

# UNCLE SAM APPEARS AS AN AUCTIONEER



Heyburn, Idaho, Where Government Is Auctioning Off Town Lots Today.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Heyburn, Idaho, Aug. 20.—Uncle Sam appeared in the unusual role of an auctioneer today when, through his accredited agent, he offered at public sale, in southern Idaho, town lots embraced in the townsite of Heyburn, situated in the Minidoka irrigation tract. A similar sale will occur at Rupert next week.

The sale of town lots is under the auspices of the general land office. The lots are to be sold to the highest bidder, for cash, by the register and receiver.

This tract embraces 12,000 acres, lying on both sides of Snake river, which the government has been at much expense to reclaim. The land was all public domain, and the government engineers of the reclamation bureau planned the system to establish an agricultural settlement thereon. Three townsites were created near the center of the tract, and along the proposed line of the Oregon Short Line railroad. The agricultural lands were subdivided into farms of 40 and 80 acres. The farm unit was designed to create a densely populated agricultural community. The government engineers are convinced that the water supply for irrigation purposes, furnished by the reclamation works, will be unfulfilling.

The reclamation of the Minidoka tract by the government will be watched with great interest, as affording a fair illustration of the utility and value of reclamation work generally. When the government began the work of reclamation, the country was uninhabited, and was a sage brush desert. The Snake river was safely enclosed in a canyon far below the surface of the soil, rendering irrigation by individual effort utterly impracticable. It required the vast expenditure of government money, engineering skill, and an engineering project of mammoth proportions to utilize the waters of Snake river.

One of the first projects attempted under the authority of the reclamation act of 1902 was the Minidoka enterprise. A surveying party was sent to this state to look into the feasibility of utilizing Snake river to irrigate the surrounding country. The obstacles presented by nature seemed insurmountable to everybody except the government engineers. After a season of investigation he prepared and presented plans for a comprehensive system of irrigation. His plans were adopted.

As soon as the government project was fairly under way settlers were attracted to the former desert lands, and soon every available farm tract was filled up. While the government was building its irrigation works the settlers were building houses. Towns sprang up to supply the needs of the settlers, and newspapers were a necessary incident, followed by doctors, lawyers, and finally banks. In all a population of 4,000 people is already embraced within the former desert tract. Two lines of railroads now divide the Minidoka country.

Rupert Sale Next Monday.

The sale of town lots at Rupert will be held on August 27. Nearly all the business and mercantile establishments are now located on lots that belong to the government, and the occupants are merely tenants by sufferance. In the third townsite, Sherrard, the sale of lots will not occur until later. No doubt is entertained by the government engineers that the lands embraced within the irrigated tract will, as a result of the success of the reclamation work, become a rich and fertile community. Another feature which has not been overlooked in considering the possibilities of the region, is the magnificent power possibilities that may grow out of the development and transmission of power from the Minidoka dam. It is estimated that all the power necessary for the development of the towns and their municipal enterprises can be developed at the Minidoka dam and transmitted economically to all parts of the reclaimed tract.

is believed that he will be well out in a few days. Those who saw him fall say his escape from instant death was miraculous.

Jackson was assisting in opening the forward hatch when he slipped from the strongback as it was being hoisted from its sockets in the hatch. He landed on a lot of baled hay and then rolled into the deep hold of the vessel. Every bone in his body would probably have been broken had he not struck the hay.

## ARE HERE TO BUY FOR HAWAIIANS

Steamer Hilonian Brings Commercial Representatives From Hilo and Honolulu.

## BIG LINER RAN INTO GALE OFF THE COAST

One Buyer in Field for Grain Feed and Alfalfa Who Says He is Ready to Purchase Thousand Tons for Future Delivery if Prices Are Right.

Three representatives of Hawaiian commercial houses arrived in Portland this morning on the Matson Navigation company's steamer Hilonian to look into the opportunities of trade relations between Portland merchants and those of the islands. Thomas J. King, president and manager of the California Feed company, one of the biggest firms in Honolulu, wants to buy grain, feed and alfalfa, and incidentally he is introducing preserved fruits from the tropic. A. W. Richardson, representing H. Hackfeld & company of Hilo, is interested in flour and general merchandise, and J. Studevant, a San Francisco man, comes as representative for the firm of J. H. Davis of Honolulu, heavy importers from the states. Messrs. King and Richardson will leave for the islands on the Hilonian Wednesday night.

Mr. King is in the field for large quantities of hay. He would buy 1,000 tons of hay on the spot if it can be had and he asks Portland dealers will be able to dispose of large quantities in the future if their prices are right. Mr. Richardson says the demand for American flour in the islands is steadily increasing and he believes large quantities can be shipped from here now that a direct line of steamers has been established.

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"Enormous quantities of feed are used annually in the islands and we have heretofore been buying on Puget Sound and at San Francisco, but will look to extend our commercial relations to Portland."

"Portland has been quite extensively advertised among our people since the steamer Hilonian was placed on the route and the Matson Navigation company is extending the merchants every courtesy for the purpose of building up the commercial relations between our cities and Portland."

Among the freight now in the hold of the Hilonian is about 800 tons of hay purchased by Mr. King at San Francisco. He would like to have a couple of hundred tons for immediate delivery and with that object in view is visiting the feed stores today.

Steamer Arrived This Morning.

The Hilonian reached Columbia dock at 6:30 o'clock this morning bringing 600 tons of freight from San Francisco for Portland delivery. She came across the ocean with 3,800 tons of sugar and tropical fruits beneath her hatches, but the steaming was so great in San Francisco that every particle of the product destined for Portland was disposed of at the Bay city.

Captain Johnson reports the voyage from San Francisco to the mouth of the Columbia river one of the stormiest he has ever experienced in his long career as navigator. A terrific northwest gale struck the big liner immediately after she poked her nose through the Golden Gate and not until she reached the fresh water of the Columbia did the storm abate a moment. Big seas kept the forward part of the vessel flooded most of the time and the sailors were kept busy keeping movable paraphernalia from going over the side. The run from San Francisco to the Columbia river took 87 hours, but otherwise the Hilonian reeled off from 275 to 300 miles a day from the time she left Portland July 12 till this morning, fine weather having been encountered both ways in crossing the ocean. The run from Portland to Honolulu took exactly 8 days 4 hours and 15 minutes.

Besides the commercial representatives mentioned above the Hilonian will have four or five passengers when she sails Wednesday night. Among these are Miss G. Howe, Miss A. A. McCord and Miss Stephanie Guard, who are returning home after a vacation on the coast.

## ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Captain Werlich returned from Vancouver Island this morning, where he went on the tender Heather to recover a whistling buoy that went missing several months ago. He found the buoy but minus the whistle. Someone had removed it carefully, but Captain Werlich is in hopes of capturing the thief because of the peculiar pitch of the whistle.

The Oriental liner Numantis is still at Alonworth wharf discharging cargo. She will commence loading in a couple of days.

The schooner Virginia cleared for San Francisco today, with 700,000 feet of lumber and the schooner Aurilla cleared for the same destination with 850,000 feet of lumber.

## MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Aug. 20.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m. smooth; wind, north-west; weather clear; no shipping moving.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—Arrived, at 8 a. m., steamer Bonoko, from Portland and way ports; arrived, last night, steamer Helen P. Drew, from Columbia river.

Astoria, Aug. 19.—Arrived today, at 6 a. m. and sailed at 2 p. m., barkentine Tropic Bird and schooner Sequoia, for San Francisco; sailed at 12:30 p. m., British steamer Comeric for Port Pirie; sailed at 2:40 p. m., schooner Halcyon, for San Francisco; arrived, at 2 and left at 3:30 p. m., steamer Hilonian, from San Francisco.

Redondo, Aug. 19.—Sailed, schooner W. P. Jewett, for Columbia river.

## LONGSHOREMAN INJURED.

Fred Jackson Falls Into Hold of the Hawaiian Steamer Hilonian.

Fred Jackson, a longshoreman, fell into the hold of the steamer Hilonian this morning and received injuries, attending his removal to the St. Vincent's hospital. His back was sprained, but it

## ARE TRAINING CHICKENS TO HUNT FOR GOLD

Enterprising Mining Men Have New Scheme for Operating Placer Fields.

(Journal Special Service.)  
 Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 20.—There will be a great increase in the value of chickens in the Black Hills within a few weeks. John Mengel, manager of the mining company's store at Hanna, and J. B. Rhinehart of Omaha are quietly getting options on all in sight. They intend using them for gold mining.

Mengel some time ago bought a large lot of chickens for sale in his store, and when he killed and dressed them was surprised to find, instead of the usual pebbles, a handful of small gold nuggets in each crop. Mengel confided his secret to his friend Rhinehart, who is a paint drummer from Omaha. Together the two men bonded some land and are now making preparations to buy large flocks of healthy chickens and turn them loose upon the gravelly soil. The novel miners do away with the necessity for costly placer mining machinery.

## NEGROES ASK ALL RIGHTS OF FREEMEN

Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Aug. 20.—A sermon by the Rev. G. E. Miller closed the second annual meeting of the Niagara movement. An address to the country asking full equality for the negro was prepared, of which the following are the features:

"No restrictions on right to vote; all means of transportation open to the whites be shared by negroes; right of association with all free men without regard to color; enforcement of all provisions of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution; colored people to be educated for higher work than that of servants, and the wiping out of illiteracy."

There are many want ads in today's Journal that will interest you.

## MANZANITA SOLD FOR \$13,341

Daniel Kern Buys Old Light-House Tender From Government.

WILL USE HER TO TOW ROCK BARGES TO JETTY

Nine Bids Received for Vessel, the Lowest Being Twelve Hundred Dollars—Some Thought Tender Only Valuable as Junk.

Daniel Kern offered \$13,341 for the lighthouse tender Manzanita when bids were opened at noon today in the office of the lighthouse inspector and Captain Werlich will recommend to the chief of the department that the bid be accepted. William Statman ran a close second, offering \$12,000. His bid proved irregular, however, on account of not being accompanied by 10 per cent of the purchase price.

Nine bids were submitted, ranging from \$1,226 to \$13,341, as follows: Daniel Kern, \$13,341; William Statman, \$12,000; Drake C. O'Reilly, \$2,500; O. J. Humphrey, \$1,500; E. W. Spencer, \$1,000; J. Leva, \$656.56; Gabriel Wallace, \$2,106.75; A. Levan, \$1,505; J. Rubenstein, \$1,226.

The low bidder expected to get the vessel for the price of junk, so they said, and they were astonished when they heard of Kern and others bidding above the \$10,000 mark.

Daniel Kern will convert the Manzanita into a tug to assist in towing the barges used for carrying rock to the Columbia river jetty. These barges, it is said, will be loaded with lumber and towed to San Francisco, while not occupying hauling rock for his purpose, shipping men say the Manzanita will come in handy, as she is a good sea boat and equipped with powerful engines.

The Manzanita was sunk about a year ago in the lower Columbia river by colliding with the dredge Columbia and was subsequently raised and towed to the government moorings at Astoria. The government has made an appropriation for a new tender to take her place.

## AT THE THEATRES.

Pantages.

Another choice entertainment is in store for the patrons of the Pantages. The first number is "A Game of Hearts," by Ralph Cummings and company, every word of this play being a laugh. Other good acts are the Fashion Plate Trio, "A Bachelor's Rooming," by John Chick and company; Bert Chamberlain, merry minstrel; Edith McKeister, child singer and dancer; Jess Wilson and the Biograph.

"Partners in the Mine."

The management of the Loric has proven itself wise in the selection of that charming comedy-drama, "Partners in the Mine," which will be the feature of the present week in Portland theatrical circles. This play embraces all the elements that make up a well-rounded and interesting play.

## AT THE GRAND.

One of the greatest comedy playlets that ever toured the Orpheum circuit is "The Sailor and the Hero," played by the Harry LaRoss company, which will be the Grand feature this week, starting today. The playlet is from the pen of Will M. Gray, the foremost vaudeville sketch writer of America, and a man who has never written a failure.

## At the Star.

Today opens the stock season at the Star with the Allen company in "Caught in the Web." This is a thrilling detective drama the five acts with a plot which bears a striking resemblance to the recent bank robbery in Chicago.

No Wastings Need Apply.

Denmark advertises for a national executioner. She offers \$254 per execution. The former official resigned because he wasn't strong enough to wield the heavy axe used in Denmark.

Only Two More Days



Of This Great Sale



# Three Days' Sale



## The Following Extraordinary Offerings for Tuesday

Our supremacy in "Spot Cash Buying" has opened to us avenues of supply that are closed to other stores. Hence these bargains that have no equal anywhere. Notwithstanding the values we have already offered to Portland women, tomorrow's news tells of still better values than we have had. It is our extraordinarily large dealing with the best and largest manufacturers which enables us to surpass our own previous records in the matter of giving the best values. Tomorrow's news is of unusual importance to thrifty shoppers and the prices will speak for themselves. HERE IS THE LIST.

THIS ITEM ON SALE TUESDAY ONLY AT THIS PRICE.

## Black Mercerized Sateen Petticoats

Best \$1.00 Qualities

A GREAT SPECIAL PURCHASE—Secured on the most wonderfully advantageous terms, resulting in a sale that no store has ever paralleled. No prudent shopper will ignore this irresistible offering.

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CENTS EACH (SEE WINDOW DISPLAY.)



Tuesday morning we place on sale about 150 dozen women's Black Mercerized Sateen Petticoats, made up in a number of pretty styles, cut full size, finished with deep flounce, nicely trimmed with tucks, extended bands and accordion plaiting, with underlay and dust ruffle. These skirts are made of excellent quality sateen, are fresh from the workrooms, and will sell quickly at this—the lowest price ever known; best \$1.00 quality, on sale Tuesday only, at..... 59c

This Item on Sale Tuesday Only at This Price.

## Women's Muslin Drawers

150 Dozen Tuesday, 35c Quality



The muslin underwear department has dispensed some wonderful values of late, but nothing that exceeds this offering for real merit. These drawers are made of fine quality muslin, with extra wide flounce, dainty lace insertion and edging, are full sized and splendid sellers at the regular price; tomorrow only at..... 17c Cents Pair

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This Item on Sale Tuesday Only at This Price.

## New Cotton Taffeta

Best 80c Quality, on Sale Tuesday at.....

(SEE WINDOW DISPLAY.)

You need them now. Tuesday's price is less than present wholesale figures. We are determined to give values that shall instantly impress; it will be putting money in your purse to buy at Tuesday's price.

900 yards pretty new Cotton Taffetas, in an unsurpassed assortment—a beautiful silk finish material, suitable for wrappers, kimonos, dresses, etc., in attractive new patterns; light, medium and dark colorings; sold everywhere at 81-3c a yard; specially priced for Tuesday's sale at only..... 50c Cts. Yard

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This Item on Sale Tuesday Only at This Price.

## Boys' and Girls' Knitted Underwaists

Unprecedented Offering for Tuesday Only—20c Quality

Waists Tomorrow, One Day Only.....

(SEE WINDOW DISPLAY.)

If you have both boys and girls at home, you will be interested in this offering for tomorrow. The knitted waist is now conceded to be the best garment to put on a growing child. These are a splendid quality and will be sold at ridiculously low price for tomorrow only; all sizes; made of a soft bleached yielding fabric; the arrangements of tapes is such that the weight of the trousers or shirt is borne upon the shoulders; fine quality bone buttons, sewed on to stay; real 2 1/2 grade..... 9c Cts. Each

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This Item on Sale Tuesday Only at This Price.

## White Huck Towels

Best 12 1/2c Qualities, on Sale Tuesday Only at.....

(SEE WINDOW DISPLAY.)

Hotel and housekeepers will be quick to take advantage of this extraordinary offering. If you'll come here tomorrow morning you can buy towels at cheaper prices than you have ever seen them sold for before. In fact just about one half the price usually asked by other retail dealers.

Tuesday morning we place on sale about 250 dozen White Huck Towels, extra heavy quality, finished with red borders, absolutely fast colors good large size, 17x34 inches, hemmed, all ready to use; splendid values at..... 7c Cts. Each

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SEE TUESDAY EVENING PAPERS. Take a good look in our windows and come early in the day

## Wednesday for Extraordinary Bargains in Following Departments

Notions, Doilies, Hose Supporters, New Fall Woolen Dress Goods, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S KNIT UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY



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