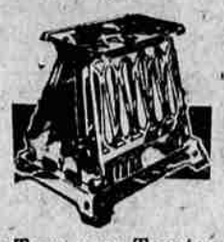

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We extracted a smile from this one yesterday: A soldier threw a lighted cigarette on the parade grounds and the sergeant bawled him out, as only a hard-boiled sergeant can. That evening the soldier was late to mess. "What made you late?" asked the sergeant. "I went down to the river to spit," replied the soldier.

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Our car of eastern oak flooring will be in this week. If interested in a new floor, drop in at the yard and look our stock over.

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A young lady went into the La Grande National bank the other day to make a deposit. Mr. Zurbrick looked at the deposit slip and says, "Did you foot it up?"

"No," she replied, "I rode up with father."

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Arthur Hamann is starting construction of a new five-room bungalow in Island City.

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