NEW WORK HERE TO COST $6300

Four Permits to Build Taken Out During First Ten Days of 1931.

Building permits for 1931, issued during the first 10 days of the month, stood at a total of $6300 at the opening of the city offices this morning.

No permits were issued until Jan. 6.

The most important permit was one issued to Dr. Lee B. Bouvy, for alternations and repairs on the new Foley building, the work to cost approximately $5000. Dr. Bouvy is not prepared as yet to announce this project, but work is to begin shortly. This permit was issued on Jan. 10.

Another permit on Saturday was for $50 repairs and alterations on the two-story dwelling of Nettie Klein on Second between W and X avenues.

Jan. 6 Frank Cleavinger took out a permit to alter and repair a building (to be used as a barn) on Second between D and F avenues. The work will cost about $250.

On Jan. 7 Archie J. Murray was given a permit to alter and repair a business building on Depot between Adams and Washington avenues, work to cost $1000.

The building permits for 1930 amounted to $446,570, making that year the second largest building year in La Grande's history.

Desert Railroad Is Constructed To Hoover Dam

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Through shifting sands of Nevada desert wastes a railroad to Hoover dam is being built.

Track-layers are following grading crews near here in rushing to completion 22.71 miles of railroad from Boulder Junction, a few miles south of Las Vegas, eatsward to Boulder City.

This section of the line is to be ready for operation by January 31. It is a branch of the Union Pacific.

From Boulder City an additional 7.17 miles of government railroad is to extend to the dam site in the Black canyon of the Colorado. This will be built at an estimated cost of $1,600,000, while $900,000 will be spent on the 22-mile stretch.

Men, materials and supplies for the building of the huge Hoover dam in Boulder canyon will be carried over the new road, which will be formally opened witin five months.

Although the railroad traverses a barren, desolate country, the line is to be protected by dykes against the sudden rush of early spring waters and sudden storms occasionally experienced on the desert.

Perparation of the roadbed involved the excavation of 375,000 cubic yards of dirt and rock ,construction of 42 bridges and 66 culverts. A maximum grade of 1.35 per cent was maintained.

When work was first started on the work was first started on the rail project the contractor encountered an unforeseen obstacle in the freezing of radiators on trucks and tractors in early morning hours.

Work trains have followed the tracklayers to ballast the track.

As another preliminary to actual construction of Boulder City and the Hoover dam, the Southern Sierras Power company has begun work on a power line to the dam site. It will represent an investment of 1,500,000 and more than 200 will be employed.

The line will extend from San Bernardino, Cal., over the San Bernardino mountains to Victorville and from there go in an almost direct line to the Colorado river's Black canyon. The power line probably will be completed before bids are opened for construction of the dam project March 4.

Sneezing "Jinx"

In Bohemia, if you hear a sneeze and cannot see the person, you must be quick to say, "God make you well again," because the sneezer may be a wandering soul whom your blessing will deliver from exile. In Bengal, the natives make a profound bow to placate the forces of darkness. In India all present say "love" and the sneezers reply "with you," which little ceremony removes the fatal jinx connected with sneezing

Cleanliness and Godliness

The sentence, "Cleanliness is indeed next to godliness," was used by John Wesley, who lived from 1703 to 1791, in Sermon XCII, "On Dress." Rowland Hill quotes it as a saying of Whitefield, who was associated with Wesley. The sentence is not in the Bible. The quotation "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" is from the "Sentimental Journey," by Laurence Sterne, who lived from 1703 to 1768.

Hidebound Custom

The despotism of custom is everywhere the standing hindrance to human advancement.—John Stuart Mill.

Appropriate Sentiment

"E Pluribus Unum" is a Latin phrase and is the national motto of the United States. It means "one from many" and was adopted because the designers of the great seal thought that the sentiment was peculiarly appropriate for a nation composed of many governmental units.

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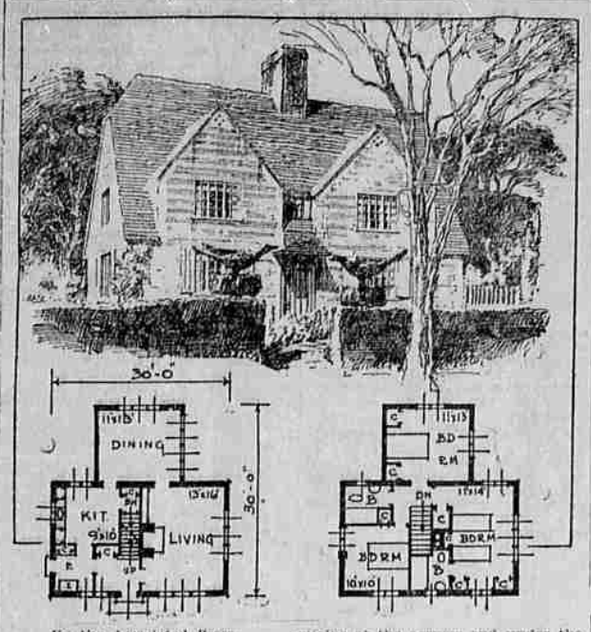


By the Associated Press

Designed in the spirit of its English ancestors, this quaint house embraces a clever and highly compact plan suited to modern needs.

The convenient first floor arrangement provides a busy housewife's kitchen as easily accessible to the front door and stairs as to the dining room.

Since the house has been planned to face west, the north kitchen makes for heating efficiency in winter. This same aim is furthered by the windowless north wall in the dining room and bathroom on the first floor and in the rear bedroom upstairs.

Ventilation and light are amply provided, especially on the sunny south and west sides, in the living room and the bedroom above it, while the two bathrooms are conveniently located. Nor has closet space been forgotten.

The twin gables of the symmetrical front elevation are handled in the English manner. The exterior is of stone and brick in alternating bands, with flush face limestone quoins at the corners and under the eaves on the gables.

The brick should be a deep, dull-burned red. The slates in the roof should be very thick and irregularly edged, varying in width, and their colors should vary in blue grays — some colder, some warmer.

Woodwork, trim and shutters should be hand-hewn with adz marks showing. An antique weathered grey should properly set off their rugged but simple construction.

The setting essential to the desired English effect should be provided, from the clipped entrance hedge to the rear garden wall. Trees are important and should be transplanted, if not available in the location chosen.

While the house, only 30 feet by 30 feet, may be placed on a lot 50 feet by 100 feet, it would appear to better advantage on one at least 75 feet by 150 feet.

Such a house should vary in cost from $9,000 to $10,000, depending on locality, nature and quality of materials used and labor charges.

Dry Law Test Case Started By Farmer's Truck of Beer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The beer-laden truck driven by William Sprague, husky new Jersey town clerk and farmer, has deposited a legal bombshell for the supreme court to examine soon.

It is the decision of Judge William Clark of New Jersey holding the eighteenth amendment invalid, and at the same time quashing an indictment against Sprague for illegal transportation of liquor.

Last March, Sprague, Wingate township clerk, took the wheel of a truck loaded with beer and set out for Paterson, N. J. On the route a motorcycle policeman hailed him and glanced at the cargo. It was the end of the journey.

Sprague set up no denial and made no excuses. He went to jail and came oue slightly bewildered a few hours later. He had an array of counsel that ordinarily would have cost a moderate fortune, but they had not mentioned fees and they have not until this day.

Brings Exhaustive Opinion

Among them were Frederic M. P. Pearse, Daniel F. Cohalan, Seldon Bacon and Julius H. Cohen of New York. They were of the opinion the eighteenth amendment was unconstitutional and Sprague's case give them an opportunity to test that belief.

The case was argued before Judge Clark. His opinion, handed down December 16, was an exhaustive treatise, sprinkled with hundreds of references to works on government, going back to maxims of Confucius and coming down the line to such recent books as eard's "American Leviathan."

It referred to scores of decisions and discussed philosophy, but in substance held the eighteenth amendment invalid because it was ratified by state legislatures and not by conventions called for ratifications.

Clark Makes Distinction

Both methods are provided for by the constitution and all the amendments have been ratified by legislatures, Clark made the point, however, that regulation of liquor was not one of the powers transferred by the states to the government. A power originally retained, he held, must be transferred by conventions.

On two previous occasions the supreme court has ruled the eighteenth amendment constitutional, and the legal concensus, with few exceptions, is that Judge Clark's decision will be reversed.

Should his ruling be upheld, however, something approaching legal chaos might result for a time.

Problems of Reversal

States having no prohibition laws would be as they were before the eighteenth amendment was passed. They could license saloon keepers on the very day, if they chose.

Another problem would be the thousands who have gone to prison, or who are under sentence for violation of the liquor laws. The presidents might fling open the barred doors by wholesale pardons in the case of federal prisoners, or congress might be called on for hasty legislation to free them.

Some legal authorities feel that other action than opening the doors by guards would not be necessary. In turn would come hundreds of complications and possibly attacks upon every other amendment to the constitution.

Advice to Students

Let the student often stop and examine himself upon what he has read. Let him cultivate intercourse with others pursuing the same studies, and converse frequently upon the subject of their reading.—Sharswood.

Appeals Dry Ruling

Associated Press Photo

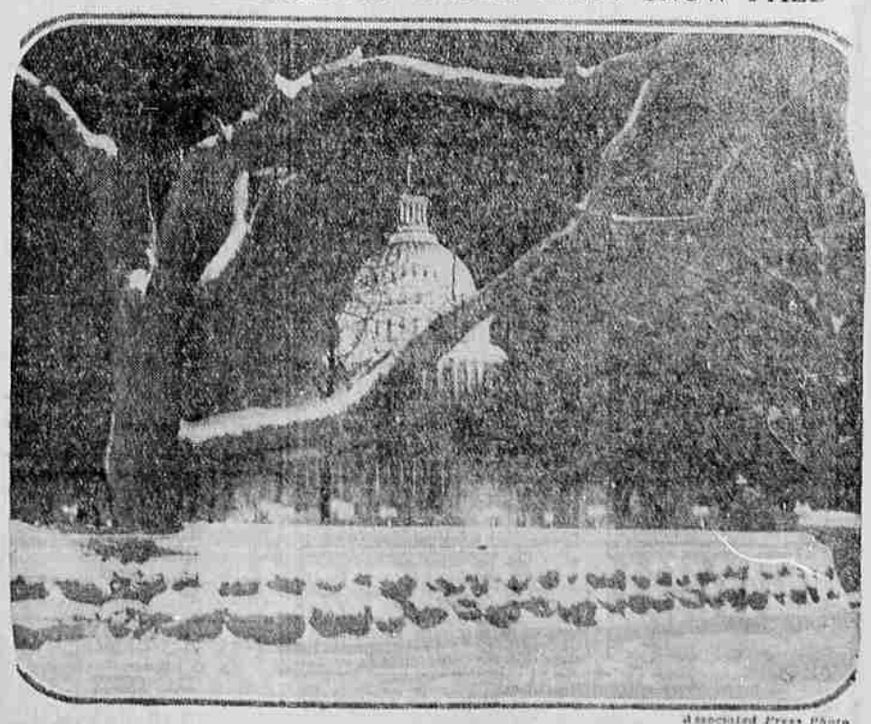
United States Attorney Phillip Forman of the district of New Jersey appealed to the supreme court of the United States from Federal Judge William Clark's decision holding the eighteenth amendment invalid.

TRIES TO MOOR ON SKYSCRAPER

Associated Press Photo

High winds prevented the naval blimp, J-4, from mooring itself to the mast atop the Empire State building, New York City. The airship is shown approaching the tower of the building, which now rules as the world's tallest.

CAPITOL BLANKETED UNDER FIRST SNOW FALL



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The national capitol, like a great white frosted cake, looms through a wintry night after the first snow fall of the year.

EINSTEIN AND HIS CO-WORKERS

Associated Press Photo

Prof. Albert Einstein (right) with Frau Einstein and some of the noted scientists who are studying with him the problems of the universe. Left to right: Dr. Walther Mayers of the Prague, companion of Einstein; Prof. Richard Chase Tolman of California Institute of Technology and Frederick H. Sears, assistant director of Mt. Wilson observatory. They are pictured at the California Institute of Technology.

QUESTION POLICEMAN IN SLAYING

Associated Press Photo

Patrolman Robert F. Langdon, of Washington, was questioned in connection with the mysterious death of Beulah Limerick, 19, former theater usherette. The girl was pronounced dead from natural causes, but an undertaker found a carefully concealed bullet hole in her head. Langdon patrolled a beat near her home.

New President of Panama Is Veteran Diplomat, Jurist

By Herbert Plummer

WASHINGTON (AP)—A quiet, dignified, studious man, just past his 48th birthday, has been called from his country's most important diplomatic post to become president of Panama.

Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro, who leaves shortly to head the new government "in the land of the canal," has been a familiar and distinguished figure in the official and social life of Washington for the last eight years.

As his country's minister to the United States since August 28, 10922, he has made the gray stone mansion on New Hampshire avenue — in the heart of the capital's diplomatic sector—an outstanding seat of Latin-American diplomacy in Washington.

Socially, too, the Panama legation under Dr. Alfaro's administration has played a prominent part in the whirl of the capital. His custom of entertaining small groups at receptions attracted to the legation the socially-elect of Washington.

Of medium height, erect as a soldier, his graying black hair cut close, Dr. Alfaro is conceded one of the most learned and hardest working men in the corps.

Famous as an international jurist, well known as an author and experienced as a professor, he has had a distinguished career since he entered the service of his country as assistant secretary of foreign affairs at the age of 23.

Educated at Balboa college in Panama and at the University of Cartegena in Colombia, he holds the degree of doctor of laws on the national faculty of law in Panama.

For seven years he was professor of history at the Panama national institute, and for five years professor of civil law at the Panama National School of Law.

France, Spain, Peru, Venezuela and Italy have awarded him official decorations in recognition of services.

From 1918 to 1922 he was premier of the cabinet of Panama. Before that he made an enviable record in international judicial work. During his eight years as minister at Washington he represented Panama as a delegate to the Pan-American congress at Havana and Washington.

He is the author of the judicial code of Panama (1916), the life of Gen. Thomas Herrera, and a treatise on the advisability of adapting the trust law to the legislation of Latin countries which was awarded the gold medal by the National Institute of Panama in 1919.

Nature's Protection

The bureau of fisheries says that shrimps do not throw off a secretion which discolors the water, but that this fluid is discharged by the squids, which frequently travel in schools of shrimps. This discharge is a thin black fluid which occurs in sacs in the body of all octopods, and is used as a protection to enable the animal to escape when being pursued

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