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EVENTS OF THE DAY FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

News has just arrived of a \$75,000 fire at Dawson.

The allies defeated the Chinese west of Kalgan.

Secret societies at Nankin, China, have joined the reformers.

A well of boiling hot water has been discovered at Vale, Or.

China will ask powers to obtain for her a loan to pay the indemnity.

The Cuban constitutional convention adopted the Platt amendment.

Younger brothers are to be paroled from the Stillwater, Minn., penitentiary.

The presidential party visited the largest gold mine in Arizona and inspected its workings.

Morgan and his syndicate are trying to acquire another of the trans Atlantic steamship lines.

A combination of ship yards, including the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, has been formed.

The transport Egbert, recently arrived at San Francisco, brought the bodies of our dead who fell in China.

A Pookespie, N. Y., woman murdered her husband and then put in an application for a pension as a soldier's widow.

Heirs of the murdered men of the battleship Maine, together with survivors, presented claims to the amount of \$5,000,000.

The engineers who have been negotiating surveys for a canal across Nicaragua have concluded their work and are well pleased with the prospects.

The Delaware Lackawanna & Western Railroad refused to grant its employees a nine hour day at the present scale of wages and as a result 900 of them have gone on a strike.

The employees of the United Traction Company, which operates electric lines in Albany, Troy, Cohes, Water-viet and Rensselaer, N. Y., have gone on a strike for recognition of Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees. The strikers number 1,000.

The British battle ship Warspite is at San Diego, Cal.

The yacht Constitution has been launched at Bristol, R. I.

Immigration to this country so far this season is unprecedented.

State fair purses for two races are the largest ever offered in Oregon.

Supplies have been ordered rushed to soldiers at Fort Gibbon, Alaska.

Troops will begin to leave China when she promises to pay the indemnity.

University of California defeated University of Oregon in field day, 75 to 42.

The British house of commons adopted the coal tax by a vote of 333 to 277.

An engineer was killed and a score of passengers were injured in a train wreck in Iowa.

Much satisfaction is expressed in London at the turn the South African affair has taken.

A draft of the new canal treaty is said to have been presented to England by Secretary Hay.

One million Chinese have lost their lives by starvation and violent deaths since the allies first landed.

A trial trip of Shamrock II has proven her to be vastly superior in every particular to Shamrock I.

Twenty torpedo boats and destroyers will be turned over to the government within the next few months.

Latest mail advices from China brought proofs of terrible conditions which exist under the foreign military rule in North China.

The controller of currency has issued a call for a statement of the condition of the national banks at the close of business on Wednesday April 24.

Work of cleaning up the debris from the Jacksonville fire is progressing rapidly. Martial law still prevails. Supplies in great quantities are coming from all parts of the country.

Insurance companies in Missouri have robbed out of \$100,000 by a gang who have been setting fires in the southern part of the state. Six men and one woman have been arrested. Three of them have made written confessions.

It is said that 1,000 pounds of poultry will cost less to raise than 1,000 pounds of beef, and will sell for almost twice as much.

While finding that the seed trade of England, generally speaking, is well conducted, the departmental committee appointed by the board of agriculture recommends the establishment of a central station for the purpose of testing seeds sent to it for official examination.

In 1890 the public schools of the United States graduated 20,344 boys and 36,124 girls. The boys are taken from the schools earlier than the girls and put to work.

A test of the Murphy third rail sectional system took place recently in the yards at Baltimore. One of the heavy locomotives ran up and down the yard track at a high rate of speed by the sectional third rail system. Everything worked perfectly, each switch operating as intended. It took six months to install the system through the yard and tunnel.

PITIFUL FATE OF A CHILD.

Lost on the Desert, a Little Girl Dies of Hunger and Exposure.

North Yakima, Wash., May 6.—A 5-year-old girl has been found on the lonely desert of the Horse Heaven country, 18 miles from her home, standing in a badger hole, where she died from starvation. The child was the daughter of Hon. W. B. Mathews, ex-county commissioner of Yakima county. Searching parties had been scouring the country for five days and nights in an effort to locate the child alive. It was thought that she had been carried away by Indians and would be found on the reservation. She had been tracked 12 miles from her home when all traces of her were obliterated by the winds blowing the tracks from the sand.

Two children, a boy aged eight years, and the girl, five, were sent out from home five days ago to look after some lost cattle. They walked away until 10 miles from home, when growing tired they fell asleep. A passing cowboy noticed them, and after arousing the sleepers took them to his pony and carried them almost home. The children then assured him that they could get home without further assistance, and he let them go alone.

The night came on and it is supposed the boy ran faster than his sister and left her behind. When he reached home he was frightened and could not tell exactly what had happened. A search was made for the girl, but she could not be found that night.

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Referred to the British. Washington, May 6.—The state department has referred to the British embassy here the complaint made by Moran Bro., of Seattle, against the British Columbia authorities on account of the arrest of the wreckers on board the Ajax, who were engaged in salvaging the steamer Willamette, grounded in Union bay, British Columbia. The question at issue will be the construction of the word "contiguous" in the agreement between the United States and the dominion government.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Six cases of small pox are reported near Athena.

Columbia county will be entirely out of debt by September, 1901.

The bond on the Republic mine, on Griffin creek, Jackson county, has been extended.

Dr. D. F. Lane, of Salem, has been appointed county physician for Marion county.

The Sanaules creamery will be moved from La Grande to Baker City and the capacity doubled.

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Chicago Money Will Develop the Country's Resources.

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Plans have been formulated for developing the great Mexican iron fields at Matamoros and the coal deposits at Coahuila. Railroad facilities are to be provided where they are now lacking and a total of \$20,000,000 of money may represent the expenditures before the work is completed.

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