

# GREAT BUILDING YEAR PREDICTED

## Survey Indicates About \$400,000,000 Will be Spent on Pacific Coast

More than \$400,000,000 will be expended in Pacific coast cities during 1929 for the erection of new buildings. It is now estimated by leaders in the building industry. The major portion of this money will probably go into general circulation through payroll distribution to the various building crafts and to employees of building material concerns. Present conditions indicate that building activity with its important influence on general prosperity may be expected to be appreciably greater during 1929 than it has been during 1928 in practically every city of the Pacific coast area.

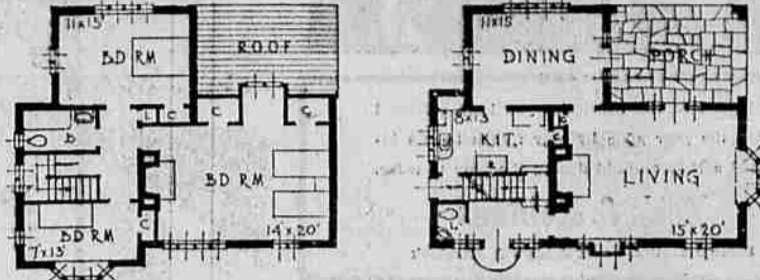
Possibility of a 1929 volume even larger than this is seen in a consideration of the program for public building construction. President Hoover recently issued a recommendation, very widely approved, urging a prompt beginning of projected public buildings. Normally this phase of building activity on the Pacific coast amounts to between 8 per cent and 10 per cent of the total annual program.

If a general response is accorded the president's proposal, it is probable that the estimate above quoted will be considerably below actual production.

**Demand for Housing**  
A demand for new housing and floor space for certain types of occupancy, now exists in these Pacific coast cities to a greater degree than has been evident for a long time. In some cities office building occupancy is notably above normal and new construction of this type is justified by current demand. In other cities the need is for high-class multi-family housing, or for industrial buildings or individual homes. Population and business expansion has been steadily going forward but the volume of new buildings erected has been reduced each year since 1925 by about 10 per cent annually, as shown by a recent analysis of the records of 100 Pacific coast cities made by the national monthly survey of S. W. Strass & Co.

**1925 Building Peak**  
Post-war building activity reached its peak in 1925 when these cities issued permits for new buildings to cost \$546,616,000. The same cities, in 1926, issued \$509,629,000 in building permits; in 1927, \$452,750,000; in 1928, \$410,600,000; and for 1929 it is estimated the year's total will be about \$270,000,000. For the most of these cities, the construction programs of the last two or three years are considered insufficient in vari-

# ENGLISH TYPE HOME FITS ALMOST ANY SITE



By the Associated Press  
Charming lines of the English type and variegated materials afford distinction to this home. Stone, stucco, half-timber, a brick chimney and slate roof are included in the exterior plan, providing contrast in a setting of particularly home-like appeal.

This home is suitable for a variety of sites, as it can be placed either with the living room and porch overlooking the garden in the rear or with the dining room

and porch in that location. The porch may be left open or enclosed by windows corresponding to the leaded glass type suggested for the entire house. If enclosed the porch would be ideal for a children's play room, a sewing room or an attractive spot for afternoon tea. The porch is accessible from both living room and dining room.

Cross ventilation is provided for all rooms, with attractive bay windows in the living room and front

bed room. The stairway from basement to kitchen connects with the outside entrance.

The connected walls, extending from both sides of the house, are important and must be included to realize the full possibilities of the design. New trees on either side of the entrance walk are characteristic of this type.

Estimated construction cost for this home is from \$14,000 to \$16,000 in the larger metropolitan areas.

# Kamela School Children Give Xmas Program

By Mrs. C. E. Thornburg (Observer's correspondent)  
KAMELA, Ore. (Special)—Kamela school closed on Friday for the Christmas vacation. The children gave a very clever program on Friday evening, which was opened by Mrs. Wigglesworth who read from the scriptures about the birth of Christ. There are only about 12 children going to school in Kamela, which makes it hard to arrange a program. The dialogues were done very well, especially "Farmer Brown's Christmas" in which Betty Barnes very successfully played the part of a negro mammy. Lillian Schubert's singing was very much enjoyed. After the program, Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts to old as well as young. He also brought an abundance of nuts and candy, oranges and popcorn balls.

Leona Thornburg, who has been visiting in Kamela for a few weeks at the home of her uncle and aunt, left on Thursday for her home in Joseph.

Gale Hanlon spent Thursday in La Grande.

Mrs. Muriel Brooks and children, Francis and Iona, plan on going to Castle Rock to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. I. Cook.

Mrs. P. Beyer was among the Christmas shoppers in La Grande on Saturday.

Dorothy McCreary, of La Grande, was in Kamela on Friday visiting her friend, Lillian Schubert. She attended the school program and returned to La Grande Saturday. She expects to accompany Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Schubert and Lillian to Portland on Sunday to stay over Christmas with relatives.

Little Donald Johnson, who has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Schubert, left Saturday to stay for a few weeks with his father, E. Johnson, of Pleasant Valley.

S. Ingerson was a business visitor in La Grande on Saturday.

Mrs. J. Carlson and daughter, Helen, from Pasadena, Cal., who are spending the Christmas vacation with Mr. Carlson in Kamela, spent Saturday in La Grande.

Mrs. C. E. Thornburg and son, Ian, left Saturday for Postville, Idaho, to visit her sister, Phyllis Gordon, who is well known in La Grande and Kamela. Phyllis is taking nurses training in Postville. She has been sick for the last month and Mrs. Thornburg hopes

to be able to bring her for a short visit to Kamela.

Mrs. E. Robinson, of Moschans, passed through Kamela on Saturday on her way to La Grande. She spent the day shopping.

Lillian Schubert went to La Grande on Saturday. Lillian is now able to walk a little without crutches. She suffered a broken leg about a month ago.

The weather has turned somewhat colder in Kamela, and there is every possibility now for a white Christmas.

It seems a little strange that none of the statisticians has gone

in seriously for tabulations on the number of married men who were endurance flyers.

If the boy cries for a horn for Christmas, maybe you'd better give him one to shut him up.

It's never too late to crawl over a dozen people to reach your seat in the theater.

Secretary Wilbur says the west must save water and oil. The west might try the New York scheme—saving the water for the oil stock.

# Christmas Comes

And so do loads of presents all done up in Christmas wrappings... and so do the cheery greetings of your friends... in fact, everything to make your Yuletide holiday most joyous... not forgetting, of course, the modest part that is contributed by our sincere wish—  
A Merry Christmas

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The editor of Splinters and all of the Van Petten Lumber Company's employees wish you a very Merry and Happy Christmas!	would yourself. Why not do it?	President in sunny Mexico the other day. The official score was 19 dead, 23 wounded and a majority of 700,000 for the winner. The Mexican elect a new President every six years only, but when they do—hot tamale!—they sure enjoy themselves. It's a cinch that 42 of them voted the wrong way this time.
There are millions and millions of people in the good old U. S. A. who believe that there is a Santa Claus, and by golly there is a Santa Claus, so dig down Pop—you're IT.	If you stumble over something in the clothes closet, don't look! It's probably something you don't need for Xmas.	NUMETAL Weatherstrips on the windows and doors would make your home easier to heat on Xmas day.
A good Xmas gift from you to the entire family would be a nice oak floor in the living room. And nobody would enjoy it more than you	They elected a new	KNIGHT'S SPRING CANYON COAL for fuel economy.
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		MERRY CHRISTMAS!

# A Christmas Message

"Peace on earth—good will to men"... the bells proclaim it, the Christmas carolers sing it; it is the wish that lies deepest in our hearts when we say: "A Merry Christmas."

## Electric Service Store

# Improvement Gossip

**Repair Building**  
Repairs were completed recently at the Corner Billiard parlors and the Corner lunch, which were damaged a few weeks ago by a fire. Three weeks were needed for the repairs, which in the lunch counter took the form of a general remodeling.

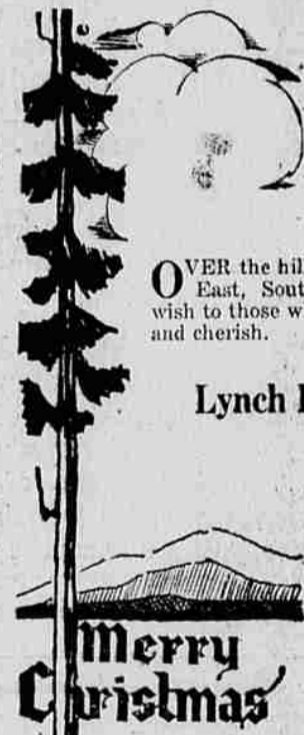
**Heating Plant**  
Fred Spaeth is installing a heating plant at the new building at the corner of Hemlock and Adams.

**At the State Theater**  
Charles Catching is redecorating the State theater, which he expects to finish some time before the first of the year. The paints and wall dashes were purchased from the Hugg Paint company.

**Improving Building**  
Last week Mr. Murray, owner of the J. C. Penney company building, repaired and landscaped the hill of the Hill apartments and laid new linoleum.

**Wiring the New Theater**  
The H. and S. Electric is doing the wiring for the new State theater. They have also started the wiring for the Blue Mountain creamery.

**Install Heating Plant**  
Nate Zweifel has installed a steam heating plant at the home of



OVER the hills and far away—North, East, South and West—goes our wish to those whose friendship we value and cherish.

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# Merry Christmas

# OUR CHRISTMAS WISH

Our Christmas wish is so old that it has been mellowed and ripened by the years... yet so new that words have not yet been invented adequately to express it. Our wish is simple and sincere—Just Merry Christmas—Happy New Year.

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sparkle and shine with the candles of cheerfulness... may it be loaded with precious gifts... and may it be surrounded by the halo of good cheer that comes from our hearts when we wish you a Merry Christmas.

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