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Grow With Salem. Helpful Information of Importance to Prospective Builders of Homes; News Reports of Building Activities in the Salem District.



Building Activities Are Down 12% Nation Over Is Finding of Straus Firm

"It is now apparent with reports for the final month of 1929 in from the mass of United States cities and towns that we have not yet reached the point of improved conditions in the building industry," according to the S. W. Straus company which issued a nation-wide survey during the week.

Official figures received by the company show that in 588 cities and towns December permits showed a loss of 29 per cent compared with the same month a year ago and a loss of 19 per cent compared with November 1928. The loss for the entire year, however, was only 12 per cent from 1929 and 13 per cent from 1927. The total permits issued in these 588 places in December 1929, was \$154,957,653 and for the 12 months' period the totals were \$3,379,977,311.

The report continues: While these reports may seem disturbing to those who have been looking for an immediate upturn in building activities, they are not out of line with conservative expectations. The period of high money, extending back over two years or more, followed by the spectacular crash in Wall Street in October and November have affected adversely general building progress throughout the country. Although we have now run into a period of cheap money, which may be regarded as a fortuitous circumstance from the builders' point of view, the effects of the stock market debacle cannot be quickly dissipated. The decline in building, it would appear, must still go further.

The slower pace which has existed in the industry since the peak year of 1925 has undoubtedly taken up much of the building slack. Surpluses have been greatly curtailed and the fundamentals of the situation are sound. With a favorable money market and the efforts being put forth by industrial leaders throughout the nation to keep general business on the go, it may reasonably be expected that a turn for the better in building operations will be forthcoming by mid-year or possibly earlier.

Surpluses Greatly Curtailed Because of the sharp decline in building activity, employment in the building crafts shows much more than the seasonal decrease. The united efforts of building interests to stabilize the industry, the accumulated slack on certain types of buildings in numerous localities and the favorable building market, are factors, however, that lend color to the belief that a gradual recovery of employment for building craftsmen is in prospect.

Meanwhile the five-day week in the building industry is gradually gaining headway. On January 1 the short week schedule went into effect for the union trades of San Francisco, affecting approximately 35,000 men directly or indirectly; shop workers are not included in the new plan. The movement is now under discussion for early adoption in northern California. In southern California, Santa Barbara county trades are on the five-day basis and some trades in Los Angeles

have adopted the same schedule. The year has seen great progress in this movement as an estimate in the fall indicated that between 20 and 25 percent of the organized tradesmen in the country were then on this short schedule.

Material Market Stable Building material prices were not much different at the close of the year than at the beginning though weakness or a slightly declining tendency reflected the decrease in building activity. Although changes were reported throughout the year in various commodities, these fluctuations were usually of a local nature.

Structure steel values and prices were surprisingly firm in a declining building market. Hand to mouth buying intended to keep up the prices of pine lumber, but fir items showed a decline. Cement and common brick prices were comparatively weak during the year. During the summer cement prices began to decline, but the closing of a number of cement plants towards the close of the year tended to curtail supply and this, coupled with the improved outlook for this material during 1930, has recently brought an increase in the price of cement. Other materials showed little change.

HURRIED HEARING ON RATES NOT WANTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25. — (AP)—Protest against any attempt of the Oregon public service commission to rush the city and the Portland Electric Power company in the hearing on street car fares was voiced today by City Commissioner John M. Mann. Declared it "will not be the fault of the city council, myself or anyone connected with the city if the public service commission should issue an order raising street fares in the city of Portland."

The commission previously had directed that the city and the street car company complete their cases and present their final exhibits by March 3. The commission promised that an order one way or another would be entered at that time.

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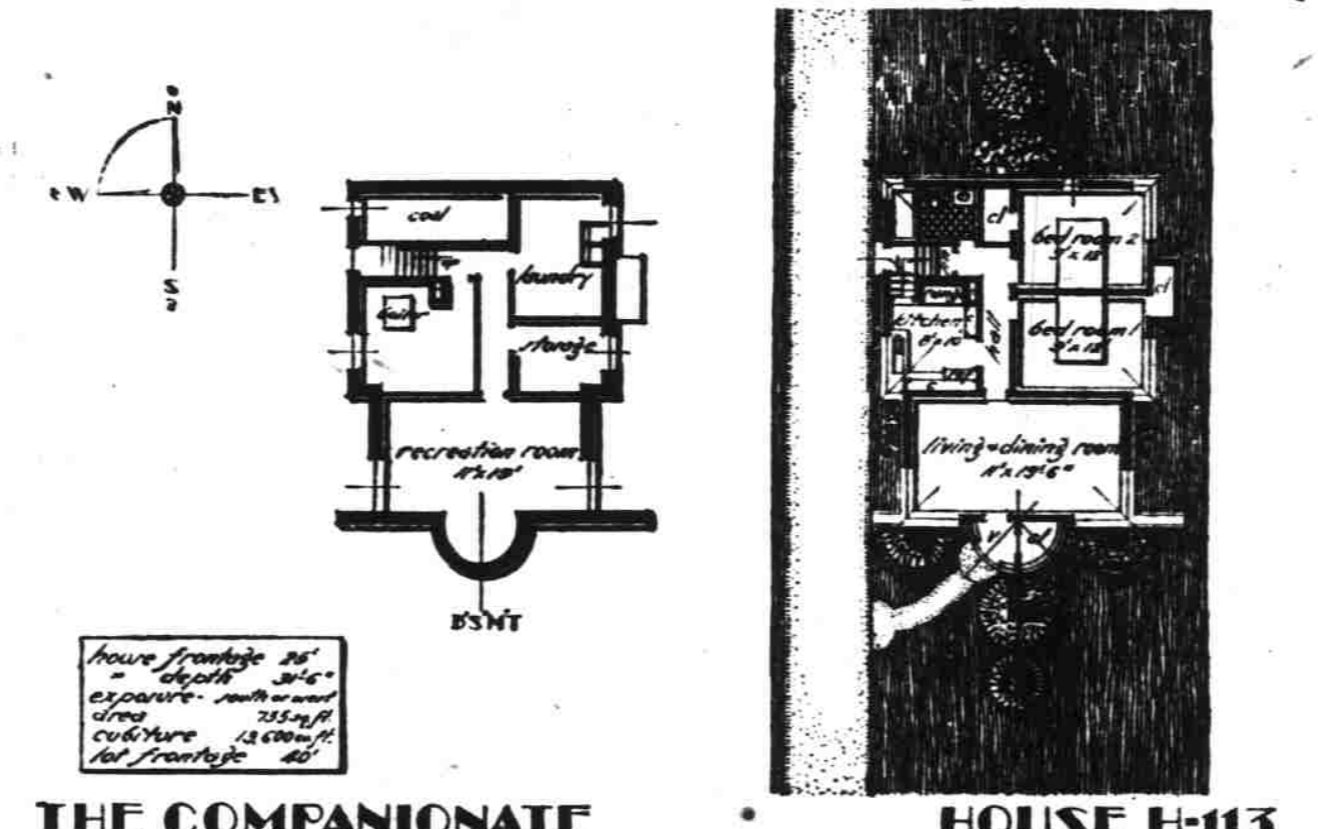
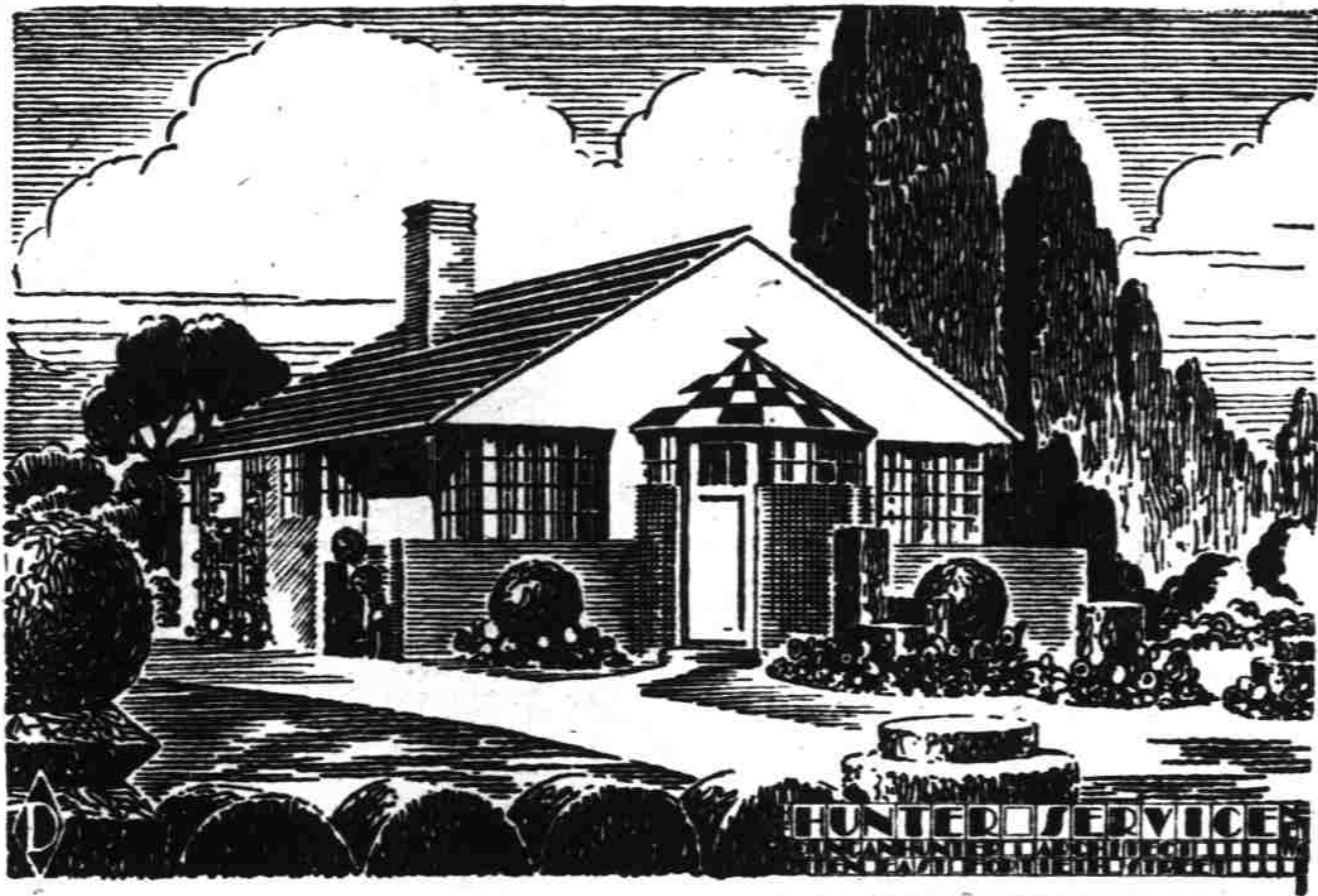
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Today we find modern design on every turn and the unique freshness it offers is most decidedly welcome. It fits our times and mode of expression. For instance, the modern furniture—it is designed with low, deep, comfortable seats, chairs with frames of metal that give strength and are easy to move about, tables with glass tops that leave no "rings" from glasses, nowadays we eat and drink where and when we like so modern furniture is designed to meet this need—the tables are low to suit the chairs, bookshelves are built into the furniture where they best serve and often the furniture is completely electrically wired so that the reader has every comfort. And this type of furniture can be made by machinery with no loss of character but with rather enhancement, while the old types and reproductions required individual

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SALEM LEADER IN BUILDINGS

Permits Here Largest in Oregon for Last Year, Expect Portland

Save for Portland, Salem led every city in Oregon in building permits in 1929 according to figures just released by the S. W. Straus company. Salem's total for the year was \$2,063,792, compared to a figure of \$1,602,443 in 1928.

The permits for December, 1929, slumped materially, being only \$23,801 compared to \$119,000 of the previous December. Building permits issued throughout the state generally were fewer in size than in 1928, the totals for 1929 being \$21,199,819, compared to \$26,542,802 for

hand production to attain the quality it boasted—when machine made quantity production was applied this type lost its only charm. Our motor cars, are not made by hand, why should our furniture be?

The Companionate is a modern house, modest in size. It lists: Basement, recreation room, laundry, storage, boiler room and coal storage. First floor—entrance vestibule with coat space, combined living and dining room, two bedrooms, kitchen and bath. Ceiling heights—basement, seven feet, first floor, eight feet. Exposure—The plans as shown are for a lot facing south or west. For a lot facing north or east the plans should be reversed. Lot size—House frontage, 25'; side clearance, left 10', right 5'; lot frontage, minimum 40 feet. Construction—frame, with stucco finish, front of brick; roof, slate; foundation, concrete; windows—steel casements; doors—wood to special details. Interiors—floors—wood for linoleum finish; walls—plaster; kitchen—plaster; bath room—composition tile; steam heat, gas and electric wiring. Cubature—13,600 cubic feet. Approximate cost—\$4400. Complete working plans and specifications of this house are available for a nominal sum. Address the building editor and refer to house H-113.

1928. Cities Are Compared		
Cities in Oregon and their building permits for 1929 and 1928 are as follows:		
City	1929	1928
Albany	209,655	201,705
Astoria	93,153	162,900
Baker	192,346	394,747
Eugene	571,722	1,276,689
Klamath F.	1,753,810	955,046
Marshallfield	165,455	119,305
Medford	650,576	553,997
Portland	15,493,310	21,275,970
Salem	2,063,792	1,602,443
Totals	21,199,819	26,542,802

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