

## COLUMBIA RIVER JETTY HAS BEEN BUT LITTLE DAMAGED

**Portion Carried Away Had Been Ruined by Teredoes and Would Have Been Replaced in the Spring.**

The exact extent of the damage to the Columbia river jetty was learned yesterday. All sorts of reports have been current since the recent storm, and the impression has been created that the immense breakwater was materially damaged. However, it is authentically asserted that the damage is only trivial, and that, so far as the progress of the improvement is concerned, it has not been interfered with.

The first storm of the year opened up a gap in the jetty about four miles from the shore end. The second storm tore another hole in the jetty about half a mile farther out, a small portion remaining intact between the two gaps. The outer portion, which remained in position, was about one and one-half miles in length.

The last storm confined its ravages to the small portion of jetty work between the two gaps. It is learned that this particular piece of construction was only about eight or nine bents in length, and the latest storm carried away six bents of it. This leaves the jetty in the following shape: For four miles out from the shore the breakwater is intact. Then comes a gap almost, if not quite, a mile in length, while beyond is another piece of jetty one and one-half miles long.

It will be observed from this statement that the breakwater has been damaged much less than had been supposed from reports in circulation during the past few days. Those reports made it appear that the improvement had been very seriously interfered with, and it was feared the loss had been considerable. A gentleman who

recently visited the jetty yesterday made the following statement to a representative of The Astorian:

"The storm has done but little damage to the jetty. That portion carried out was superstructure, and none of the completed jetty has been carried away. It was not to have been expected, perhaps, that the superstructure would have withstood the fury of the gale, and in my opinion the engineers are not at all surprised that some of the trestling should have been carried out.

"The loss in money is insignificant. Practically all that portion of the jetty washed away had been damaged by teredoes, and before operations could have been resumed it would have been necessary to replace the piling. In a few places, where there are fresh water eddies, the piling had not been damaged by teredoes, but most of the piling was full of holes. The sea has saved the engineers the task of taking out this damaged piling.

"You may put it down as certain that the storm has not interfered with the jetty construction, and that the loss of the portion carried out will not retard the improvement."

This announcement will be pleasing news to Astorians, who expect that Senators Fulton and Mitchell will secure a large appropriation at the forthcoming session of congress for improvement of the bar. If there had really been any serious damage, the work of the senators might have been hampered. As it is, however, the delegation will be able to make a stiff fight for the sum desired for prosecuting the work.

## WORK ON THE COURT HOUSE SUSPENDED BY CONTRACTORS

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county to construct the Young's bay bridge over the Nehalem road—I forget which—in which opinion I distinctly stated that no such improvement could be constructed out of the general fund, but that the amount of warrants drawn by the county court in payment for such improvement should be at all times, including principal and interest, strictly within the amount in such fund and levied for such purpose.

"No lawyer could contend that these warrants are legal."

**County Court's Position.**

Investigation by a representative of The Astorian bears out the statement made by many of those who understand the situation. The county court, believing that a new court house was necessary and that the people wanted it, adopted the policy of levying a special tax each year for the construction of the building. At the time that the contract was let there were some thousands of dollars in the special fund, which, being exhausted by construction of the foundation, etc., and no one having enjoined the construction of the court house, as was intimated might be done, the county court "took a chance," believing that the local banks would cash the paper. Some of the paper was taken by the banks, only the general fund warrants being

refused. There is no doubt that, if the court had stuck to the special fund, properly levied and collected, the banks would have taken the warrants. This could be done, perhaps, by making an arrangement with the contractor to take his pay in installments of so much each year.

**Foundation Will Stand.**

The constitution of the great state of Oregon specifically provides that no county shall go in debt beyond \$5000, except for the purpose of repelling invasion, putting down rebellion, punishing high treason and other such petty misdemeanors. It makes no provision for additional indebtedness for repelling assaults by mosabacks on the citadel of public spirit, nor does it prevent warrant-buyers from suggesting constitutional objection to taking at par county warrants which every man, woman and child in the community knows will be paid. The foundation of the court house will stand, thanks to the excellence of the work and the public spirit of the county court, until progress overcomes the retrogressive element.

**Will the City Come Next?**

It is somewhat surprising that the constitutional objection was not urged against the construction of the new city hall. The poor, old city is in much worse financial shape than the county, and would be comparatively

"soft" as an object of attack on constitutional grounds. Perhaps the city will get "its" later on. It is also MOST peculiar that some constitutional objector did not raise the question before the county court, in seeking to provide decent quarters for county officers, attempted to demonstrate the doctrine that the constitution follows the flag. On the four corners of the foundation ought to be erected statues of the goddesses of Liberty, Justice, Purity and Equality—if there be such goddesses.

### MORE PRESENTS AT THE STAR.

**Set of Dishes and Magic Lantern to Be Given Away Saturday.**

Manager Gevurtz, of the Star, will tomorrow give away two more elegant presents to the boy and the girl holding the right coupons. This week's present for the girl will be a beautiful set of china dishes containing 24 pieces, while some lucky boy will receive a magic lantern.

Coupons for the drawing will be given away only at tomorrow's matinee. Before the performance is concluded the drawing will take place and the handsome prizes awarded to the fortunate possessors of coupons corresponding with the numbers drawn. The prizes are now on display at Cooper's.

There has been a complete change of program at the Star and last night's new bill packed the house. Sylvester, Jones and Pringle have proved immensely popular, and the trio of singers find it difficult to turn down the repeated encores. Mr. Pringle's bass solo, "Asleep in the Deep," rendered last evening, brought down the house. Mr. Jones' magnificent baritone voice was heard to good advantage in "Alexander," while Mr. Sylvester's superb tenor was appreciated in a catchy parody. No other singers of equal merit have ever appeared here, and the terrors of the storm have not kept away the crowds from Astoria's fashionable showhouse.

Other wise this week's bill is first-class and theatergoers who fail to attend will miss a rare treat.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

**Parker House.**

James A. Ray, Mist, Ore.  
John Adams, Spokane, Wash.  
Stephen Canfield, Portland.  
James Quinn, Quinn's Landing.  
Mrs. M. Hall, Portland.  
H. Flood, Portland.  
Capt. Erickson, San Francisco.  
P. Minor, Deep River, Wash.  
C. Alexander, Portland.

### OVERCOME BY DEADLY GAS.

**Entire Force of New Jersey Plant Meets Death at Work.**

New York, Nov. 17.—Four men were asphyxiated by gas at Dover, N. J., today, at the plant of the Dover, Rockaway & Port Oram Gas Company.

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the engines and attending to the boilers, Bunnell went through the works and found four men beneath an open trap door in the meter room, with the space under the floor filled with gas from a broken valve in a drip pipe.

### CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.

**Reopened Under New Management.**  
John Blasich has leased the California Restaurant and Oyster House and is now prepared to serve the public. The best oysters and meals in the city. Family trade supplied. Good cooks, polite waiters and prompt service.

### Removal Notice.

Dr. J. A. Regan has moved his dental office to rooms over A. V. Allen's grocery store.

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