

COAST BUILDING OUTLOOK GOOD

Western Section in a More
Favorable Position Than
Rest of U. S.

The building industry on the Pacific coast is in a much more favorable position than in the case for the United States as a whole, according to an analysis of recent western and national building records just completed by S. W. Straus & Co. While the total of new building for which permits were issued in 1929 was 558 principal cities of the United States during 1929 was 11 per cent below the comparable figures for 1928, the relative reduction in 1929 Pacific coast cities amounted to but 7 per cent.

Figures compiled by S. W. Straus & Co. show a 558-cities total of \$2,827,821,447 in building permits issued during 1929, and \$3,379,970,311 in 1928, while the 1929 total for 195 Pacific coast cities was \$494,994,568 in 1929, and \$476,779,431 in 1928. The Pacific coast total amounted to 16.5 per cent of the national total in 1929 and 11.3 per cent in 1928.

Throughout the country the greatest reductions in the 1929 building program occurred during the last quarter of the year. In this period the Pacific coast cities were far less influenced than was the country as a whole by the effect on building activity produced by the drastic stock market break.

Many New Residences

More than \$150,000,000 will probably be required during 1930 to finance the erection of new residential housing in Pacific coast cities, according to estimates based on today's balance between supply and demand and on the records of the past two years. Of this amount, approximately 10 per cent may be expected to go into multi-family housing, apartment houses, flats and hotels.

In most cities of this area, occupancy records indicate that the reduced building program of the last few years, particularly that of 1929, has restored the lists of un-sold residences and the tenant lists of rental properties to a basis

which is practically normal, the Straus survey indicates. Current increase in population, constantly shifting centers of residential preference, and an ever increasing desire for better housing accommodations are the three factors which are depended on to assure stability to the building industry in this class of construction.

Franklin First Took Sun Baths; Shocked Baths

By the Associated Press

Benjamin Franklin, in his autobiography, describes the effects of the air and sun bath in most glowing terms.

Old Ben, like most of us, found the morning cold shower a little too harsh, and looking for a good substitute, hit upon the air and sun bath.

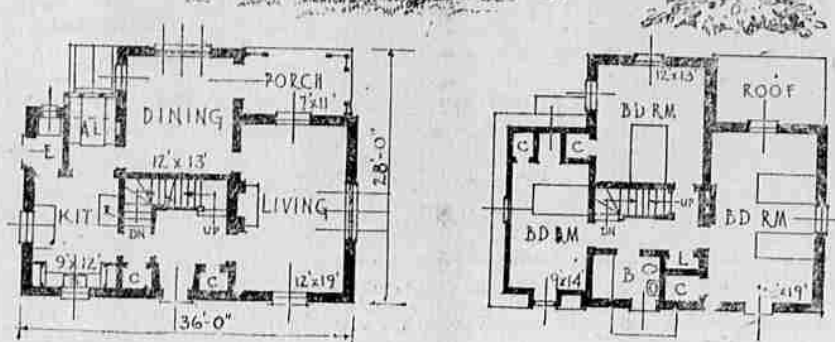
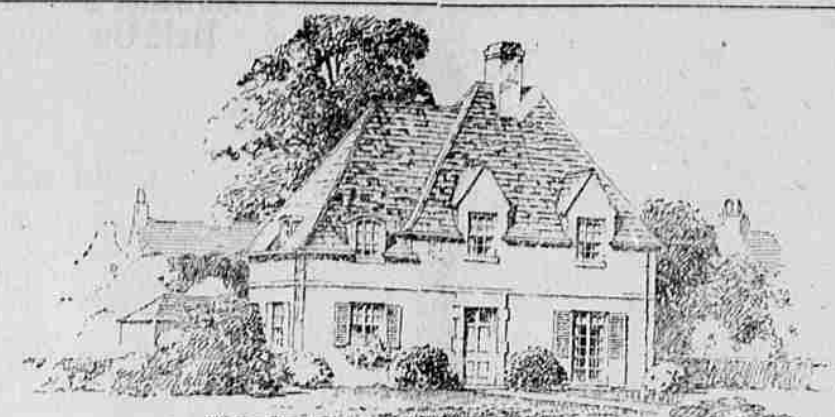
Every morning he religiously took his sun bath, sitting out in his back yard, and shaking the neighbors. It did him a great deal of good, for, despite his arduous life, he seldom was sick.

The cave man built his cave, or chose that. Nature had fashioned for him facing the sun's path. The Romans had their solarium, for sun baths. The Greeks and Egyptians fully appreciated its value.

In the last quarter of a century the effect of the sun on the body has been carefully studied. First it was used to treat tuberculosis—especially that type of tuberculosis found in children and which most commonly affects the glands of the neck, the bones and the joints.

For many years this kind of tuberculosis was treated by the surgeon; then, instead of cutting, we used to put plaster casts around

A FRENCH COTTAGE IDEAL FOR CORNER LOT



By the Associated Press

A corner lot is the most desirable location for this picturesque French cottage type home.

If built on an inside lot, sufficient space should be allowed for a small rose garden outside the living room window, and a suitable setting is essential to the full beauty and charm of the design.

All bedrooms have cross ventilation and the living room and master bedroom are exposed on three sides. Halls of spacious proportions give easy access to all rooms on both the first and second floor.

The kitchen and dining alcove combination also are ventilated from three sides.

Both in conveniences are provided in kitchen and alcove, and ample closets included on both floors. The rear entry is another excellent feature.

Buff or white stucco with the door and blinds in green is the pleasing color scheme for the exterior. Gray or red shingle tile is recommended for the roof. Box bushes on both sides of the entrance are additional spots of color.

A wall of the same color as the house walls around the garden would add to the attractiveness. Estimates of construction cost in communities of medium size average about \$5000 and lower in the smaller cities, depending upon choice and grades of materials and prevailing wage scales.

vin from a major operation. Some Kamela men have borrowed an electric pipe thawer from La Grande and are hoping to be able to thaw out the frozen pipes here. They are going to try to connect the thawer with the electric plant at Kamela store.

Eleanor, John and Warren Hawes attended a party in Meacham on Friday night at the home of their uncle John Casey. Mrs. and Mrs. Casey gave the party honoring their daughter Florence's twelfth birthday anniversary. The Hawes children spent the night in Meacham returning to Kamela by train on Saturday morning.

Roy Hawes was unable to go to work on Saturday because of a severe cold. He works in Meacham going back and forth daily from his home in Kamela.

There is a good attendance at school now, as all the children absent on account of illness have returned.

C. Hudson, second shift operator, who was unable to work because of a severe cold, has now recovered and returned to work.

Frank Tanky, of Huron, who came here to work in M. E. Hudson's place left on Thursday night.

Engineer Thiernburg, who is working on power line service from La Grande to Hoth had the misfortune to have his car hit on the way home to Kamela on Friday night. It was struck by one of the trucks working on the highway. It backed on to his car while he was parked by the steam shovel waiting to get it. Fortunately no one was hurt and but little damage done to his car.

Work went on during most of the cold weather on the highway but had to be stopped for a few days last week for repairs on the steam shovel. They were able to begin again on Thursday.

Florence Casey, of Meacham, spent Saturday visiting in Kamela at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Roy Hawes.

By Wade Werner
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

BERLIN (AP)—Here is more than a beverage in Germany. It is a barometer of national prosperity.

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Make Home Here—
Ed C. Shellworth, of the Shellworth-Goeck plumbing and heating company drove to Walla Walla Thursday, returning with his family Friday. Miss Maxine, attending the senior class in La Grande high school, the first of the week. Mr. Shellworth and family are now living in the Hickman apartments on Adams avenue.

Depends on Weather—
Building work in La Grande, held up during the month of January due to cold weather, is expected to be resumed in a fair-sized volume this month, according to contractors. From now on the days will grow warmer, although cold weather is still expected, and many new projects are expected to get under way.

To Do Repair Work—
The remodeling and repair work in the store room next to Glass Drugs in the building owned by the Sommer estate, is to be done by W. Vedder, contractor.

Several Small Jobs—
A number of small repair and remodeling jobs have been done this winter in the residential district, ranging from painting and sandblasting to general interior repairs.

and the reading just now is "fair and warmer."

Figures published by the commissioner of controlled revenues operating under the Lawes plan, show that while Germans are not drinking nearly so much beer as before the war, the steady increase in consumption within five years warrants a deduction that the country is getting back into its industrial stride.

In the fiscal year, 1924-25, the commissioner points out, Germans snuffed an aggregate of 10,700,000 hectolitres of the national drink. That was far below the pre-war figure of 68,500,000 hectolitres. But in the following year there was an increase of 5,000,000 hectolitres, and by the end of the fiscal year 1928-29 the beer-barometer had climbed to 55,500,000 hectolitres.

While some of this growing consumption may have been due to an increase in the national thirst, the commissioner's report refers to it as an indication of a "consolidation of the economic situation" which, in the past few years, has enabled German workers to buy not only more beer but more luxury goods generally.

The rise in beer consumption has been steady too in spite of higher beer taxes with consequent increases in the retail price. The per capita consumption rose from 65 litres in 1924 to 57 litres in 1929.

January Permit Total Is \$9,050 For La Grande

Building permits for the month of January reached a total value in La Grande of \$9050, a much larger figure than was recorded for the corresponding month of 1929, according to J. E. Stevens, city recorder.

Eight permits were issued last month, compared with three in January, 1929, with a total amount of \$179.

Saturday morning, W. Vedder took out a \$2000 permit for alteration and repainting of the two-story brick business building on Adams and Depot owned by the Sommer estate. The store room on Depot next to Glass Drugs is to be remodeled, it is reported.

Mediterranean Tides
The tides of the Mediterranean sea are very slight; in most places the rise is only a few inches. In the Ionian sea, however, the Adriatic sea, and along parts of the African coast, a greater rise is encountered.

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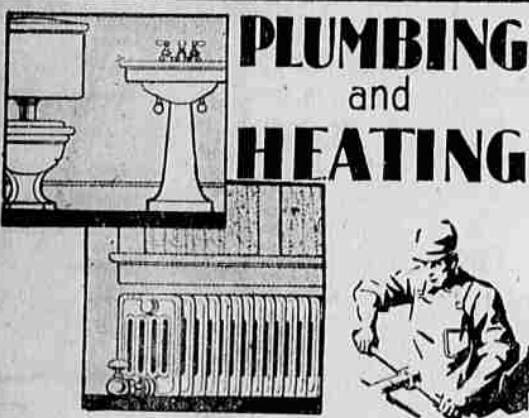
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The Spring rains will start the old roof leaking again.	H. P. Nielsen is starting construction on the Claude Mac-	Jack Allen Supply modeled the rooms in the West-Jacobs building that are to be occupied by the Model Barber Shop.
If you need a new roof, consider our CERTAIN - TERN Asphalt Shingles.	Adams Avenue this week.	Goodnough & Kelly report the construction and repair business better than average at this time of year. Last week they installed some shelving for the
These can be laid right over the old roof and in a few days the job can be finished.		Pearls come from oysters, but a woman's diamonds come from some other poor fish.
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