

### IMPROVEMENTS IN COLUMBIA RIVER

Great Deal of Money Was Expended and Much Necessary Work Was Done.

### DREDGE CHINOOK ABLE ADJUNCT TO EQUIPMENT

Congress is Urged in Major Langfitt's Annual Report to Hasten Appropriations.

Copies of the annual report of Maj. W. C. Langfitt, dealing with the improvements made on the Columbia river and its tributaries during the past year, arrived this morning from Washington, D. C. Among other things, he estimates that it will require the expenditure of \$1,320,000 to complete the jetty at the mouth of the river, and this sum congress will be asked to appropriate.

At the beginning of the fiscal year the work of repairing the washed-away portion of the jetty tracks, building additional tracks and extending the jetty work together with the fitting out of the U. S. transport Grant as a sea-going dredge, was in progress under appropriation of \$600,000 made by act of June 18, 1892, for continuing the improvement, and \$1,000,000 appropriated by the sundry civil act of March 3, 1893.

With the funds available for this work, the jetty tracks were repaired to the original end, station 250 by 60, and then extended a distance of 564 feet beyond this point, to station 815 by 64, late in September. A further extension was deemed inadvisable at that time on account of the lateness of the season and the large amount of stone it would require to properly protect the tracks.

To further protect the jetty tracks, batter piles and anchor piles, with heavy wire cables, were driven in the most exposed part, but notwithstanding these precautions much damage was done by the winter storms. During the months of February and March, a succession of exceptionally heavy and continued storms, accompanied by very heavy seas, were experienced, which from time to time washed away portions of the tracks until a total of 54 bents, 972 feet between stations 259 by 46 and 249 by 21, had disappeared.

On May 21 the work of extending the jetty tracks was begun for the season, and on June 20 had been carried to station 292-18, a total for the fiscal year of 4,858 feet, and a distance of 4,318 feet beyond the end of the old jetty, and on April 21 the delivery of stone by the Northwest Construction company, under modified contract, began.

Many Tons of Stone. Since the approval of the board's project operations have been carried on with a view to a daily delivery of from 2,000 to 3,000 tons of stone.

An emergency contract for the delivery of 150,000 tons and a formal contract for the delivery of 475,000 tons of stone were made with the Northwest Construction company of Astoria, Or., under date of May 27, 1904. Delivery of stone under the emergency contract was suspended on December 13, 1903, on account of the approach of the winter season, the time for completion of this contract having been extended. Final payment thereunder has been made, and the contract closed. Approximately 125,000 tons of stone were delivered under the emergency contract.

The Buxby quarry, from which rock was obtained under the contract, is leased by the United States and its development resulted in its failure to produce sufficient rock of the required size at the required rate of delivery, and it therefore became necessary to make a supplementary contract with the quantity to be furnished under the formal contract for 475,000 tons.

Important Work Near Jetty. The principal and most important changes that have occurred since the survey of June, 1893, are a slight movement seaward of the 24-foot inner and outer curves of the bar, the extension seaward of Peacock Spit on a nearly straight line from Sand Island, and the building up and seaward movement of Clatsop Spit on the north side of the jetty.

The outer 34-foot curve of the bar is in the same position it was last January, when a small survey was made and at which time the distance between the inner and outer 24-foot curves was considerably greater than at either of the June surveys.

Most important developments are taking place in the vicinity of the obstruction buoy, which is in the position of the 31-foot channel of 1893. Here the 24-foot curves are the closer together and in one place give indication of breaking through the crest. The deepest channel across the bar is found here, a movement of about one-half mile northward since last June.

### DATING LAWYERS DEFEY THE COURT

Messrs. McGinn and Manning Indulge in Language That is Frequent and Free.

### JUDGE GEORGE CANNOT SUBDUCE WRANGLES

Nease Case Goes Over, and Special Prosecutor Will Renew Fight Another Day.

The fight for supremacy between District Attorney John Manning and Judge Henry E. McGinn in the prosecution of the gambling cases was of very brief duration, but nearly terminated in contempt of court this morning.

Judge George attempted to induce the attorneys to refrain from arguing the question of McGinn's right to appear in the Nease poolroom case when it was not properly before the court, but they insisted, and not until the judge, after repeated efforts arose from his chair, and hammering the table with his fist, commanded them to be quiet was silence restored.

What was said by the attorneys was uttered while the court was calling for silence, and their words were scarcely understood by the people who had come to enjoy the proceedings. This was a serious disappointment, but enough was heard to assure them that when the question does come up the entertainment will be worth the price of admission.

Judge McGinn entered the room with an air of formidable looking law books just as court was called to order. The demurrer to the indictment against M. G. Nease had been set for hearing this morning. District Attorney Manning arose and asked the court that the argument go over until next Wednesday or Thursday on account of the illness of one of the counsel for the defense.

"I understand the Nease case is set for hearing today. The district attorney informs me that I am not to appear in this case. I am here to present this matter to the court to show that the district attorney has not the power to put me out of this case."

"There is nothing before the court on the question," Judge George said. "Why," said District Attorney Manning, "I do not quite understand what Mr. McGinn means."

"There is nothing before the court," broke in Judge George as he waved the district attorney aside. But Manning continued: "Mr. McGinn has no right to appear in this case. Nor has he any authority to break in here as he is doing."

"Gentlemen, gentlemen," commanded the court, "this question is not properly before the court. Will you please sit down, Mr. McGinn."

But Mr. McGinn insisted on standing and speaking. "I drew up the indictments in this case," he said, "at the request of the district attorney, who—"

"That's absolutely false," shouted Manning. "Will you please sit down, gentlemen," cried the court. "But it is not false, and he knows it," retorted McGinn.

"Mr. McGinn drew up the indictment, but not in my request," shrieked Manning, while the court was protesting loudly against the argument. "But it is a good indictment and I am willing to stand by it. But he should not appear. He shall not appear. I demand that he does not appear and will—"

"But I will appear," broke in McGinn, "and you—"

Judge George arose from his chair, his face flushed with anger, hampered the table with his fist demanding that the attorneys "shut up." He did not sit down until the attorneys had subsided.

The case went over until next Wednesday for argument before Judge George. After the court had retired Judge McGinn approached the district attorney to demand what was meant by the contention that he, McGinn, did not draw the indictment against Nease. Mr. Manning replied that he did not say it was false that McGinn drew the indictment, but that it was not drawn at his, Manning's request. This he said was false, and if McGinn said it was drawn at Manning's request he told what was false.

### INSPECT AMERICAN LAKE SITE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 1.—General Constant Williams, commander of the department of the Columbia; Major R. H. Evans and Captain A. R. Ryan, of Vancouver Barracks, are here to inspect the proposed American Lake military camp site, and report to Washington.

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Two of his best customers are Minnehaha and Pochontas, Indian maidens of many summers and elaborate avardups. They are sisters, and several years ago deserted their tribe of Umatilla to come to Portland. A few drinks caused them to forget the restraints of civilization. Once more they were in the forest primeval; "Oyster Billy" in his white apron, was a brave in war regalia; beer mugs and glasses were utensils of war. "Big Bill" Everole, an admirer of Minnehaha, was leader of the attacking party, and urged the Amazonian Pochontas to a brave in war regalia; beer mugs and glasses were utensils of war. "Big Bill" Everole, an admirer of Minnehaha, was leader of the attacking party, and urged the Amazonian Pochontas to a brave in war regalia; beer mugs and glasses were utensils of war.

**DELEGATES TO BE NAMED BY GOVERNOR**

Eighth Session of National Livestock Convention to Meet in Denver.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 1.—The eighth session of the National Livestock convention has been called to meet in Denver, Colo., on January 10, 1905, and Governor Chamberlain is accordingly requested to appoint a number of delegates. Governor Chamberlain will within a few weeks name the delegates, and very much desires that only those be appointed who will be able to attend. He therefore requests that every person who would be willing to attend, and is interested in such matters, send their names to his office at the earliest possible moment, that the appointments may be made without unnecessary delay.

**TAMMANY MAN WELCHES ON BIG GAMBLING LOSS**

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 1.—Lawrence W. Ahrens, prominent in Tammany circles, lost more than \$15,000 in a gambling house on West Eighth-second street that was raided election night by detectives. To meet the loss Ahrens gave several checks, but, feeling that he had been defrauded, he stopped payment on the checks and the gamblers never collected from him.

Ahrens decided to try his luck at roulette, and was the only player at the table during the session. When he walked out of the door in the early morning he left behind him checks amounting to \$15,000. He was up before the banks opened in the morning, and after recalling the circumstances decided that he was the victim of swindlers. He sent word to the bank not to honor the checks, and when, later in the forenoon, they were presented, the cashier refused to pay.

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