

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, \$1,628,825. 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.

SPokane, Dec. 31--(Special).--Building permits in Spokane for 1910, were \$5,833,494; for 1909, \$5,768,272.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 31--(Special).--Building permits in Los Angeles for 1910, were \$21,054,100.

Portland issued 6593 building permits in 1910 for structures worth an aggregate of \$20,804,957.

December Transfers Big.

The realty transfers for December, 1910, numbered 1463 and amounted to \$72,426,189, including the \$70,000,000 debt referred to, as against 1500 transfers for \$2,942,000 in December, 1909.

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

Table with 4 columns: Month, 1908, 1909, 1910. Rows for Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec, Total.

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

While the total will not approach the December record, building permits for this month promise to be large. Among the large buildings for which permits will be granted are the Syndicate, 12 stories, Fourth and Washington; the new Lincoln High School, Multnomah Club and a number of large apartments.

Steady Growth is Shown.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Permits, Value. Rows for 1909, 1910, 1911.

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

When the double tracking of the Northern Pacific is completed between Portland and Tenino, Wash., a distance of 66 miles, next August, \$5,000,000 will have been spent in the project.

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