

NO DANGER OF TEREDO

Columbia Jetty Will Not Again Be Damaged by Peculiar Salt-Water Worm.

ENGINEERS WILL AVOID IT

Damage Thus Far Done Has Occurred in Salt-water Eddy That Will Be Obliterated With Piling.

According to Major C. W. Langitt, tereedos will not do very much more damage to the piling in the jetty work at the mouth of the Columbia river. He states that the insect is a salt water worm and it is impossible for it to thrive where there is any fresh water. The flow of the Columbia extends over a big area off the mouth of the river, and for that reason he holds that the tereedo will not likely cause any more trouble.

The damage that they have thus far wrought, explains the major, was in a sort of an eddy which consisted of salt water altogether. Outside of that small area, which is made up of a liberal supply of fresh water, the piling has remained untouched by the insect. An examination shows that the timbers are as sound as the day when they were driven. In making the repairs the plan which the United States engineers have decided upon is to drive the new piling around the eddy mentioned, where the waters of the Columbia extend, and it is then believed that the tereedo evil will have been overcome.

A couple of the pieces of the piling which had been eaten out by the insect are now on exhibition at the Portland customs house. One of them is from a pile that was placed in position during the summer of 1903. It has been literally bored full of holes, and at a distance resembles a large sponge. Some of the holes are almost half an inch in diameter, while others are smaller, showing that the worms have attained various degrees in size.

The holes resembles small tunnels and shafts, connected in the same manner that a miner might perform the work on a claim from which he is preparing to take out ore.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Harrison L. Hamblet is down from Portland.

Albert Dunbar returned from a short business trip to Portland yesterday.

H. M. Bransford left yesterday for Toke Point, to remain for a few days. Mrs. Geo. R. Johnson arrived from Portland yesterday morning to join her husband, who is employed on The Astorian.

Mrs. P. J. Collins, of Portland, arrived in the city last evening. She will remain to care for her sister, Mrs. Fred Brown, who will undergo an operation this afternoon.

HEAVY GUNS SILENCED.

Proximity Of Ships And Buildings Make Firing Impractical.

New York, Oct. 19.—It has been decided by the war department to discontinue heavy gun practice at

Fort Hancock, Wadsworth and Hamilton. Artillery officers say conditions about lower New York bay have become such as to render practice with the big guns almost impossible. This was illustrated at the last practice when 21 days were occupied on a piece of target work which on a clear range would have been finished in a forenoon.

Vessels constantly were getting in the way and so long as any crafts were near the target firing had to be suspended, as orders strictly prohibit taking the slightest risk.

Residents at Seagate and Coney Island complained recently that the concussion from the guns was doing great damage to their homes, breaking windows, loosening plaster and damaging foundations.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.

Wm. Winters, Portland.
C. C. Patrick, Salem.
R. Matthews, Portland.
Henry A. Bergman, Chinook, Wash.
J. Rotas, Portland.
Wm. Winters, Portland.
Mrs. G. Ludlow, Portland.
Miss Lena Fisher, Tokeland, Wash.
W. H. Cooper, Portland.
J. Kneal, Portland.

GOVERNMENT IS LIBERAL.

Will Ship Sixty Per Cent of St. Louis Exhibit to Portland.

St. Louis, Oct. 19.—At a meeting today of the United States government board of the St. Louis exposition, it was decided to ship 60 per cent of the government exhibit to the Lewis and Clark exposition.

William M. Eddons, of Washington, has been designated as secretary and disbursing officer for the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Hero Awards to Be Deferred.

Pittsburg, Oct. 19.—At a meeting today of the Carnegie hero-fund commission it was decided that no awards of medals or benefits be made before the next meeting, January 15, 1905. Then the executive committee is expected to report on 59 cases.

Barry N. Hilliard Kills Himself.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 19.—Barry N. Hilliard, for many years prominent in mining and political circles in Idaho, shot himself to death at Lake View, Idaho, today.

Fight Called Off.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 19.—The Herrera-Goodman match, scheduled for October 24, has been called off. The reason assigned is that the Mexican is sick.

A Love Letter.

Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed salve for sores, burns or piles. Otto Dodd of Ponder, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. It's the best salve on earth. 35c at Chas."

Lou Dillon Recovers.

Memphis, Oct. 19.—Lou Dillon has recovered from the attack of the "thumps" from which she suffered Tuesday in the race with Major Delmar. She was taken out today and jogged slowly around the track.

Removal Notice.

Dr. J. A. Fulton has moved from his old office to rooms 4, 5 and 6 in the Star theater building, corner Eleventh and Commercial streets, on the second floor.

DIFFERENT STORY TOLD

Saving in Construction of Court House Foundation Alleged to Be Mythical.

STATEMENT OF CONTRACTORS

Firm That Bid on Work Claim Court's Statement Has Put Them in Wrong Light Before Public.

Astoria, Ore., Oct. 19.—(Editor The Astorian.)—Please allow us to give to the public through your paper a few facts regarding the court house foundation not yet published.

The report in yesterday's paper of W. A. Grondahl, C. E., submitted by the county clerk showing cost of the court house foundation and comparing the same with bids submitted for the work, is such a misstatement of facts that it is but justice to ourselves and right that the public should be made acquainted with the truth.

Mr. Grondahl, in comparing the work performed with the bid thereon, states that the work was performed under the specification.

In answer we wish to state that this work was not performed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted to contractors. The specifications required the excavating of 3335 cubic yards of earth, while not to exceed 800 cubic yards were removed by Mr. Grondahl; that the gravel and sand blanket should be well puddled; this was not done, but the crushed rock was dumped just as it came from the rock crusher until filling was complete. The Kahn's steel bars were to have all diagonals set true, and properly spaced on cement mortar one inch thick. This was not done, but the bars were placed just as they arrived, the bars being bent in all conceivable shapes, and the cement coating was not one inch thick. Besides, the specifications required the surface of the basement floor to be covered with cement mortar one inch thick, troweled to a smooth finish, a total of about 22,000 square feet, worth about \$2200, which is not included in their report, and will have to be done. Also, the county is now having several thousand yards of earth filling, not included in the report, and which would have been avoided had the work been performed as planned and specified.

Any contractor could have performed this work as it has been done for the cost reported and made a handsome profit, but he would not have been permitted to do so. Mr. Grondahl and the county court were well acquainted with the above facts when they issued their report, and we were surprised that they should make such a misstatement of facts. While we do not wish in any way to oppose the county court or Mr. Grondahl's posing as benefactors of a tax-ridden community, even through and by a misstatement of facts, we certainly object to the use of our names for any such purpose.

This communication was offered to the Budget for publication, as the statement of the county clerk was published in that paper, but the Budget refused to publish it. Respectfully,
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CONVICT SUICIDED.

Attempted Murderer Takes His Life at San Quentin.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—W. Stanley, a convict at San Quentin prison, committed suicide in a cell at the prison today. Stanley came from Stanislaus county to serve two years for an attempt to commit murder.

Harvard Wins Golf Championship.

Hamilton, Mass., Oct. 19.—Harvard won the intercollegiate golf championship for the seventh time today, defeating Yale in the final round by a score of 13½ to 5.

Shriners Elect Officers.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The annual meeting of the imperial council of no-

bles of the Mystic Shriners of North America today elected officers, including J. F. Wright, of Richmond, Va., imperial potentate.

Public Lands Released.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Commissioner Richards, of the general land office, today made the following statement: There have been recently leased from temporary withdrawal made for forest reserve purposes 5,107,000 acres, of which there are in Idaho 1,420,800 acres; in Oregon, 582,940 acres; in Washington, 235,000 acres.

Orders taken for Brown Bros' nursery stock at Kallunki's candy store.

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