

# BETTER HOMES



## New State Office Building Rapidly Nears Completion

### LAST TOUCHES ARE NOW GIVEN

Virtually Everything Completed Except Some of Interior Work

The new state office building is a busy place these days as workmen of various crafts are busy putting the finishing touches of the big five-story structure. The scaffolding is all down and the debris is being removed from around the building. Concrete walks for the approaches both front and rear were laid the past week.

The interior work now in progress consists of the carpentry, hanging the doors, installing the glass, installing plumbing fixtures; finishing the wall decorating; completing the electrical installation. There is still floor-work to be done also.

The walls of the entrance and the ground-floor corridors are faced with onyx marble set in red mortar. On the upper levels reddish-brown marble is used up to the wainscot height.

The building is to be completed in March so the state officers who are to occupy it may move in on April 1. Notices have been given in the case of rented quarters of vacating the last of March so the new space must be ready by the first of the month. March 29 is the date set for completion of the building.

### PERMITS MANY BUT TOTAL LOW

February Building Activity in Salem Includes Many Small Projects

February building permits issued in Salem were low in total values represented, but almost twice as many permits were issued as in February, 1929: 43 as compared to 23. Estimated values totaled \$26,929.50. The figure for a year ago was \$57,795, and for January of this year, an increase over the preceding January \$30,732.25.

Following are the permits issued in the second half of the month just ended:

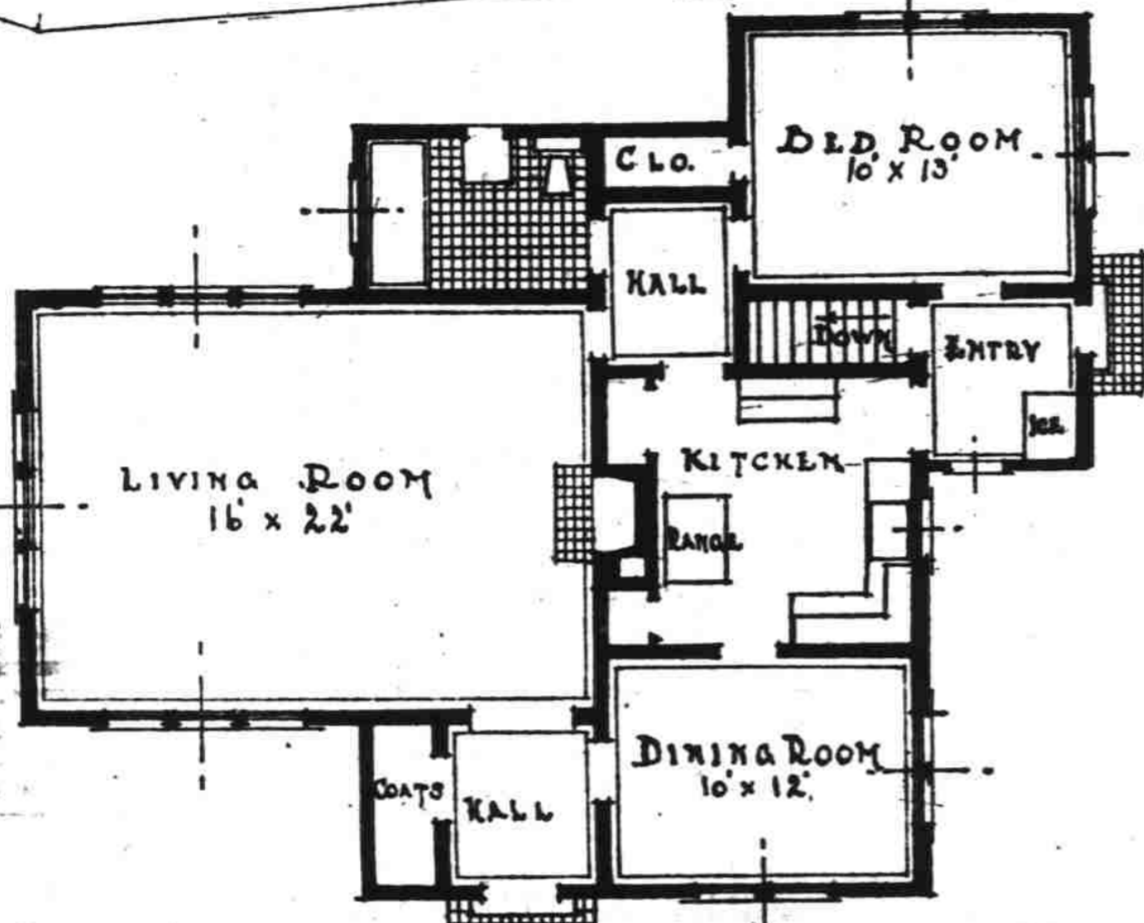
- W. S. Jayes and Elizabeth Jayes, alter dwelling at 855 North 20th, \$400.
- O. F. Johnson alter store building at 466 State \$2000.
- W. A. Cladek, dwelling at 1455 North 18th, \$2500.
- John J. Jayes, alter dwelling at 872 North 20th, \$147.
- H. E. Rice, alter dwelling at 1721 Chemeketa, \$69.50.
- Joe Brien, alter building at 506 Market, \$25.
- G. J. Backe, dwelling at 195 North 19th, \$2500.
- Douglas McKay, alter building at 430 North Commercial \$40.
- Mrs. George Boyd, dwelling at 1495 South Liberty, \$40.
- C. C. Kays, garage at 995 South 12th, \$49.
- C. J. Latham, dwelling at 535 Madison \$2000.
- R. E. Wimer, garage at 467 North 18th, \$75.
- O. O. F. repair building at 456 Court, \$20.
- R. A. Blevins, dwelling at 2409 North Fourth, \$1000.
- Anna Hutchinson reerof dwelling at 1530 Woodrow, \$49.
- Mrs. McCourt, alter store front at 170 North Commercial, \$5.
- Mrs. May A. Hurley, alter dwelling at 2016 Lee, \$25.
- Feyser Fuel company, wood bin on Trade between Cottage and Church, \$75.
- Stanley Quamme, garage at 1664 North Liberty, \$125.

### Two Apartment Houses Planned By A. M. Hansen

Upon the action taken by the city council Monday night with respect to a change of zones at Capitol and Nebraska streets, will depend the construction of two apartment houses which A. M. Hansen is planning to erect on property which he owns in that vicinity. The cost is expected to be around \$50,000. They will be of brick, each one story in height and containing ten four-room apartments. One will face Capitol street and the other Nebraska. An excavation made there several years ago by Adam Engle will be covered by the building facing on Capitol.

EUGENE, Ore., March 1. — (AP)—John Winzenreid, retired business man of Springfield, died here today at the age of 66. He had lived in Lane county since childhood.

### HERE'S ATTRACTIVE, MODEST HOME



NOTE—The Statesman presents a house plan specially drawn for the building page of this paper by Lyle P. Bartholomew, architect, with offices in the United States National Bank building. An English cottage type of house using bits of colonial detail with a rambling yet compact plan. Interesting features are: the living room so arranged as to receive the sun from three sides, the south side to look over a view lawn.

The kitchen is arranged so that odors will not reach the living room. The dining room is planned for a surprise, guests in the living room are not apprised of the preparation of dinner until it is announced. The bathroom is near the living room and bedroom and yet hidden from direct view. The bedroom is in the cool, quiet part of the scheme overlooking the garden.

### Variety in Planting Held Advisable With Shrubbery

Too often the planting is made up of too many of one kind of shrubs. There are really so many delightful varieties to choose from one should have a good assortment in the average home planting. And one can afford to dig up a few and substitute some new varieties. As soon as warm spring days come and the ground can be worked, it is wise to space the beds to receive shrubs and flowers and prepare the soil just as thoroughly as you would for a vegetable garden.

Spring is an ideal time to plant evergreens. Although evergreens do not do well under city conditions where smoke is prevalent, they are very successful otherwise. The rich green foliage of evergreens makes a delightful contrast to other plants. In winter and summer they are equally beautiful. By adding a few plants each year one can soon have a fine variety of evergreens placed for foundation or lawn planting.

GETTING READY First have a plan or a general idea of what you wish to accomplish. Then the plants can be ordered and arranged intelligently. As soon as warm spring days come and the ground can be worked, it is wise to space the beds to receive shrubs and flowers and prepare the soil just as thoroughly as you would for a vegetable garden.

Spring planting days will soon be here and if you want to make the best of your opportunities, now is the time to get your order in for new trees, shrubs, vines and flowers. Then you will get early delivery of your plants and can plant them during the first warm days. The early spring rains are of great benefit to newly planted trees and shrubs in that it aids their roots to become firmly established before the hot weather sets in.

Spring is the ideal planting time for all plants excepting possibly a few of the early spring blooming perennials such as iris and peonies. These may be safely moved then, however, but not without some sacrifice of bloom the first year. Then, of course,

### BITS... Of General Knowledge By W. L. GORDON

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### SILVER CREEK WORK PLANNED

Appearance of Scenic Asset To Be Improved, Silver-Club Indicates

SILVERTON — The matter of keeping Silver Creek clean was again brought up at the Garden club meeting held Monday night. The beauty of the stream itself was emphasized, but much distress was shown at the lack of civic pride in keeping it respectably looking. It was brought out that there is an ordinance against throwing rubbish into the creek, but, according to Monday night's statements, Silver-ton folk are either ignorant of this ordinance or unforgetfully careless. Mrs. Percy Brown, president of the club, was delegated to appoint a committee which was to confer with the council in the matter of forcing merchants and other to refrain from throwing material into Silver creek. Mrs. Brown expressed the opinion that "the city council we now have is very easy to work with and also has the interest of the city at heart, so therefore I felt we will accomplish something in this matter."

The holding of a spring flower show was also discussed at the Garden club meeting. Members voted to hold such a show and detail arrangements were left in the hands of a committee composed of Mrs. Roy Davanport, Harvey Hallett and Mrs. S. Amer. Miss Elizabeth Ford of Salem gave an interesting and informative talk centering about the Arnold Arboretum. Miss Lord said that one thing which particularly added to the pleasure of a day spent in the arboretum was that no automobiles were permitted within its confines and it was perfectly delightful to walk about and gaze at the 6500 specimens without fear of being knocked down and run over by some automobile.

Miss Lord discussed many different shrubs and flowering trees and much of her discussion was accented with the statement that "Oregon is particularly suited to their growth." She particularly mentioned the flowering crabs, magnolias, cotoneasters, quinces, and spruces. Miss Lord regretted that in most instances the Oregonians only cultivated a very few of the varieties and were not acquainted with the great number that existed. In speaking of the spruces, Miss Lord said: "We are used to but two or three of these, but that it just a drop in the bucket as to what is shown at the Arnold Arboretum."

Miss Edith Schryver was also present and spoke briefly. Miss Schryver talked chiefly of gardens "as gardens are not as a place for specimens." She spoke of the garden as an out-door living room.

It was announced at the close of the meeting that Mr. Gabrielson of the Oregon Gardens at Portland will be present at the next meeting and speak on the control of rodents.

### GARDEN TALKS ARE BROADCAST

Series of Short Speeches to Be Given Over Network Up Till April 21

- Stations and Wave-Lengths
- KGW, Portland, 483.5 meters; 620 kcys.
- KGO, Oakland, 379.5 meters; 790 kcys.
- KOMO, Seattle, 309.1 meters; 970 kcys.
- KEX, Portland, 254.1 meters; 1180 kcys.

A notable series of garden talks, opened by Dean Bailey of Cornell university, and featuring the best known authors and garden organization leaders in American including Mrs. Henry Ford, will be broadcast by the National Broadcasting company from station WJZ, New York, and associated stations.

The program opened February 17 at 3:45 p. m., Eastern standard time, and continues each Monday at the same hour to and including April 21. It was arranged by the National Garden bureau. Time on the air is contributed by the National Broadcasting company, and speakers have volunteered their services, with the object of promoting public interest in beautifying America.

March 3—Alfred C. Hottes, associate editor of Better Homes and Gardens, formerly professor of floriculture of Ohio State university, author of many garden books, will speak on: "The Garden's Answer to Our Quest for Happiness."

March 17—A representative of the Garden Club of America, the pioneer garden club federation, which has member clubs throughout the country, will speak on the subject: "The Social Value of Beautiful Gardens."

March 24—F. F. Rockwell, landscape architect and author of 15 books on gardening will speak on — "Rock Gardening."

March 31—Mrs. Henry Ford, president of the Women's National

### HOSPITAL INMATES WILL HEAR RADIO

Radio has been brought to the 1000 inmates of the eastern Oregon state hospital through the installation, just completed of a battery of 21 dynamic loud-speakers fed from a single stock model Bosch console radio receiver. The work involved stringing a mile and a half of wire, and took three days for completion.

The music is expected to have a beneficial effect on the inmates of the institution, calming down even the more restless ones. Nearly all are reported to show an interest in the programs since the hookup was made.

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