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LESS BUILDING ON WEST COAST

Reduction Favorably Noted As Sound Policy to Maintain Balance

A grand total of 13,469 permits for new buildings to cost \$24,767,729 issued during October in the Pacific Coast cities, indicates a slight increase in building activity over the records for 1927. The monthly figures, as shown by official reports published in the National Monthly Building Survey, San Francisco, issued 24 October, show a decrease in building activity over the records for 1927. The 12-month total, however, is more than \$22,230,000, or 2.4 per cent, above that of last year.

This year's reduction in building activity, evident in most of the West Coast cities, is most favorably noted by students of the building industry as indicative of a sound policy calculated to maintain a proper balance between supply and demand.

San Francisco, issuing 741 permits for \$5,447,336 of new buildings, shows the highest monthly total since last November, 132 per cent above September's figure, and 148 per cent above that of October, 1927.

Seattle's October record, 355 permits for \$2,112,620 of new construction, the highest since June, is 11 per cent above September's total, and 148 per cent above that of October, 1927.

Portland, issuing 595 permits for \$1,244,225 of new construction, during October, shows a 3 per cent gain over September's figure but a 25 per cent reduction from the October total of last year.

Of the entire list of 195 Pacific Coast cities, 45 report October figures over the comparable figures of 1927, and 51 show gains over September.

Oregon totals for October follow:

City	Permits	Value
Albany	1	\$1,150
Ashe	1	\$1,150
Baker	1	\$1,150
Coquille	1	\$1,150
Clatskanie	1	\$1,150
La Grande	1	\$1,150
Medford	1	\$1,150
Portland	595	\$1,244,225
Salem	1	\$1,150
Total	598	\$1,245,275

Cooke Trial In Its Final Stages

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12 (AP).—The defense in the trial of James P. Cooke, president of the defunct brokerage house of Oysterlock & Cooke, charged with larceny by embezzlement, began arguments before the jury today. It was expected that the case would go to the jury late today. Deputy District Attorney George Murrey will close for the state.

The defense attorneys, John P. Winter, Earl Bernard and John Culler, rested their case last week without placing any witnesses on the stand. The state presented nearly a score of witnesses.

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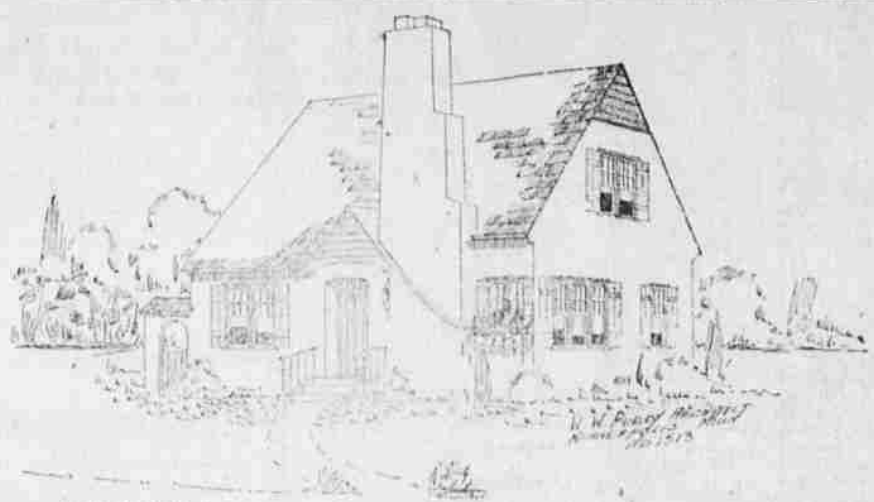
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THE GARDEN

BRIGHTEN LAWN WITH CROCUSES

Crocuses sparkling on the lawn in March give the first glad signal that spring is on the way. The planting of crocuses in soil is an old practice and a very attractive plan, although the bulbs are short lived under this treatment where the ground is cut before the crocuses leaves turn yellow. However, bought in quantity, crocuses are sufficiently cheap to make replanting no great burden in comparison with the show in early spring when it is most appreciated.

The yellow crocuses are the first to flower and give the brightest effect. They are followed quickly by the purple, white and striped forms. They can be planted without disturbing the lawn by using a sharp crocus, filling it to an edge for the purpose. After a crocus of grass, placing the bulb under it and replacing the dirt. The smaller crocus bulbs are better for this purpose than the giant size as they require less disturbance of the sod.

The old practice of outlining the inside of the home owner with bulbs or of making geometrical patterns has given way to the much more artistic natural system of scattering the bulbs over the lawn as if they had occurred naturally in small and large groups and occasionally a single bulb. Standing in the middle of the lawn and throwing them about has often been described as a method of distribution, but many bulbs are lost by this method. They can be strewn about in comparatively straight lines in the same careless manner and can be kept track of better and

give the same natural effect. Crocuses tucked into the beds and borders among perennials give a very early spring display and color in the garden and a bright preface to the season's bloom. They are also handsome subjects for pots in a sunny window as they bloom quickly after being brought to the light and have a season of two weeks of bloom.

Crocuses should be bought in quantity with the as a minimum to produce an effect in the garden. All the small bulbs need to be planted in quantity to give them full effect. They are most convenient material as they foliage dies down early and does not interfere with other vegetation while being overgrown doesn't in the least harm the bulbs. It is, in fact, an advantage and protects them from premature drying off, thus producing stronger bulbs for the following year.

Crocuses in the lawn are short lived chiefly because it is necessary to mow the lawn before the foliage of the bulbs has time to mature, thus weakening the bulbs.

An eighth of an inch of soil on heating surfaces of warm air furnaces will cause consumption of 25 per cent more fuel than would be required to produce the same amount of heat if surfaces were clean.

To prevent fine ashes piling up through fire and settling on heating surfaces close the ash pit door and partly close "turn damper" in smoke pipe when smoking grate of warm air furnaces.

A good circulator heater or "parlor furnace" may be entirely satisfactory for heating a small home.

Cove, La Grande Rectors Are To Trade Pulpits

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)

COVE, Ore. (Special).—The Rev. Oliver Hilly, of La Grande, will have charge of the regular morning service at Cove next Sunday, Nov. 18.

The Rev. Phil Burgess, of Cove, will take charge of the service in La Grande next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Wells, of Alsea, were Sunday visitors at the H. L. Barker home.

Cove celebrated Armistice day yesterday very quietly. The teachers and pupils of the schools were enjoying the holiday.

The first four grades of the Cove school will give their annual Junior Valedictory on Friday evening, Nov. 23. The teachers in charge of the entertainment are Mrs. Helen Conklin and Mrs. Rex Dunham.

Miss Vina Conley was hostess to the Pan and Joy Bridge club at four tables on Saturday afternoon. The house was decorated with the season's flowers. Four tables of bridge were at play. The guests were Miss Frances Carver, of Walla Walla, Mrs. Eugene Miller, and Mrs. Lois Hutchins, of La Grande, Mrs. Ethel DeHann, of Island City, Mrs. Ray Goodenough, of La Grande, Mrs. L. H. Carter, of Haines, Mrs. Charles Hubbard, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. E. Miller, Mrs. A. H. Orton, Miss Rose Kelly, Mrs. L. G. Goodrich, Mrs. G. L. Barker, Mrs. T. C. Hilly, Mrs. T. H. Conklin and Mrs. William Hallmark. Mrs. Ray Goodenough was first honors among the visitors. Miss Frances Carver received second prize, and Mrs. Miller, consolation. For the members, Miss Rose Kelly won first, Mrs. Carter second and Mrs. DeHann third. A delicious lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

Miss Frances Carver, of Walla Walla, Wash., is a house guest of Miss Vina Conley.

Mrs. Stewart French is spending a few days with her husband on the H. L. Barker.

Mrs. L. R. Carter, of Haines, has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. J. Conley.

Officers of the members of Cherry Chapter No. 122, Order of the Eastern Star, of Cove, attended the district meeting at Union Friday evening. There were representatives from La Grande, Elgin, Elsie and Cove. The worthy grand national, Mrs. Grace Stevens, of Portland, the grand conductress, Mrs. Carole Jackson, of Baker, and the associate grand patron, George T. Cochran, of La Grande were the guests of honor. Officers of the Cove chapter were their new unit, Mrs. J. H. Carter, for the first time, and were highly complimented on their nice appearance. Those attending from Cove were Mrs. J. H. Carter, Mrs. L. N. Laird, Mrs. L. E. Anderson, Mrs. Joe Goyette, Mrs. Effie Witte, Mrs. Vera Pulp, Mrs. B. W. Peterson, Mrs. Nina Peterson, Mrs. L. H. Lay, Mrs. Nina Kelly, Mrs. Elsie Collins, Mrs. Alton Hersholt and Mrs. J. H. Hersholt.

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have too many poisonous by-products of digestion and tissue change circulating in the blood. Corns are irritating because the soft cells of what is called the epithelial layer of the skin become hard and compact. In this form they pinch little tiny ends of nerves and these tiny ends of nerves pass their complaint along the larger nerves.

Unions carry an additional source of irritation. There is a thickening of the walls of the lubricating sacs about the big toe joint. These thickened tissues pinch little nerve ends and, worse than that, they are nudged and pushed upon by an extra layer of bone that grows on the outside of the big toe joint. Then again, one of the lubricating sacs, which doctors call a bursa, becomes inflamed and causes inflammatory pain in addition to the pinching of small nerve ends. The trouble is further increased when nature adds a corn to the outside of the union.

Corns and bunions are penalties imposed upon vanity. No one really needs to have them. They depend upon shoe pressure and, further more, in women, upon the jumping of the foot into the toe of a shoe by fashionable high-heeled shoes. These, at the same time, destroy the natural graceful contour of the foot of the leg. Doctors speak of this as contracture of the soleus and gastrocnemius muscles, but anatomists who wish to sell high-heeled shoes do not speak of it at all. We do not know how many divorces result from the use of high-heeled shoes, but this is not the place for a dissertation from the main point of the article.

Corns are far the most part kept under control by the many home methods and by treatment by chiropodists. As a matter of fact they may be cured by the surgeon, but people do not wish to take the time for it. All that is necessary is the cutting out of the small center of a hard corn or a soft corn and grafting in a little piece of soft skin. Although this is a small surgical procedure, one must lay up until the wound healing is complete and this requires at least 10 days on the average—a longer time for elderly people and a shorter time for young folk. Sometimes if one is to be laid up with a more serious surgical operation, corns may be cured for indelicacy at the time of the operation.

Bunions are quite curable if one wishes to devote two or three weeks to a cure. Surgeons sometimes find that simple removal of the bone excrescence about the shoe of a penny gives all the relief that is needed. At other times they do skin grafting for the corn in addition, or they may trim out the irritating bursa completely. It is not much of an operation, as operations go, but it requires all of the detailed care and attention belonging to more serious work because the principle of modern wound treatment remains the same regardless of the size of the wound.

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HEALTH

THE EFFECT OF CORNS AND BUNIONS ON GENERAL HEALTH

By ROBERT T. MORRIS, M.D., New York City

Corns and bunions situated at one end of the body produce effects at the other end. They produce pain, and people who are cross are not liked very much unless they happen to be geniuses who are attracted into society by physical attraction and appreciated by people at a distance.

Corns and bunions are very persistent sources of irritation at the point that is called by doctors persistent irritation. A satisfactory cure for these who like to give due importance to things that annoy them physically.

Corns and bunions may produce profound influences upon general health when they interfere with walking and other outdoor work of the sort particularly desirable when people get along in years and



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