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Nebraska State Fair. The Nebraska state fair has always ranked among the best state expositions, and for several years past has been considered a model in point of inanagement. The exhibits have always been large and numerous because of the liberal premium list. The 1903 fair will be held, as usual, at Lincoln, from September 4 to 11, inclusive. Monday, September 7, will be "Labor Day" at the fair and the trades unions and other bodies of workingmen will be in evidence at the fair grounds. On Tuesday the king of all trotters, Cresceus, will go a mile against time in an e:ort to beat his own wonderful record. Wednesday will be "Fraternal Day" and the numerous fraternal and social organizations will have charge of a varied program, which will include several drills by crack drill teams of Lincoln and neighboring cities. On Friday the great free-for-all trot will be pulled off and the event is looked forward to with interest.

The railroads have made the usual low rates to Lincoln and numerous extra and excursion trains will be run during the entire week of the fair. The 1903 Nebraska state fair promises to eclipse all former exhibitions in interest and attendance.

A Venezulain Claim, Alfred Pardo, a young Frenchman, living in this city, has just figured that the government of Venezuela owes

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years old, and has been here about seven years. He is manager of the Club Price \$1.00 1.00 ship brokerage firm of Marquette & Co., at 121 Front street.

The money which he claims was said 1.001.001.001.101.001.00to be loaned to the Venezuelan government by his grandfather, Alfrel Pardo, about thirty years ago and never repaid. The Pardo family, originally French, emigrated to Venezuela, 1.00 1,35 and have become citizens of that country.

 $1.35 \\ 1.00 \\ 1.80$ Besides the young claimant there are three others of the family who would be entitled to shares in the \$6,000,000, but for the laws of Vene-Club Price \$1.85 1.60 1.35 zvela. They are Julio Pardo, his uncle, who was his guardian, and Alfred and Carlos Pardo, his cousins. 2.00

They are Venezuelans, and the laws of the country provide that none of its c:tizens can have claims against it. Carlos Pardo, who is senior member o." the firm of Pardo & Co., in Caracas, has for several years tried to collect the debt, but. has been unsuccessful. Club The security for the loan is said to be Price \$1.35 rotes, which it is believed are now in the hands of Carlos Pardo.

Young Pardo thinks that, as he is the only surviving heir of his grandfather who is not a Venezuelan, he can by proving his claim recover the ic an made by the latter to the government. He has with this end in view Club rice retained the services of Attorney Jacob E. Salomon of 302 Broadway to take whatever legal steps are necessary. The latter will communicate at once with M. Weiner, French minister at Caracas, asking him to make an investigation of the claim.-New York Times.

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