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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The U. S. State Department, yesterday, paid to the authorized agents of the British government the amount awarded to British claimants by the mixed commission convened under the Treaty of Washington—nearly two millions in gold.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin and the Irish rifle team are to have a public reception and dinner in New York city on Thursday; similar courtesies are extended by leading citizens of Brooklyn.

Henry W. Dodge, one of the officers of the Haynes Arctic expedition, died of apoplexy, yesterday, in Brooklyn.

Moulton will give ball to-day, in the Edna Dean Proctor hotel.

Hon. E. R. Hoar positively declines to be a candidate for re-election to Congress.

A Little Rock special says the stage robbers are surrounded in the mountains, and their horses exhausted.

A Presbyterian minister and the postmaster at Marietta, Ga., has been held to bail, charged with embezzling \$2,000.

Report given yesterday, at a convention at Augusta, Ga., say that the Order of the Ku Klux is flourishing throughout the United States, the British Dominions, Sandwich Islands, Australia, Germany and South Africa.

The incident of the victims of the Fall River disaster commenced yesterday.

General Longstreet says the reason why the Kellogg army was rendered the State House and Arsenal during the recent revolution, was because they had no ammunition to defend them.

Forty thousand dollars' worth of property destroyed by fire at Pittsburgh, Pa., yesterday.

Miss M. D. Brown, deceased, late of Philadelphia, left one hundred and thirty-nine thousand dollars to the various charitable institutions of that city.

The California State Fair opened at Sacramento yesterday.

A riot, and bloodshed, between soldiers and Italians, in the employ of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, at Aspinwall on the 12th inst.

A Panama dispatch says that the Guatemala government saluted the British flag on the 12th inst., and that the full indemnity had been paid to Magee, the British vice consul who was so brutally ill-used by Gonzales.

The French government has appointed its Consul and vice Consul at New York, commissioners of the Philadelphia Centennial.

The striking cotton spinners at Bolton, Eng., have resumed work pending the settlement of their dispute by arbitration.

The Co-operative Board of Manchester, England, will invite Wendell Phillips to be present at the Co-operative Congress shortly to be held in London.

The Russian Government is manifesting wisdom in its policy towards the Mennonites; rather than lose more of such good citizens as they have undoubtedly proved themselves to be, it has decided to exempt the members of that society still remaining in the empire from actual military duty, but will hold them liable to do duty as hospital attendants. It is believed that this modification will induce many of this sect still in Russia to remain there.

An attempt was made recently to shoot the Captain General of Cuba, so says a Havana letter, to New York.

"Joe Daniels" won the thousand dollar running race at Sacramento, yesterday.

A Washington paper indicates that the U. S. Government suspects that Spain intends ceding some portion of her West Indian possessions to Germany, and that if such a project is attempted by Spain, the Monroe doctrine will be enforced by the U. S.

Rumors are again current in New York, of the formation of an opposition China and Japan line of steamers, in the interest of the U. P. R. R.

A silk manufacturing company at Paterson, N. J., have gained fifty dollars damages in a suit against workmen for violation of contract.

Reverdy Johnson publishes a letter in an eastern journal, giving his opinion of the Louisiana imbroglio; for brief synopsis see telegraphic columns.

A notorious bank robber named "Big Frank," has escaped from prison, at Wilmington, Del.

One man was killed and three seriously injured, this morning, by the explosion of an engine on the Portland and Ogdensburg, railroad.

On account of rivalry among the trans-Atlantic steamship companies at New York, tickets for Europe can be purchased for fifteen dollars.

Col. Broadhead, a prominent leader of the Missouri democracy, writes a letter repudiating its doctrines, and declaring that if carried out, they will culminate in looting and disorder which will paralyze the industry of the State and drive immigration from its borders.

A U. S. Commissioner and republican candidate for office in Marengo Co., Ala., writes that no man has been killed and that no outrages of any kind have been committed in that county because of differences of political opinion; the free speech can be indulged in anywhere, and that the best of feelings exist between the colored republicans and democrats. The author of such an account as this can hardly be a carpetbagger, and most likely Marengo County is not troubled with them, and is the reason the county is so free from riot and anarchy, for to create both and bring trouble into the communities upon which they are forced is the mission of the carpetbagger, and they are faithful in discharging it.

Messrs. Dillon, Gould and others left Chicago, on their train, this morning, on their tour of inspection of the U. P. road. It is said that the party will go as far as San Francisco, and that one of the objects of the excursion is to obtain what property for the new Pacific Steamship company referred to above.

The Fall River horror.

This latest horror that has appalled the country, is the terrible disaster, on Saturday last, at Fall River, Massachusetts. On that eventful morning dawn, in one of its most horrid forms, suddenly overtook many who went to their daily labor in the enjoyment of their usual health; and mourning and sorrow, the dreadful bitterness of

which the lapse of years alone will assuage, were carried to the hearts of many of the residents of that city. Death by fire is one of the most horrible that can be conceived, and under some circumstances, such for instance as on a ship at sea, it is sometimes utterly unavoidable. It seems to have been so in the case under consideration, in the heart of a great manufacturing city. But the inquiry will hardly fall to arise in many minds, what need was there for such a state of things to exist? And one can hardly help feeling that there must have been serious neglect somewhere.

It is true that, with the utmost caution that can be exercised fires cannot always be prevented; and in a manufacturing employing hundreds of hands, like Granite Mill No. 1, at Fall River, the occurrence of a fire is not so much to be wondered at. But that in such a case, the lives of the hands should perish in the flames is not only horrible but inconceivable.

The telegrams say that if the hands had done as they were bid they might all have been saved. This is a statement that may well be doubted, for with the proper appliances on hand, such as should be provided and ever ready in all such establishments, it could hardly have been necessary for so many to have been immolated and so many others so fearfully injured. It is true that the alarm would not have been cut off, and the means of escape was cut off. This seems to be the key to the whole affair. But whose fault was it, that the elevator would not work? Certainly not the elevator's, and as certainly not the workpeople's. It is the old story so often told—in their greed for gain the owners of the property had neglected to provide the means of safety for their work people in case of danger from fire or other cause. The fact that such emergencies are unlooked for is no excuse, for they come like a thief in the night, and in such establishments the price of safety is most assuredly "eternal vigilance."

Let the reason picture to himself, if he can, the horror of the scene in that building after the alarm of fire was given! Fancy six or seven hundred human beings cooped up in a burning building! No wonder that many of the poor creatures were panic-stricken. If the means of escape had been the most abundant so many could scarcely have been extricated without some being injured. One of the survivors says that in the room in which she worked a crowd of little children rushed with the women to a stairway in hopes of escape, but they were driven back by the flames, and that the cries of the women and children, when they saw no hope of escape were heartrending. Language or imagination fails to describe or realize the horrors of such a situation, and this, with its attendant loss of life and terrible suffering, may be the result of neglect of proper precaution on the part of some of the officers or owners of the mill.

The telegrams to-day say that the inquest commenced yesterday. It is to be hoped that the investigation will be of the most thorough description, and that in case of culpable neglect being discovered, no matter how slight if it led in any manner to the catastrophe, the guilty may be punished with the utmost rigor of the law. However, no amount of punishment inflicted upon guilty survivors, if such there be, can ever compensate for the loss of life, or for the sorrow and suffering caused by the disaster; and after all, perhaps the only or the most effectual, method of preventing such terrible casualties hereafter would be the passage of a law, compelling the owners of large manufacturing to provide such means as would give reasonable hope for the complete preservation of life in case of fire, and to have government officers to inspect all buildings of the kind; and in case of neglect in any particular whereby life might be unnecessarily endangered, as for instance, in the case of the "elevator that would not work," let the heaviest penalties be inflicted. In an age like the present, when gold is the god which is universally adored, money is more precious to the worshippers of mammon than the lives of the poor; and as long as the sacrifice of the latter may be risked or made with impunity, so long may the country expect to be occasionally horrified by a sacrifice to Moloch like that of Fall River.

STOCK FAIR.

By an announcement in yesterday's News it will be seen that a fair, under the auspices of the Deceit Agricultural and Manufacturing Society, is to be held at Agricultural Park, in this city, on the 20th and 21st of next month, for the exhibition of all kinds of live stock.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of the farmers and stockmen of this Territory to this announcement. It is a subject in which they are or should be specially interested. Fairs for the exhibition of home manufactures are undoubtedly productive of considerable benefit to all communities by the practical lessons imparted and the spirit of emulation they arouse. By such means capacity and skill, which might otherwise lie dormant, are developed, and the members of the community generally are benefited. Exhibitions of agricultural products and stock are no less important, for every community is vitally interested in a plentiful supply of good bread, butter, meat, cheese and the like; and this supply, both as to quantity and quality, depends to a very great extent upon the intelligence and skill with which the operations of the agriculturist and stock raiser are conducted, and also upon the possession of superior animals.

For some years past the improvement of stock has received a good deal of attention in this Territory,

and sheep, cattle and horses of superior breeds have been imported for the purpose of improving the home breeds. There is still abundance of scope for further operations in this line, and it is gratifying to know that the farmers and stockmen of the Territory are alive to the importance of the subject, and that herds of superior animals are occasionally imported into and sold in the Territory.

There is no doubt that this branch of business, if intelligently conducted, will pay well in Utah, and that to an extent commensurate with its importance in a materialistic age like the present. Every individual likes to be well paid for his labor, and as a general thing men work with greater earnestness and vim when the prospect is good for speedy and substantial rewards for their toils. There is always a sure market at home for a very good supply of good butter and cheese than has ever yet been produced; while so far beef and mutton of good quality, if a ready market can't always be found close at hand for all that can be raised, it is easy to ship it to distant markets where it is sure of a ready sale at remunerative prices. In view of these facts, and others that will readily suggest themselves, the stock raiser can hardly help feeling that his is a branch of business, which, when properly conducted, is greatly conducive to his own welfare, and to that of the community generally.

As stock exhibitions have a tendency to promote the objects above indicated, it is to be hoped that at the coming fair the entries will be numerous, and will show that the improvement of the home breeds of sheep and cattle, and also of horses, is making a marked advance in our Territory.

Correspondence.

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 21, 1874.

Editor Desert News:

I have just returned from a pleasant trip to American Fork, Utah county, whither I went yesterday morning, in accordance with an invitation from Superintendent Wm. Putman, to attend the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Sunday school of that place.

American Fork is one of the most prosperous towns of Utah county, and is chiefly noted for its agriculture and excellence of its hay crop. Raising hay, however, is not the only thing in which the people of that town excel. In the matter of education, they are well advanced.

The school, filled to overflowing with eager, smiling, handsome children, there are few towns that can equal it, and certainly none that can excel. The school is in every respect a model one, which fact is owing in great part to the untiring efforts of Bro. Paxman, who has been superintendent since it was started ten years ago.

The anniversary yesterday was a most enjoyable affair; the principal feature of it being that the meeting house was so small to accommodate half those who wished to get in. The hall was decorated with great taste with evergreens and flowers. Rustic scrolls surrounded the room, bearing such mottoes as "The right way is the best," "The right way is the best," "The right way is the best," and "United we stand and divided we fall." The exercises consisted chiefly of songs and recitations, all well rendered, the performers, as is usual on such occasions, being mostly girls, showing that they are more susceptible of receiving the benefits of the Sunday school than are the boys.

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