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## LESS BUILDING ON COAST 1928

### Permits for Year Show Reduction of 11 Per Cent over 1927

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Permits for new construction in 103 Pacific coast cities as compiled by Straus and Company totaled 17,645 for work to cost \$409,791,712 for 1928. This is a reduction of approximately 11 per cent from 1927.

Sixty-one California cities declined 13 per cent, nine Oregon cities 28 per cent, and two Arizona cities decreased 3 per cent. These declines, with smaller ones in Utah and Idaho, were partly offset by gains in Washington and British Columbia.

## Construction In Year Sets Record

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The greatest volume of construction work ever witnessed in the United States during a single year was handled during 1928, according to statistics just compiled by the Associated General Contractors of America. The figures, representing construction operations of all types, show an increase of almost five per cent above the mark set in 1927.

An estimated value of more than eight billion dollars is placed upon the 1928 construction.

The year just closed was the seventh in succession to witness a rise in the volume of construction activities. Not since 1920 has an annual total shown a decline from the figures set during the preceding year. The 1928 total virtually is equal to the 1914 figure.

## Earth Shocks Hit Orient And Italy

TOKYO, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The Central Meteorological observatory recorded an earthquake of three hours at 7 p. m. last night. The epicenter was thought to be in Kamchatka peninsula, Siberia, but there was no confirmation of this.

L'ACQUA, Italy, Jan. 14.—(AP)—A strong earthquake shock was felt about 5 a. m. today. It was of undulatory character. The population rushed to the streets in alarm, but there was no damage.

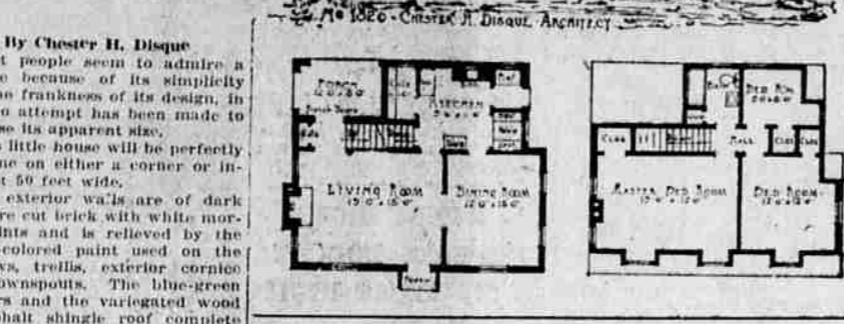
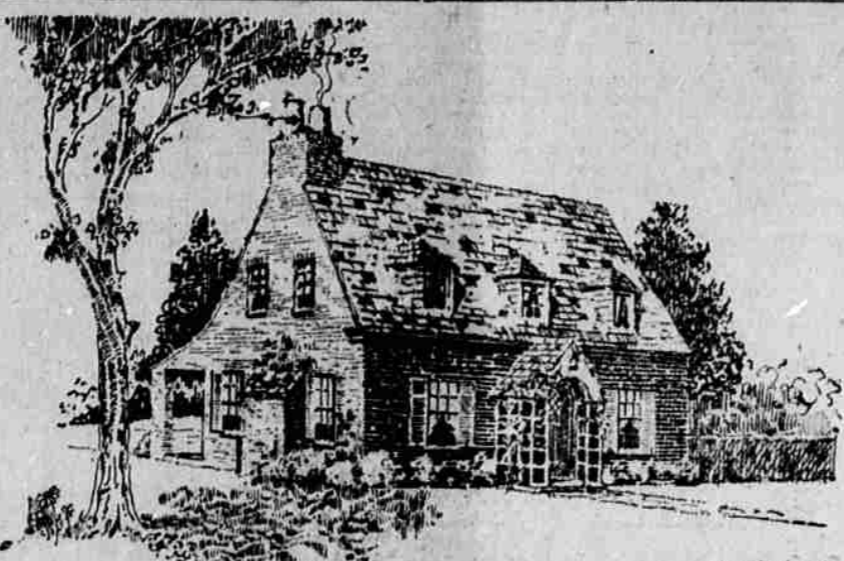
## Cracker Week To Be January 19-26

Cracker week is to be observed nationally from Jan. 19 to 26, according to announcement this week. It is said that few foods possess as high energy-yielding values as do crackers and an effort is to be made by interested persons to gather the use of crackers.

"Though dainty in structure and delicate in flavor and appearance, biscuits and crackers are still relatively inexpensive sources of energy, comparing favorably with our common sources of food supply," it is said.

CRITICALLY ILL. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—The condition of Eric V. Hauser, capitalist and hotel man, who has been seriously ill here for several weeks, was described as critical today.

## BRICK COTTAGE OF ENGLISH DESIGN



By Chester H. Disque  
Most people seem to admire a cottage because of its simplicity and the frankness of its design, in that no attempt has been made to increase its apparent size.

This little house will be perfectly at home on either a corner or inside lot 50 feet wide.

The exterior walls are of dark red wire cut brick with white mortar joints and is relieved by the cream-colored paint used on the windows, trellis, exterior cornice and downspouts. The blue-green shutters and the variegated wood or asphalt shingle roof complete the picture.

The inviting trellised porch is floored with rough flag stones.

An interesting feature of the plan is the unusual location of the coat closet, French doors to porch and stairway. Distinction has been given the latter feature by the manner in which the graceful mahogany handrail terminates in the delicately molded newel post at the foot of the stairs. The handrail, newel and treads are stained mahogany while the risers and balusters are painted old ivory.

Old ivory paint is used on all interior woodwork occurring in the principal rooms, and also on the delicate wood molding around the living room ceiling. Old ivory is used in all rooms except kitchen and bath. The latter, being tile, the former linoleum. An ironing board is concealed in the kitchen wall.

Each bedroom has cross ventilation and ample furniture space.

All interior plastering is finished smooth, as a home of this character would look better if unpapered.

The estimated cost of this house is from \$5,000 to \$6,500 exclusive of plumbing and heating.

## Farm Brothers Become 'AG' Deans



When the American Society of Animal Production hung in its hall of fame the portraits of Frederick R. Mumford (left) and Herbert W. Mumford, it honored two farm boys, brothers, who rose side by side to the head of two great agricultural colleges. The former is dean of agriculture at the University of Missouri and the latter at the University of Illinois.

## OUT OUR WAY, By Williams



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY.

## Bank Officers At Union, Ore. Are Re-Elected

By Mrs. Hett Knight (Observer Correspondent)  
UNION, Ore., (Special)—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Union was held at the bank Tuesday afternoon. The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: G. W. Benson, president; J. E. Hutchinson, cashier; Fred N. Fox, assistant cashier. Directors: G. W. Benson, Thomas Brainerd, G. L. Howe, S. E. Miller, Minnie G. Stevens, L. A. Wright and J. E. Hutchinson.

The residence of Mrs. Opal Meade in North Union was completely destroyed by fire Thursday evening at about 9:30 o'clock. Mrs. Meade lives alone and was down town at the time the fire was notified by one of her neighbors who immediately turned in the fire alarm. The house burned to the ground and the firemen had a hard fight to save other residences near by.

Mrs. Alma Holbrig left several days ago for Berkeley, Cal., where she expects to spend the remainder of the winter. She was accompanied as far as Portland by her sister, Miss Agnes Brien, who will spend the winter in that city.

John Green returned Thursday from Portland where he spent a few days and attended the Mutual Life Insurance convention.

Jimmy Mills, prominent dairy farmer of Cove, was transacting business here Friday.

The old time dance given Thursday evening by the Sportsman's club at their club cabin was attended by a large crowd. Sandwiches and coffee were served at 11 o'clock by Mrs. R. H. Bonney, assisted by Mrs. Alex Slater. There will be another old time dance there soon.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alex Slater in South Union. At 1:15 o'clock a decorated table luncheon was served to 12 members. Following luncheon, the regular business session was held with Mrs. Louisa Burwell, president of the society, presiding. A social hour followed the business meeting. Rev. J. George Walk of La Grande, visited the society during the business session.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Almira Kennedy. The early part of the afternoon was taken up with the business session, during which time arrangements were made for the Victory rally day program to be held at the Methodist church, Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 o'clock. After the business meeting, a short program was given. The hostess served refreshments before adjournment.

Members of the C. T. club and a few guests enjoyed a no-hostess dinner Tuesday evening at the Union hotel. A three-course dinner was served at 7 o'clock at a prettily appointed table where covers were placed for 12. Three tables of pinocle were at play in the hotel living room, following dinner. Miss Louise Hutchinson won high score and received first prize. Miss Mae Shanks secured the consolation prize.

The first meeting of the Woman's club in the New Year was held Thursday afternoon in the club building, with 45 members present. During the business session, presided over by the president, Mrs. S. E. Miller, it was decided that each member was to give 25 cents toward the scholarship loan fund. The meeting was turned over to the program committee consisting of Mrs. D. H. Crouter, Mrs. Alex Slater and Mrs. Earl Davis, following the business session. The subject for the afternoon was "16th and 17th Century Literature." Mrs. Crouter gave the life and history of Milton, English poet, and also gave a synopsis of one of his works, "Paradise Lost." Mrs. H. C. Rees gave the life and history of another English poet, Lord Byron. Mrs. Earl Davis read an article about the Scotch poet, Robert Burns. Mrs. Davis recited one of his poems. "The Gloomy Night is Following Fast." The song "Auld Lang Syne," written by Burns, was sung by the audience. Miss Ethel Crouter and Mrs. Crouter played two delightful duets, "Minstrel's Serenade," by Jos. Lou and "Dance in the Mountains," by Fritz Kirchner. Refreshments were served by the hostess committee, Mrs. F. M. Strickland, Mrs. E. L. Vassar, Mrs. V. Parker, Mrs. J. T. Tuss, Mrs. Louisa Burwell, Mrs. Charlie Fisher and Mrs. Selber.

The Woman's club sponsored a dance Saturday evening, following the La Grande-Union basketball game, at their new club house in North Union. North Towler orchestra furnished the music. A large crowd was in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hutchinson and small daughter and Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Gilmore left Thursday by auto for California and Mexico where they will spend the next three or four weeks touring and sight seeing. They were accompanied as far as Portland by Mrs. Hutchinson's brother, Nell Jones.

Those from here attending the Sportsmen's banquet at Baker Wednesday evening were R. H. Bonney, "Doc" Green, Leallo Reuter, "Red" Derby, Charlie Hensley and George Puckett. All report a most enjoyable time.

W. O. Hagererty, proprietor of the Union Cash grocery, has been confined to his home the past two days because of illness.

Miss Helen Schaper, English and history teacher here in the high school, was absent from her school room Thursday and Friday because of illness.

D. M. Hoots is reported as seriously ill at his home in North Union.

Mrs. Mark Phyl and Mrs. Dudley Boyles, of Hot Lake, were Union visitors Thursday and attended the Woman's club meeting.

L. A. Wright, member of the game commission, returned home Thursday from Portland where he spent a few days on business and attended a meeting of the commission.

Mrs. Wylie Blacett, of Hot Lake, was a Union visitor Thursday afternoon.

The five girls who represented the Union High school at the high school conference held in Eugene last week have returned home and report a very pleasant trip. They were accompanied by J. W. Baxter, manual training teacher here. Those making the trip were Peggy Weaver, Kathryn Kellblock, La Verne Clark, Vivian Joff and Leona Spray.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mitchell have as their house guest their daughter, Mrs. Jack Handrahan, of Birmingham.

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