LATEST ALASKAN NEWS.

Arrival of the Steamship Yaquina at Port Townsend—Earthquake at Juneau.

Trumped Up Charge Against Collector Pracht—The Messiah Craze Among the Indians.

The steamship Yaquina, which arrived at Port Townsend on Thursday from Alaska, brought advices to the 1st inst.

Max Pracht, collector of customs, was indicted by a recent United States grand jury on a charge of extortion in office, the specific claim being that he had charged excessive fees in the collection of customs. Collector Pracht's friends allege that the charge was trumped up by enemies whom he has prosecuted for whiskey smuggling. The jury acquitted him without leaving their seats.

A combat of extermination appears to have been inaugurated between the several government officials in the towns of Juneau and Sitka. Deputy Collector Blackitt, formerly stationed at the latter place, is now on his way to Portland for the purpose of trying to secure Pracht's scalp. Blackitt's summary removal from office is said to be the cause of his hostility to his former chief.

AN EARTHQUAKE.

On the morning of Nov. 18, at about 5:30 o'clock, Juneau was shaken up considerably by an earthquake. The first shock lasted from five to six seconds, and shook buildings to the extent of awakening all the inmates. The second shock was more severe, lasting about 20 seconds. The course of the earth's vibration was northwest and southeast. The second shock was the severest that has been felt in Southeastern Alaska for several years. Two more distinct shocks were felt about five and six minutes later, but not as severe as either the first or second. At the times of the bursting out of the Bogoslov and other volcanoes along the Alaska peninsula, at each different time slight shocks of earthquake were felt in Juneau, and the severer shocks of last Tuesday are attributed to the bursting out of another and larger volcano, probably Mount Wrangel or some other peak along that volcanic connection.

WELL-KNOWN MINER EXPIRES.

John Allen, one of the best-known business men of Juneau, died at that city November 17th. Deceased went north in the spring of 1889. He spent his first season in Alaska prospecting in the Yukon country, and not meeting with any great success he returned to Juneau and engaged in mining in this vicinity. He became interested in the "Last Chance" placer ground in Silver Bow basin, which is conceded to be valuable property. About three months ago business matters called him to Spokane Falls, where he contracted a fever, and while en voyage home he was confined to his bed, and he landed in Juneau in a most critical condition. For six weeks he lay at death's door, receiving the best of medical treatment and care, but the fever massered his unusually strong constitution, and death claimed its victim. He leaves a wife and two little girls behind, who will depart for the east as soon as business matters are arranged.

WILLIAMS SKIPS.

M. J. Williams rather suddenly departed from Alaska on the last steamer to parts unknown. He left several creditors behind who particularly mourn his departure, and a wife who would not be so particular if he had left the purse containing her hard-earned wages behind.

THE CRAZE HAS GONE NORTH.

The Messiah craze appears to have reached the Northern Indians. A large number of Takous visited the Auk village in southeastern Alaska some two weeks ago. They made the demand of 125 blankets to remunerate them for the injuries which a Takou Indian had received while engaged in a cut-and-slash with an Auk Indian about three years ago. The Auks, however, set up the counter claim that their man had also received severe injuries during the fight, and endeavored to make the thing a stand-off. But this would not be received as an excuse by the Takons, who came up for he express purpose of indulging in a feast and dance at the expense of their neighbors, and they maintained that, as their man had got decidedly the worst of it, his tribe must be mollified. Seeing that discretion was the better part of valor, the Auks announced that they would tender their visitors a grand potlatch and dance, and immediately began elaborate preparations for the same. The largest shake building in the village was converted into a hall, in which to hold the festivities, and the dance opened.

The officers of the Yaquina report that both tribes are in war paint and were, when the vessel left the north, wildly frenzied from the effects of the ghost dance.

COURT GOSSIP.

Several Interesting Cases Pending or Soon to be Brought Forward.

Yesterday afternoon, the registrar concluded his examination of the most material witnesses in the case of Keen *v.* the Corporation.

The Borzowitz-Warren case occupied all the time of the High Court, yesterday, and is not yet concluded.

One month's adjournment has been taken in the case of the Corporation *v.* Russell, the hearing of which was set for yesterday.

Application has been made to Mr. Justice Walkem, by Mr. Taylor, on behalf of Mr Joseph William Webb, for a *habeas corpus* to compel William Jackson to restore to the applicant his daughter, who is not yet 16 years old, and who is now in Mr. Jackson's employ. Mr. Belyea has been retained to oppose the application.

Judgment on the appeal from the decision of Mr. Justice Walkem, in the case of Hoggan *et. al. v.* E & N. railway, will be delivered this morning.

It has been brought by Mr. C. A. Lundberg proprietor of the Queen Charlotte Island fishing station, against Captain Victor Jacobson, for $1,500 damages. This amount is claimed on account of an alleged trespass upon the fishing station property, last spring. Mr. Taylor has been retained for the plaintiff, and Mr. Belyea & Gregory by the defendant.

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Corner Lot, Menzies and Niagara Streers	1,100
Esquimalt Road, desirable acre	3,500
Cheap Lot, Cloverdale Estate	850
Lot, Niagara and cross Street	900
Lot Niagara Street	800
2 Lots, South Turner Street, each	800
Building Lot, Kingston Street	1,150
13 Building Lots, en bloc, James Bay	10,400
2 Lots, Johnson Street, commanding position	2,100
6-Room House, bath, pantry, etc., etc., Victoria West	2,000
6 Acres, with water frontage to the Gorge. Beautiful site for a handsome residence	12,000
2 Lots, 60x240, double frontage, near the Mills and Factories	2,500
Corner Lot and a half, Quadra and Fisgard. Valuable cottage site	4,200
Acre Lot, Oak Bay Avenue and Richmond Road. Cheap. Will cut into 7 lots	2,000

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GLADSTONE'S VIEWS.

The Ex-Premier Addresses Large Crowds at Redford and Worksop, Yesterday.

He Counselled His Hearers Not to Abandon Ireland in the Hour of Her Dire Need.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The train conveying Gladstone from this city to Hawarden was met at Redford by a vast concourse of people. Gladstone's appearance on the rear platform of the last car was the signal for loud and prolonged cheers. The ex-Premier appeared in the best form, and in a resonant voice proceeded to address the multitude which surrounded him. In referring to the complications growing out of Parnell's recent personal and political actions, Gladstone in the most emphatic manner declared that the further continuance of Parnell in the leadership of the Irish Nationalist party would have been a blunder fatal in its results to the cause of Home Rule. Not in Ireland alone, but in England, Scotland and Wales as well. Continuing, Gladstone said Parnell was no longer the leader of the Irish Nationalist party. The speaker fully admitted the right and justice of the Irish party enjoying an absolute and unhampered independence of political action. That party, he said, ought to exercise a potential influence in the consideration and settlement of the question of Home Rule, but there was something above and beyond any and all considerations of purely Irish politics. There was the great cause of Liberalism in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—When Mr. Gladstone's train slowly pulled into the station at Worksop, another enormous throng was found awaiting his arrival. Mr. Gladstone in addressing his hearers earnestly counselled them not to abandon Ireland in the hour of her dire need, because of anything which had happened to one individual. With great brevity, yet with remarkable clearness, Mr. Gladstone explained to his audience that obtaining of necessary and progressive legislation for England was an impossibility, until the home rule question has been gotten out of the way in a manner satisfactory to Irish people.

EVER IMPROVING.

The Second Day of the St. John's Bazaar Closes, a Complete Success.

The thought of $600, realized on the opening day, was very cheering to the ladies of St. John's, and made them look as bright and attractive as the bazaar itself, when the second day's bustle and triumph commenced, yesterday noon. Again, the luncheon drew many patrons, over one hundred enjoying the dainties provided, and each and every one of the guests would be glad if a third feast could be given them today; this, however, cannot be. All afternoon the bazaar was thronged with promenaders and patrons, and the articles displayed on the various stalls disappeared like snow in the sun. The clearance of the tables, though, left very tangible evidences of the vanished treasures behind, in the form of substantial additions to the church funds. Dolls were in strong demand, and many of the purchasers at the booths found that Christmas presents, just to suit them, had been provided in abundance, and obviated the necessity of their searching through store after store for their holiday gifts.

In the evening, as on the opening night, the body of the hall was filled with comfortable seats, all occupied. The entertainment consisted in a full bill of dramatic and operatic attractions, "Box and Cox" being presented under the direction of Mr. Adderley, and, by request, the operetta, "High Life" being repeated afterwards. Good music added to the pleasure of the occasion. The bazaar will be open all this afternoon, and, for this evening a grand lottery of all goods remaining unsold is being arranged.

A BIG DEAL CONSUMMATED.

Thirty Acres of Foul Bay Property Change Hands at Good Figures.

A good indication of the continued high values of property anywhere near Victoria, was the transfer, yesterday, of 30 acres of land fronting on Foul Bay, for a consideration of $40,000. The brokers were Messrs. Monteith & Milligan, and the purchasers Messrs. Rourcher, Croft & Mallette. The property in question is in one of the most beautiful suburban localities, distant about 1½ miles from the post-office, and faces the prettiest piece of beach, affording good sea bathing, anywhere near the city. It comprises the land on the south side of the Chandler estate, and was only parted with with reluctance by the previous owner. The purchasers announce that it is their intention to inaugurate the work of surveying, plotting, etc., to-day, and as soon as these preliminaries are completed lay out avennues, streets and a sea road, line the thoroughfares with shade trees and otherwise assist nature in beautifying the place. The work of road making will be commenced as soon as the surveys are completed.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Eight ships are loading coal at Nanaimo, among them the steamer Houmslow and the ship Alex. McNeil, which are taking in coal from the New Vancouver Coal Company.

Steamer Maude arrived yesterday afternoon at Spratt's wharf to take on sheathing for her deck.

Among the Islander's freight last night were 400 bags of chop feed for Brackman & Ker, 334 bags malt for Loewen & Erb, 120 boxes Safe Cure for Langley & Co., and 26 lengths of iron pipe and 19 boxes of iron nuts for the Albion Iron Works.

Steamer Danube leaves for Fort Simpson and way ports on Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

The Kingston last evening brought over four carloads of sheep, two carloads of flour and two of mixed merchandise.

H.M.S. Malpomene is due at Esquimalt tomorrow.

Contrary to the reports published, the steamer City of Seattle will not leave San Francisco for, maybe, 10 days yet. She is to be fitted up there ready for service. Her paint will be washed, her carpets laid and all of her rooms and the culinary department gotten ready for use.

The barque Thiorva, Capt. Frazer, has finished loading at the Moodyville saw mill, and now lies in the stream ready to sail for Hamburg. She carries 782 pieces, sawn spalting 843,083 feet of rough lumber. Her cargo consists largely of heavy pieces of timber ranging from 61 feet to 100 feet in length, and from 18 to 34 inches square. The remainder is chiefly planking for deck flooring. Almost the whole cargo will be used in shipbuilding.

Work on the steamer Costa Rica is going on very satisfactorily at the dry dock, and it is expected she will be able to take the water again by the time specified. The Albion Iron Works Co. have a big staff of men employed upon her.