

UNCLE SAM WILL BID.

HE WANTS THE KANSAS PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Preliminary Steps Have Been Taken Toward That End—Sale Occurs Dec. 18—To Close the Dyea Route—Wreck of a British Bark.

The Country Wants the Road.
The Secretary of the Treasury at Washington has taken the first steps to qualify on behalf of the Government as a bidder at the sale of the Kansas Pacific Railroad on Dec. 16. A transfer order for \$900,000 was sent by Treasurer Roberts for certification to the National City Bank of New York in favor of the master of the court having jurisdiction of the case. This order will be delivered to the master five days before the sale by an officer of the Treasury Department, who, it is believed, will bid at the sale under instructions from the President.

TO CLOSE DYE ROUTE.

Tacoma Company Will Assist in Abolishing Subport of Entry.

A letter has been received by the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco from the Citizens' Klondike Company of Tacoma, expressing a willingness to assist in any movement looking to the closing of Dyea as a subport of entry. The energetic methods of the Canadian Government to capture the bulk of the Klondike travel is dwelt upon at length, and figures are given to show what an immense revenue may be derived from the tax on the outlays of the prospectors alone, if some means is not taken to retaliate. The Alaska trade bureau of San Francisco has received a letter from ex-Governor Joseph Hoadly, who is associated with the ship-building firm of William Cramp & Sons of Philadelphia in the States Steamship Company, stating that five steamships of over 3,000 tons each are to be placed on the ocean route and will connect with a small fleet of river boats, reaching all parts of Alaska. The company is capitalized at \$7,000,000.

Blew for "Trading Stamps."

The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, in an opinion by Justice Shepard, held that "trading stamps" are illegal within the meaning of the act of Congress prohibiting lotteries and gift enterprises. The Trading Stamp Company had made arrangements with many companies by which trading stamps were given pur-chasers and when a certain number of stamps were obtained articles could be obtained for them at the stamp company's store.

British Bark Wrecked.

News of the wreck of a British bark on Inaccessible Island, one of the Tristan D'Acunha group in the southern Atlantic, has been brought to New York by the bark Inverurie, from Java. The name of the bark and the fate of the crew were not learned, but Captain Charleston is of the opinion that the crew were aboard the ship J. B. Walker, which signaled the news. The wrecked bark may be either the Craigland or the Taymount, which have long been overdue.

New Threat as to Hawaii.

The London Globe says: Although all the arguments in the President's message against the annexation of Cuba are equally applicable to Hawaii, the United States is determined to have the latter, though America, a fourth so small a power it is, can only hold Hawaii on sufferance. In the event of war she would be bundled out, neck and crop, by any first-rate power which finds it necessary to occupy the island.

Coal Miners on a Strike.

The five hundred miners employed in the Nottingham and Germania coal mines of Henry Floersheim, on the Wheeling division of the Baltimore and Ohio, near Pittsburgh, Pa., struck because of the refusal of Floersheim to weigh coal before it is screened, in accordance with the act passed by the State Legislature last winter.

Go Down After Old Whisky.

A Kansas City telegram says: The company digging for the old steamer Arabia, which sank with a cargo of whisky in the Missouri thirty-five years ago, has struck the place. It is now digging for the submerged stuff, which it believes is still in fine condition, and expects to clear \$100,000. The cargo consisted of 185 barrels.

Waite Will Reside in Iowa.

Ex-Gov. Waite has forsaken the State of Colorado and will locate in Decatur County, Iowa, where he has been for some time. He is at work on a colonization scheme the details of which he has not yet made public.

Rich Strikes on Dog Creek.

News of a marvelous strike on Dog creek that in richness is said to exceed the Klondike is brought down from Alaska. Dog creek is located fifty miles up the river from Dawson City, on the south side of the Yukon.

Chickasaws Reject the Treaty.

At the late election in the Chickasaw Nation the ratification of the Dawes-Choctaw treaty was overwhelmingly defeated. The adopted and intermarried citizens were not permitted to participate in the election.

Jay Gould Not a Bigamist.

The case of Mary Ann Angel, claiming to be Jay Gould's widow, has been thrown out of court in New York.

\$2 Counterfeits.

Dayton, Ohio, is flooded with counterfeits \$2 bills.

Lynchings at Genoa, Nev.

Adam Uber, who killed Hans Anderson at Gardnerville last week, was taken from the Genoa, Nev., jail at 2 o'clock in the morning, stripped of his clothing and hanged. His body was ridden with bullet-holes by a mob of twenty-five men, supposed to be from Gardnerville.

Sails Direct for Nicaragua.

The Nicaraguan Canal Commission has sailed from Brooklyn navy yard on the gunboat Newport, direct for Greytown.

Child Actress Asks Protection.

At St. Joseph, Mo., Katie Forgy, aged 15, who is known on the vaudeville stage as one of the Hetzel children, asked the police department to aid her in leaving her manager, Prof. J. Hetzel. Her home is in Flagstaff, Ariz., and her mother sent her to come home.

Chooses a Fiery Death.

While temporarily insane at Nickerson, Kan., Mrs. M. E. Ross saturated her clothing with kerosene and set them afire. She was burned to a crisp. Her husband and daughter in trying to extinguish the flames were seriously and perhaps fatally injured.



CHAPTER XV.

It was near upon Christmas day when Jane Warner left her home in Chelsea to go to Wales. It was near upon May day before she returned again.

She came back to Chelsea so thin and anxious looking and distract that she was not like the same person who had gone away. She seemed to have grown ten years older. Her delicate complexion was almost bloodless, and her deep blue eyes stood out from the rest of her face prettily grave and large. She was quite hysterical, too, as she clasped her mother in her arms and looked her over as if she would ascertain if she had sustained any injury since she had seen her last.

The old lady did not participate in her daughter's emotion. Indeed, she was rather offended than otherwise at Jane's rough handling, and only begged her to remember she wore her Tanjore brooch, without making any remark upon her return to Chelsea.

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"Perhaps it would not prove such a burden as you anticipate, Miss Prosser. Perhaps by and by, when poor mother has left me, this little wifey may be all my comfort. And if I die first, she may prove a second daughter to my mother! And—if I did not think it very foolish—I feel as if I should like to indite her in this fancy; since she has so little to make her happy."

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