

# BUILDERS' GUIDE

**W**HETHER you are contemplating the erection of a chicken house or a business block, a bungalow, or an apartment house, the time to build is NOW. It's the concensus of opinion among material men throughout the country that owing to economic conditions, labor unrest and the railway strike, the cost of building material both in hardware and lumber, as well as brick and cement, will not be less than at present for some time to come and that any day may see the end of the comparatively low prices, with a sharp advance in all lines. TAKE THE EXPERT ADVICE OF THE ADVERTISERS ON THIS PAGE AND BUILD NOW.

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**Suggestions  
By Roy Brown  
Building Sec'y**

If a contractor agrees to use nothing but No. 1 grade of materials and you have proof that the materials furnished were inferior to those specified in the contract you are justified in retaining the difference in the cost between the two and could win a court action.

If there has been a definite time stated in the contract for completion of your home, with a guarantee that the job was to be completed on the set date, the owner has the right to charge the contractor according to the expense incurred by the owner each day after the date set in the contract, and if there is no contract or bond you can stop the contractor for incompetency at any time.

Plans for building prepared by someone who is not a certified architect, no matter how cheaply furnished are unsafe to use. If you will inspect the difference between a set of plans prepared by an architect and those made by someone who is not a certified architect, it will be readily ascertained why the difference in cost. An architect's plans are complete in every conceivable detail and when these details are evident on the plans the contractor is held to a strict accounting in executing the work according to the plans and specifications. Furthermore, the licensed architect is the legal representative of the owner and at no time is the owner subjected to any risk whatever, as in cases where someone prepares the plans and is not licensed by the State to practice architecture which is the basis of all trouble experienced by the building public.

**SALES ROOM MOVED**

The sales and lecture room of the Dominguez land corporation that have heretofore occupied one of the large rooms in the Torrance office has been moved to the Standard acreage at Harvard Boulevard and 224th street, where the future talks on land in this vicinity will be given.

The object of the move was to concentrate the large sight-seeing bus lines at one spot and to facilitate the handling of the large crowds of prospective purchasers whose numbers are daily increasing.

Mrs. Rose Bell, Mrs. L. J. Acree mother, has gone to Los Angeles to live with relatives.

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Month; \$115,000,000  
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Los Angeles building permits for August exceed in valuation the combined totals of those issued in that month in San Francisco, Oakland, Portland and Seattle. This is according to statistics collected by the "American Contractor" of Chicago.

For the month of August the building permits issued in Los Angeles totaled \$11,523,391 in value. The valuation of permits issued for the month in San Francisco was \$6,214,082; in Portland, \$1,941,380; in Oakland, \$1,651,201 and in Seattle, \$1,200,740, making a total of \$11,007,403 for these four cities. The total for the four cities is \$516,488 less than for Los Angeles alone.

For the first eight months of this year the total permits issued in Los Angeles, amounting to \$79,047,159, was exceeded only by the totals for New York and Chicago.

It is estimated at the building inspector's office that the valuation of permits for this year will total in the neighborhood of \$115,000,000, or almost as much as the total for Chicago for last year.

**BILL SAM'S DICTIONARY**



By J. L. MARTIN

The old fiddlers' concert at Happy Hollow Friday night was a sore disappointment to everybody present, as the music was ruined by a couple of city fellows who were allowed to use their mandolin and ukulele in the concert. The fiddlers got so nervous the music sounded like it had palsy, and two or three times Bill Dooley, the best fiddler in the neighborhood, took the shimmies, dropped his bow, and began to pick the strings of his fiddle with his fingers.

MANDOLIN: A stammering banjo. Bill Sam's Dictionary, page 602.

UKULELE: A foreign mandolin with a bad brogue. Bill Sam's Dictionary, page 791.

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