

BUILDING PERMITS TOTAL \$20,804,957

Increase for Year is 53 Per Cent--Other Northwest Cities Show Losses.

REALLY JUST \$100,096,060

Great Rush of Construction Marks Close of Year, December Being by \$2,000,000 Largest Month in Portland Building.

PORTLAND'S SHOWING WONDERFUL BY COMPARISON.

Portland. Building permits in Portland for December, 1910, were \$4,715,420; for December, 1909, \$1,624,825. Total for 1910, \$20,804,957; total for 1909, \$11,481,260.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31--(Special.)--Building permits in Seattle for December, 1910, were \$1,040,470; for December, 1909, \$1,040,470. Total for 1910, \$17,418,071; total for 1909, \$10,944,333.

SPOKANE, Dec. 31--(Special.)--Building permits in Spokane for 1910, were \$5,833,494; for 1909, \$5,768,226. December, 1910, showed \$1,488,622; December, 1909, \$215,633. The loss shown by the permits this year is \$2,898,742.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 31--(Special.)--Building permits in Los Angeles for 1910, were \$21,054,100; an increase over the previous year of \$5,423,397. Total for 1910, \$147,781,921; December, 1909, \$1,238,344.

Portland issued 6583 building permits in 1910 for structures worth an aggregate of \$20,804,957.

December Transfers Big.

The really transfers for December, 1910, numbered 1463 and amounted to \$72,426,189, including the \$70,000,000 real estate transferred to the city.

ALWAYS tuneful, really musical and replete with clean comedy.

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COMPARISON OF PERMITS ISSUED BY MONTHS--YEARS 1908, 1909 AND 1910.

Table with columns for Year, Month, Permits, and Value. Rows for 1908, 1909, and 1910 across months Jan-Dec.

FINE and Ash, the Willametta auditorium to be built on the Peninsula.

While the total will not approach the December record, it will be a month's promise to be large.

Steady Growth is Shown.

The building record in Portland for eleven years follows:

Table with columns for Year, Permits, and Value. Rows for 1900-1910.

role of the widow Hemingway sings best, although none of the feminine voices are of much import.

Clara Dalton made a pretty little heroine and was dainty to look upon.

L. D. Boyer, New Chief Deputy of Tax Department, Who Took Oath Yesterday.

amount of real estate transfers in Portland in 1909 and 1910 months were furnished by the Portland Daily Abstract:

Table with columns for Month, 1909, and 1910. Rows for Jan-Dec.

BIRTHS FAR EXCEED DEATHS

Baby Increase in Oregon for Year Is 387.

During the year 1910 there were 3995 births in the State of Oregon.

GRADES BEING REDUCED

Elimination of Many Curves and Shortening of Route of Northern Pacific Will Relieve Congestion in Future.

When the double tracking of the Northern Pacific is completed between Portland and Tenino, Wash., a distance of 66 miles, next August, 35,000,000 will have been spent in the project.

Work Between Portland and Tenino Will Involve Outlay of \$5,000,000.

During the prosecution of the work a heavy traffic has been handled over the operated track, with little delay.

LARGE POWER IS DEVELOPED

Mount Hood Company to Expend \$2,000,000 During Year.

The work of constructing the water power development of the Mount Hood Railway and Power Company is being conducted under the supervision of J. B. Goodwin, as field engineer for Smith, Kerry & Chase and superintendent of the building of the power-house.

United Railways Service to North Plains to be Inaugurated in Few Days--Oregon Electric Will Press Southward.

There was expended by the Hill System in Oregon in 1910 approximately \$14,000,000 in the construction of new lines and improvement in the several properties throughout the state.

ELABORATE PROGRAMME ENJOYED AT MISSION.

Cantata by 12 Children is Feature of Christmas Festivities--Dr. McDougal Speaks.

Of the Christmas festivities held in Portland, none was more interesting than the celebration held by the Chinese Methodist Episcopal Mission Wednesday night.

LONG TRIPS IN VAIN

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