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RAILROAD ON THE BLOCK.

Government Sells Its Interest in Sioux City and Pacific.

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Auction is Held in the National Capital—Uncle Sam Realizes Over Two Million Dollars Out of His Railroad Interest.

Washington, June 21.—Acting under the authority of the act of congress approved June 6, 1900, and a notice issued jointly by the secretary of the treasury, the acting attorney general and the secretary of the interior, the government's interest in the Sioux City and Pacific Railroad company was sold at auction yesterday to the Chicago and Northwestern Railway company for \$2,112,000, this being the upset price fixed by the government and including a credit of \$250,000 due the company for mail transportation, etc. The larger amount was paid in cash.

Some time ago the commission appointed to estimate the value of the road fixed the amount at \$3,500,000. Of this total there were prior liens amounting to \$1,628,000, which would leave the value of the government's claim \$1,872,000, which with the credit of \$250,000 makes the amount realized yesterday. The total amount of the government's claim, however, was \$1,628,320 in principal and \$2,556,269 in interest, making a total of \$4,184,589. According to the value of the road as estimated by experts no amount greater than the price brought could be realized, hence the upset price was fixed at that figure. The indebtedness grew out of the issuance of bonds by the United States to the railroad company under the acts of July 1, 1862, and July 2, 1864.

STUBBS OUTLINES HIS WORK.

To Be Traffic Autocrat of Harriman Lines West of Missouri.

San Francisco, June 21.—J. C. Stubbs, vice president of the Southern Pacific, whose appointment as traffic manager of the vast system of railroads controlled by the Harriman interest is announced from Chicago, has arrived in this city. In speaking of the innovation to be introduced in railroad methods by the creation of the position to which he has just been appointed, Mr. Stubbs explained the matter by saying that Mr. Harriman had been considering for some time the feasibility and probability of managing the traffic of the lines in which he is interested and has evolved a plan which, in Harriman's opinion, ought to accomplish the heretofore impossible task of harmonizing the interests of the several Harriman roads. As Mr. Stubbs puts it, it is a plan to bring about a unification of interests with a reduction of friction and the elimination of unnecessary competition without consolidating the properties under one management. Under this plan one man is to have entire charge of the traffic of the several corporations and in order effectually to divorce the traffic from the other affairs of the road this official will report directly to the board. This power and responsibility, comparable to no other in the history of railroading, was offered to Mr. Stubbs, and he accepted. The plan is an absolutely new one in railroading.

Delano to Succeed Brown.

Chicago, June 21.—W. C. Brown's resignation as general manager of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad was accepted by the directors yesterday. Mr. Brown has formally accepted the position of president of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway and will assume the duties of his new position on July 1. F. A. Delano, present superintendent of motive power of the Burlington railway system, will succeed Mr. Brown as general manager of the company.

Attorney Sent to Jail.

Omaha, June 21.—Former Judge Charles Ogden was sent to jail yesterday for contempt of court in refusing to sit down after being commanded to do so by the court. He was ordered committed by Judge Keyser, one of his former associates on the district court bench, and he remained behind the iron barred doors of the county jail for nearly an hour before he paid his fine of \$25, which was liquidated under duress.

Iowa Central Deal Officially Confirmed.

Chicago, June 21.—Official confirmation is made by the Illinois Central respecting the Iowa Central and Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad deal. The plan contemplates the taking over of the Iowa Central by the Minneapolis and St. Louis on a basis of two shares of the former for one of the latter and the guaranty of a 5 per cent dividend by the Illinois Central for the securities of the consolidated road.

Canadian Customs Officer Seizes Cargo

Port Stanley, Ont., June 21.—Customs Officer M. Payne has seized the cargo of the car ferry Shenango, plying between this port and Cleveland, covering 26 cars of freight in all. The Shenango arrived at Port Stanley at 6 a. m. and by some error Mr. Payne was not called. The Shenango failed to either report or to clear, and the customs officer seized the cargo.

Miss Morrison Proves a Good Witness.

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HOT CHASE AFTER CORTEZ.

Posses of Texans in Pursuit of Notorious Mexican Bandit.

San Antonio, Tex., June 21.—Gregorio Cortez, the alleged slayer of Sheriff Morris and Glover, is now within a few miles of Cotulla, but has not yet been captured. Deputy Maltzberger and W. C. Campbell struck his trail about five miles from Cotulla yesterday morning and followed him where he had cut several wire fences. Blood stains showed that Cortez' horse was about exhausted and unable to jump. About 10 o'clock the pursuing party found the little brown mare that Cortez had been riding. She was badly fagged. Cortez' trail then led into a dense thicket, covering hundreds of acres. No trail was found leading from there and the Mexican is supposed to be hiding in the thicket. A large posse, headed by Sheriff Avant, Kinsel, and others arrived here by train and left for this thicket. Strong hopes are entertained for the speedy capture of Cortez. The horse found is undoubtedly the one ridden by Cortez, who came near Tilden, through the Dull, Irvin, O'Connor and the Johnson ranches, cutting fences as he fed. The posse was in sight of him once just before dark, but he escaped. His clothing is in tatters and he has thrown away his rifle, retaining only his pistols.

Since the present serious condition of affairs in southwest Texas between bandits and the authorities began, six men have been killed, three American officers and three Mexicans; six wounded, all Mexicans, one being a woman, and nine captured.

THREE KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Severe Electric Storm Sweeps Across Indiana—Many Buildings Struck.

Indianapolis, June 21.—Three persons were killed and several injured by lightning during a severe electric storm which passed over Indiana last night.

The dead: Bert Hathaway, Idaville; Grace Larkin, Riley, Ind.; Ira Smith, Youngstown.

The injured: Mrs. James Langdon, Kokomo, paralyzed by lightning; James Parsons and son, Kokomo, terribly injured by lightning.

At Marion, the First Presbyterian church was struck by lightning and badly damaged. James Rowan's saloon was struck and partially destroyed. Five men who were in the saloon were knocked senseless.

At Greentown the loss will probably reach \$40,000.

At Roachdale the building occupied by the Roachdale News was entirely destroyed.

Hartford City was visited by a terrific hail storm. Fifty oil derricks were blown down and several buildings were damaged, causing a loss of \$25,000.

MUST ANSWER TO GRAND JURY.

F. G. Thiele Held at Villisca Without Bonds for the Killing of His Wife.

Red Oak, Ia., June 21.—F. G. Thiele, who killed his wife on the streets of Villisca last Friday by stabbing her three times in the heart with a knife, was yesterday given a preliminary hearing before Justice Watson. Attorney R. W. Beeson assisted County Attorney Greenlee in the examination and C. E. and P. W. Richards appeared for the defendant. Thiele was held to the grand jury without bonds and was taken back to jail. It is said the defense will be emotional insanity.

LOCOMOTIVE IS BLOWN UP.

Incoming Engine on Chicago and Alton Explodes Near Kansas City.

Kansas City, June 21.—The boiler of a Chicago and Alton locomotive pulling an incoming passenger train exploded at Blue Cut, 15 miles east of here, yesterday morning, killing the engineer, George Grew, and perhaps fatally injuring the fireman. None of the passengers was hurt. Grew was scalded to death and Corlway, fireman, was burned severely.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT JULY 4.

New System to Be Soon Established in Philippines—Judge Taft at Head.

Washington, June 21.—Civil government will be established in the Philippine islands on July 4. Judge William H. Taft will be designated as civil governor. He will remain at the head of the Philippine commission, which is to be continued. The order creating him civil governor will be issued by the president through the secretary of war.

Shakes St. Louis Blocks.

St. Louis, June 21.—The J. B. Sickles Saddlery company's plant at Twenty-first and Washington avenue was destroyed by fire, which broke out at 2:15 a. m. The fire was preceded by an explosion, in which the company's private watchman is supposed to have lost his life. The explosion was a terrific one, shaking the buildings for blocks around.

Reject Suicide Theory.

Evansville, Ind., June 21.—At Gettysville George Walters, aged 26, was found dead in his home. His wife says he committed suicide. Neighbors who heard the husband and wife quarreling refused to accept the suicide theory. The coroner is investigating.



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