

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Assises at Westminster and Vancouver—Seizure of Infected Oregon Fruit Trees.

A Rush of Settlers Expected Into the Fertile Nechaco Country Next Spring.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Nov. 16.—The Assise court was postponed until Friday. In Regina vs. Johnson, a case in which Johnson was charged by his former partner with misappropriating funds, Mr. Justice Drake said it looked as if the parties were trying to compel a tardy accounting to produce a statement of affairs. The jury returned a "No bill." Regina vs. McLaughlin, assault, true bill; Regina vs. Sangster, killing an Indian near Dupont street, while on a carousal; murder; true bill.

J. A. Skeohley, consulting mining engineer of London, England, left by the Eastern express to day. He has been examining the East Kootenay mines.

A. D. McEachern arrived by the Victoria ferry steamer, and after waiting for the arrival of Miss Perry from Seattle, the couple repaired to Mrs. McEachern's house, on Richard's street, where Rev. Mr. McLeod united them in the holy bonds of matrimony. An Anglican home missionary meeting, with interesting addresses, was held this evening at Christ church. Representatives of all the Episcopal congregations in the city were present.

The adjourned coroner's jury in the Savary Island murder returned their investigation yesterday. The jury did not retire, but returned the following verdict: "On or about October 27 one John Green and one Thomas Taylor were shot and killed by a person or persons unknown."

Mr. Goldstein was fined yesterday for conducting the business of a pawnbroker without a license.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 17.—John Hawkins, agent of the Shipowners' Association of San Francisco, is in the city, on maritime business.

A. G. Ferguson is to build a very handsome block on the corner of Hastings and Richards streets. It will be fitted with electric heaters and all modern improvements.

Arthur Bouillon was seen by a resident of Vancouver at the Sherbrooke, P.Q., hospital, suffering from a pistol shot wound inflicted by himself. Bouillon left Vancouver a short time ago, he married, having received word from his sweetheart to come home for that purpose. On his arrival, the father of the girl refused to sanction the match, whereupon Bouillon attempted to kill himself through disappointment.

Sangster, who ran amuck on Dupont street some time ago, shooting at random with a revolver and killing Tom, an Indian, came before the Supreme court to day. Lawyer Wilson, on the prisoner's behalf, said that he wished to plead guilty to manslaughter, and asked Mr. Justice Drake to change the charge from murder to manslaughter, the extenuating circumstances being that the young man was rendered crazy by the use of liquor and the prisoner had inherited the trait. Justice Drake said it was beyond his power to alter the charge. The Attorney General would have to be appealed to. Mr. Wilson replied that the prisoner pleaded guilty of manslaughter. Sangster did not hear what the Justice said, but judging from his manner, he thought he was to be hung. He changed color, growing very pale and leaped heavily on the dock. When asked if he had anything to say, he attempted to speak but only succeeded in muttering incoherently. Justice Drake said he could not sufficiently deplore the custom of carrying firearms. If the accused had not had a revolver, he would not be standing in the prisoners dock under a terrible charge, and poor Tom, the Indian, would not be gone to his long account. He hoped his crime would always lie heavy on his conscience and that full repentance would follow. He was a young man, apparently not of a low, vicious type, and, reviewing the whole circumstances of the case, the court was disposed to be lenient. The sentence of the court was that he be sent to the penitentiary for twelve years, and he hoped when he came out he would leave liquor alone and become a respectable citizen.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 18.—McLaughlin was acquitted on a charge of assault to-day. Wm. Smith and McLaughlin were in a saloon together, when Smith called McLaughlin a foul name and clobbered him. McLaughlin, it is alleged, drew a knife and stabbed Smith in the arm. Justice Drake said the language used justified the man in knocking down his villifier. No jury would convict him. The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 16.—Bishop Sillito is quite ill, and the adjourned synod meeting fixed for yesterday has been cancelled.

Gillet, alias Butler, for the forgery of a \$5,000 draft on the Bank of Montreal was remanded to-day for a week.

The two murder cases of Peter and Jack for killing A. E. Pittendrigh in October, 1892, and Stroebel and Eyerley, of Sumas, Washington, for the murder of John Marshall, near Huntington, commenced to-day, and in all probability will not be ended before Saturday. Just as the court was about to adjourn to-night, Attorney-General Davies asked that it adjourn to Huntington, which was ordered, and to-morrow the judge, jury, counsel and press will travel there by train, go over the scene and thereby gain a more intelligent idea of the situation than can be gained by evidence.

Thomas Cunningham, president of the Board of Horticulture, discovered this morning a consignment of fruit trees on a Front Street wharf, which had recently arrived from Mount Tabor, Oregon, to be badly afflicted with the woolly aphis. Mr. Cunningham at once took charge of the trees, and before they are allowed to go will see that they are thoroughly cleaned. The peculiar fact about this seizure is that the trees were accompanied by a certificate from the secretary of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture, stating that the nursery from which they were shipped was free from all pests. The Provincial Board are determined to enforce the regulations with regard to fruit pests to the very letter.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 17.—The Pittendrigh murder case was continued to-day, and it is likely all the evidence will be in before the court rises this evening and the case go to the jury to-morrow. The judge, jury and counsel in the Marshall murder went to Huntington this morning to view the whole situation and the court will resume to-morrow.

A number of jurors and witnesses went to Vancouver this morning to attend the Van-

couver Assise, which, however, has been further adjourned till next week. This caused much discontent to the parties summoned from this city, who think they might have notified and saved the trouble of the journey.

A telegram received this morning states that the steamer William Irving was unable to get up the river as far as Hope owing to the low water, and the cattle she was to bring down will therefore have to be driven down to Chilliwack and shipped from there.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Nov. 17.—A meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's (Catholic) church was held this evening for the purpose of organizing a Young Ladies' Institute in connection with the Y.M.C.A.

The proposition to hold a poultry show here next month has been taken up with the keenest interest, and there is every prospect of its being a success. The services of Mr. T. H. Hovey have already been secured to judge, and Mr. F. W. Teague, of Victoria, will be asked to give his valuable assistance. Substantial prizes will be donated.

Plans are being prepared for a large three-story hotel to be erected on the new town-site, Wellington.

The confiscated steam sloop Tna was sold yesterday for \$1,100. The boat was purchased by Hinchcliffe & Baines, of Port Gairloch.

The Nanaimo Y.M.C.A. gave a concert this evening in the Institute hall, Wellington, in aid of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. W. W. Walker is about starting a new weekly paper in Wellington.

Dr. L. T. Davis leaves for San Francisco on Monday; Dr. Young, of Comox, will attend to his practice during his absence.

NANAIMO, Nov. 16.—Stanley Fournier and James Jamieson, Victorians, arrived in town this evening from Alberni. They report having been wrecked on the west coast of this island on Sunday. They left Victoria last week with a schooner loaded with dry goods, provisions, etc., to trade with the Indians. In Sunday's storm their boat became unmanageable, and was driven on the rocks in Kyquus Sound, becoming a total wreck. They barely escaped with their lives. The cargo and sloop were valued at several hundred dollars.

Today the mines of East Wellington colliery removed their tools, pumps, etc., out. The mines will be abandoned. There is a general expression of regret at the closing down of the works.

The first shaft was sunk by the late family, and in the month of September of the same year the first shaft was sunk by Robert Dunn, under the superintendence of Gabriel Wingate, M.E., of Astoria.

NANAIMO, Nov. 15.—Benjamin Lombard, an Italian miner, employed at the Wellington colliery, died last night from the effects of injuries received in No. 5 pit earlier in the evening. The deceased was working in his stall when struck down by a fall of coal. An inquest was held to-day when a verdict of accidental death was returned.

Archibald Cowie, an old-timer and a prominent Mason, died this morning after a brief illness.

Thomas Hardy was this morning fined \$5 for selling poison. He was prosecuted by the N. C. Pharmacy Society. A charge of procuring as a druggist without the necessary papers was dismissed.

Bishop Perrin visited Northfield this evening and was entertained at St. Luke's hall, where he was presented with an address. He preaches in Wellington and Northfield to-morrow.

UNION.

UNION, Nov. 16.—The new Methodist church is rapidly assuming form and will, when finished, be a handsome building. The schoolroom attached on the east side of the building will probably be finished first so as to be ready for the grand bazaar to be held about the middle of November.

Bruce and McDonald's hotel is nearly finished and will be opened on Saturday next, which is pay day at the mines.

James Abrams is rapidly gaining strength and will soon be able to attend to his business here.

Union Judge I.O.G.T., has issued notices to the effect that Mr. S. H. Davis of New York, will deliver a lecture on the "Liquor problem" in the reading room hall on the 24th inst. He will also lecture at Comox, Courtenay and at the schoolhouse at Duncan Island.

Kenneth and Mrs. Grant have returned from Nova Scotia and are now at the Riverside hotel.

A rumor was current here last week to the effect that Union colliery was about to be closed for some time. The report is entirely unfounded, and no doubt arose from the fact that at present there are no large vessels to load. All the levels and slopes are working and the output increased at No. 4 slope to 800 tons of screened coal, and everything being put in order so that 1,000 tons can be hoisted in the near future.

Until recently the most of the coal was got out by blasting; this has now been put to stop, and in future the coal will be mined in a workmanlike manner. This change will throw a number of inexperienced men out of employment, and it is probably due to them that the present report has arisen.

Wm. H. Davidson was on Wednesday evening united in marriage to Miss Grace McKay, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Liverley, 24th inst. An independent republic would have been the best thing, but now I suppose the Queen will have to go back to the throne.

An officer of the Australia said that he had been severely made at Alberni that the Queen would be restored. In one instance he said a large sum had been offered on water that she would be on the throne again within three months, but the bet was not taken up.

QUEENSLAND.

QUEENSLAND, Nov. 8.—The surveyors with their men have just arrived from Nechaco. They had a hard trip down, some coming by river and some by trail. The late autumn has made the trails almost impassable, and winter has now set in there. Our first snow made its appearance a few days ago, but has almost disappeared again, though say day now it may be expected to pay as a long visit. They have two and a half feet of snow in Stanley. Some men are going to winter in Nechaco, but the rash will be in the spring. Many recorded land as soon as they returned. All reported it a grand country for farming and stock raising. Everything is found there—coal, iron, gold and silver—waiting to be developed.

The local blacksmith has just returned from Nechaco, and when asked what he thought of the country replied: "Well, it is just as Mr. Ponder told us, and I have been in California and all around, but it is the finest country I ever saw. The cattle are so fat they seem to have no necks, and a man can easily clear an acre of land a day. Besides, there are plenty of meadows, the oats are as good as any grown round here, and the vegetables are splendid too. Some turnips I saw were 14 inches long and 12 inches through, and they were just the average. If the Indians can get this by just scratching the land, what can a white man do who works it? I don't want to get excited, but I am just going to

Nechaco as soon as I can in the spring." This only one of the many who have testified to the resources of Nechaco. Mr. Ponder has surveyed three hundred thousand acres, and he says that a million more can be surveyed this side of Fraser Lake. Surely after this no man need slave to clear heavily timbered land, when an El Dorado awaits him here.

STATE TROOPS.

The Army and Navy Journal, of New York, in a recent issue says:

The official roster of the National Guard of Washington, on Oct. 1st, consisted as follows: Cavalry, one battalion of four troops; strength, 265. Infantry, 21 companies, (two regiments and one separate company), strength, 1,403. General staff (commissioned and non-com.), 34. Total strength, 1,702.

The authorized strength is 4 troops of cavalry (recently increased by 2 troops) and 30 companies of infantry. It is not proposed to increase the infantry strength by 9 additional companies authorized, until authority is obtained from the Legislature, for one battery of artillery and one naval battalion.

The National Guard of this State claims to have a larger number pro rata of war veterans among its officers than any other State excepting New York and Pennsylvania.

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SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Reception of United States Minister Willis by Provisional President Dole.

The Government Said to Be Firmly Established—The Country Generally is Prosperous.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—The steamship Australia, from Honolulu November 11, arrived to-day. A United Press representative who boarded her from a tug was questioned as to the truth of the rumor that two members of President Cleveland's cabinet had resigned because of the administration's Hawaiian policy. The passengers were taken by surprise when asked if the Queen had been restored. Ex-Consul General H. W. Severance said: "Affairs on the island are progressing slowly and with out any sensational developments. The Provisional Government is so firmly established financially and otherwise that it can't be destroyed. It is supported by the very best element, the orderly, the law-abiding citizens, who have large interests at stake. Generally speaking the country is prosperous, even though there is a slight business depression owing to causes existing elsewhere."

The United Press correspondent at Honolulu, writing under date of November 11, says President Dole received United States Minister Willis on the 6th. Mr. Willis presented the presentation of his credentials with a brief address.

President Dole replied: "Your assurance of the continued friendship of your Government for me and the Hawaiian people adds to the gratification which a long experience of the generous consideration of the United States for this country has fostered. We heartily reciprocate the expressions of interest and good will which you have on behalf of the Hawaiian people, have conveyed to us. We have become accustomed to regard the United States as our friend and ally, and have learned to look first to them for help in emergencies."

In the autograph letter of credentials from President Cleveland, the only words to which any special importance has been attached, are: "He is well informed of the relative interest of the two countries and of our sincere desire to cultivate to a further extent the friendship which has long subsisted between us. He is well informed of the high character and ability given me confidence that he will constantly endeavor to advance the interest and prosperity of both Governments and to render himself acceptable to your excellency."

The Government party hold that for Minister Willis to "render himself acceptable" to President Dole is incompatible with any proposition on his part looking towards the restoration of the monarchy.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Up to the close of office hours not a line of information from Hawaii had reached the State or Navy department, save that contained in the press dispatches.

According to one of the passengers, who did not wish his name to be mentioned, Queen Liliuokalani said a few days after the minister arrived from the United States: "I am confident there will be fairness and justice at the end, and until the time comes I am willing to wait. I was put off the throne with the assistance of the Boston, and I will be restored with the assistance of the Philadelphia if necessary." Admiral Irwin and the minister were holding long daily conferences.

AFRICAN BOUNDARIES.

BERLIN, Nov. 17.—In consequence of the dispute between France and Belgium as regards African affairs, the negotiations as to the frontier limits between the French Congo and Congo State have been suspended.

CAIRO, Nov. 18.—The Lehigh Valley railway strike went on at 10 o'clock to-night. The strike extends over the entire line. When the Chicago express from New York arrived at 10 o'clock an engine promptly backed up and took it on its way. The second section, consisting of express cars, came in five minutes later, but no engine could be had to take it out. It was sidetracked. The strikers are not raising any disturbances. All the passenger trains will be taken to their destinations by the strikers.

A Gentleman

Who formerly resided in Connecticut, but who now resides in Honolulu, writes: "My 20 years past, my wife and I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor, and we attribute to it the dark hair which she and I now have, white hundreds of our acquaintances, ten or a dozen years younger than we, are either gray-headed, white, or bald. When asked how our hair has retained its color and have the largest circulation of any weekly newspapers in the world—50,000 copies weekly. The price of our paper is \$2.00 PER YEAR \$1.00 FOR SIX MONTHS OR THREE MONTHS FOR 50c. Send in your subscription. A guide to Chicago and the World's Fair, also sample copies, sent free to any address."

BERNE, Nov. 17.—Considerable excitement has been caused here by the receipt of news of the death of Rosario, Argentine Republic, to the effect that a Swiss family living in that province had been massacred. The Swiss colonists in the province banded together and lynched the murderers. The police arrested those who had taken part in the lynching, and all returned to their homes, where they still remain. The Swiss minister to the Argentine Republic was and silver on leave from his post on the 15th inst., and the Swiss government will apply to the government of the United States to allow their representative to intervene on their behalf.

MONTREAL, Nov. 17.—At the banquet to Sir John Thompson, at the St. James' club, next Tuesday evening, covers will be laid for 150 guests. The list of arrangements includes Sir Jos. Hickson, Judge Wurtelo, Dr. Hingston, R. B. Angus and Lieut.-Col. Henshaw.

How Mr. DeComes is rapidly improving, having been as far as Yates street on crutches last week; yesterday he was hobbling about the grounds surrounding his residence.

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