

COAST BUILDING IS RUNNING HIGH

Seattle and Los Angeles Rank Among First Four Cities in January.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 24 (Special)—With building permits totaling \$5,249,425, an increase of about 46 per cent over last year's total of \$3,585,310, Seattle ranked fourth among the cities of the nation in January last year. It is revealed by S. W. Straus & Co. Seattle's total was within \$225,000 of Chicago's total. Los Angeles ranked second with \$5,115,546, as compared with \$7,514,865 for the same month last year. New York was at the top of the list with \$25,591,511. Portland was third with a total of \$4,666,576.

Washington ranked sixth among the 48 states, with a total of \$5,982,801.

Although building permits throughout the nation exhibited a slump of 46 per cent under those for January, 1929, Washington's gain was about 26 per cent over January, 1929, and more than 100 per cent over December, 1929.

The Straus report says: "The sharp falling off in building during January is in line with the opinion expressed by authorities that building activities would decline still

further before the effects of the favorable money conditions, recovery from the stock market crash, and gradually increasing demand for additional buildings resulted in a definite upturn. Although there may be still further declines, the industry now has less cause to be working toward a sound and normal basis condition."

"Building material prices remained stable during January. Cement prices have recovered... structural steel shapes are firm... common brick showed some decline... prices for most starting materials are unchanged. Owing to the policy maintained by the lumber manufacturers of restricting output to demand, prices of most items of lumber have shown little change."

Washington	Jan. 1930	Jan. 1929
Aberdeen	\$ 161,750	\$ 32,146
Anacortes	1,225	1,950
Bellingham	13,865	402,255
Everett	192,655	57,620
Hoquiam	19,705	35,435
Longview	45,150	15,255
Lynden	61,600	3,200
Seattle	5,249,425	3,585,310
Spokane	89,721	39,465
Tacoma	176,925	349,725
Vancouver	5,405	45,910
Walla Walla	24,375	2,155
Wenatchee	4,725	93,350
Yakima	29,315	5,550

State totals \$5,982,801 \$4,151,925

Oregon

Albany \$ 3,400 \$ 4,310

Astoria 150 4,350

Corvallis 5,000 5,200

Eugene 22,451 12,515

K. Falls	\$7,710	\$6,810
La Grande	9,950	5,500
Marshfield	None	13,950
Medford	12,925	32,325
Portland	666,570	2,482,320
Salem	20,222	22,975
State totals	\$24,571	\$2,661,175

Idaho

Boise \$ 19,282 \$ 7,600

Idaho Falls 500 700

Lewiston 5,450 47,220

Nampa 14,740 5,550

State totals \$ 43,572 \$ 61,400

Montana

Butte \$ 1,225 \$ 1,950

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