SEVENTH

Annual Tournament

Nebraska State Firemen's Association, to be held at Red Cloud,

July 16th to 19th,

PROGRAM.

First Day, Tuesday, July 16.

Reception of Firemen,
Meeting of Board of Control at 8 p, m.
Serenade in evening, Red Cloud Cornet band.

Second Day, Wednesday, July 17.

Grand parade at 10 a. m. Best appearing company, Silk Banner. 1 p m Green hos race. First prize. $75, 2d 50. e
2 p m,----Green hook and ladder race, 1st prize $75, 2d prize $50.
3 p m,----Chief's race, prize fine 32 comb Firemen's Helmet Hat, valued at $15.
4 p m- --Foremen's race, prize, fine belt, valued at $5

Third Day, Thursday, July 18,

10 a m,----Hose race, 39 class, first prize $100 2d prize $50.
11 a m----Hook and ladder race, 44 class, first prize $100, 2d prize $50.
1.30 p m,----Ladder climbing contest, Firs prize handsome tournament ladder, valued at $50, 2d prize Silver Cup.
2.30 p m,----Coupling contest, first prize, State Championship Medal and $15, 2d prize $10 3d prize $5
p m,----Champion wet run, 1st prize $75 2d prize $50

Fourth Day, Friday, July 19.

10 a m----Pompier corps, first prize $50, 2d prize $25
11 a m----Tug of war contest, first prize $10 and State Championship Trophy, 2d $5
1:30 p m---State Championship Hose Race first prize, 150 dollars and State Cart, 2d prize 75 dollars.
3 p m----State Champion Hook and Ladder Race, first prize 150 dollars, and Champion belt, 2d prize 75 dollars.

Reduced railroad fare, special hotel rates, Liberal premiums.

For full particulars, address A. J. Tomlinson, chm. ex. committee, Red cloud.

SAVED BY HER MOTHER.

A Wealthy Matrimonial Adventurer Nearly Marries His Own Daughter.

"It happened about eighteen or twenty years ago right here in this city. A certain man, whose name you think of whenever you read about sewing-machines, because he was one of the first and most generally known inventors of that useful implement, paid very little attention to the laws of this country bearing on marriage," said a New street man.

"Never mind what his name was; you ought to know who I am talking about, for his matrimonial vagaries attracted even more attention to him than did his valuable inventions in connection with the sewing-machine. When he died, in 1875, he left nine recognized widows, and no one knows how many children, for some of his 'widows' did not make sufficient of a fight for a share of his estate—which, by the way, amounted to thirteen million dollars—to reveal their identity. Well, as I started to tell you, this old fellow was the father of so many children by his half a score of 'wives' that he didn't know more than one in every ten of his offspring when he saw them. He had to be introduced to them.

"In order the more successfully to humbug these deluded women to whom he sustained the relation of husband he gave a different name to each of them, and he used so many names that I guess he forgot some of them. He was always a great admirer of pretty girls, and would spend a small fortune to win the favor of any handsome female of whom he became enamored. One of the employes in the salesroom of his sewing machine company told him one day of an extremely pretty girl, who was playing in an amateur dramatic society over in Brooklyn. She was so pretty that all the young fellows were talking about her.

"Well, the old codger, he was about fifty-two years of age, found out when she was to make her next appearance, and secured front seats for the performance. He fell up to the top of his gray hair in love with the girl before the evening was over; and in a few days managed to secure an introduction to her. Then he offered her diamonds, dresses, a furnished house, horses and carriages, and, in fact, all those things which a rich person can procure, and almost all women yearn for, if she would marry him. Her meetings with the ancient swain were held in secret and without her mother's knowledge. She used an assumed name when she appeared on the amateur stage, although more than half the persons in the audience knew her by the name she was addressed by in the vicinity of her residence.

"The girl listened with both ears to what the old man said, and finally asked him to call at her home to receive his answer. He went there, sir, on the appointed evening. It was a cheaply-furnished and small house in a rather poor neighborhood. The old fellow hadn't been in the house five minutes before his former 'wife,' the girl's mother, came into the room where he was. They recognized each other, and then the old man had a mauvais quart d'heure, and no mistake He had not given his right name to the woman when he married her, and she did not know that he was the wealthy and widely-known inventor."

"What was the upshot of the affair?"

"Well, the old man made a handsome yearly allowance to the mother, sent the girl to boarding-school, and when he died he left the daughter he wanted to marry a half a million dollars. Strange story, isn't it? But it's a true one, and lots of the old-timers who read it will remember the man. What's his name? Well, call him Hummer; that's close enough."—*N. Y. Telegram.*

Features of New Gowns.

Flat fronts in pleats from belt to foot, or else long draperies that nearly cover the lower skirt, are seen on the new dresses. The strictly Empire style forbids much fulness in the front of the skirt, but it is found more generally becoming to catch up the front breadths slightly on each side just below the waist, and to gather the front breadths to the belt. When separate drapery is preferred it is very long indeed, and is usually hooked up above the edge of the corsage, sometimes only in the back, giving a princesse effect, and sometimes all around the hips; the latter plan conceals the whole edge of the corsage, and gives the newest round waist, which now dispenses with a belt, and curves out slightly an inch or two below the waist line, showing the graceful tapering of the figure, while the drapery gives stylish fulness about the hips. Coat sleeves prevail in thick fabrics, but are fuller at the top and have elaborate cuffs. Collars are very high at the back, but the front is susceptible of great variety, sometimes having a short vest collar, which may be straight, or pointed downward to show the throat, or else the fronts may omit any collar just below the throat, and the vest be merely cut high, with rounded corners lapping in a very pretty way. There are a great many turned-down collars of velvet or the other fabric used for trimming the dress, but these are as high in the back as standing collars, and in many cases are sewed to standing bands.—*Harper's Bazar.*

Mole-Hill and Mountain.

"I tell you, my friend," exclaimed the gentleman, vehemently, as he unfolded his napkin, "that a country that tolerates and encourages brutality will never be allowed to prosper. Look at Spain. Look at Mexico. We have not their bull-fights, it is true, but we have prize-fighting, cock-fighting, pigeon shooting matches, and in the fate of those countries—'

[Interruption by waiter]—"What will you have, sir?"

"Broil me a live lobster. In the fate of those countries, my dear sir, we may see the history of the United States foreshadowed," etc. — *Chicago Tribune.*

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PROFITABLE REVENGE.

How a Buffalo Man Got Even with a Lot of Insurance Agents.

There is a wealthy man in Buffalo who, ever since he became well-to-do, has been pestered by the entreaties of local insurance agents to take out a policy in favor of his wife and little ones. Not long ago, says the Buffalo *Courier,* he determined to be revenged on them. He called on a certain agent and told him that at last he was thinking seriously of taking out a policy, say for $10,000, but that before deciding the matter he wished to examine the inducements of two or three other companies. "Certainly," said the agent, "but do come and dine with me at the City Club to-morrow." "With pleasure." The rich man walked away, and visiting three or four more agents told them the same story—that he was thinking of taking out a policy of $10,000 or so, but was not quite decided yet in which company he should insure. Each and all of them extended him an earnest invitation to "Come and dine with me to-morrow evening," or "What do you say to a little supper at Blank's, where we can talk it over?" or, "I'm going to open a bottle of Madeira to-morrow evening. Come around and I'll explain our plan in full." The wealthy man winked to himself as he left these agents, and accepted all their civilities, and for two weeks his family hardly saw him, for he continued to hesitate and procrastinate, and the agents continued to dine him and wine him, until at length, having enjoyed himself immensely at the expense of the insurance companies, he one day sat down in his office and wrote each of the agents a little note, in which he stated that he had "been convinced of the better advantages to be gained by insuring in another company," and regretted that he "could not take out a policy with you." The agents each read this note with tears in their eyes and swear-words on their lips, and placed a sum ranging from $35 to $50 to the debit of expense account.

Ignorance Kept Him Honest.

A story is told of a postmaster whose lack of knowledge of working his own "nest" lost him an increase of $100 on his salary next year. When he sent his returns in he lacked 31 cents of the amount called for by the law to permit an adjustment of his salary. His reports showed the yearly receipts of his office to be $2,099.20. As the department allows a fraction over a half dollar to be counted as a dollar, the postmaster would have been $100 more in his pocket if he had had shrewdness enough to buy 31 cents' worth of stamps out of his own pocket. Since he sent his report he has learned his mistake, and every body in the county now can kick him. His was the only case of the kind in the 2,500. It caused much merriment among the clerks at the Post-office Department.

A MAN

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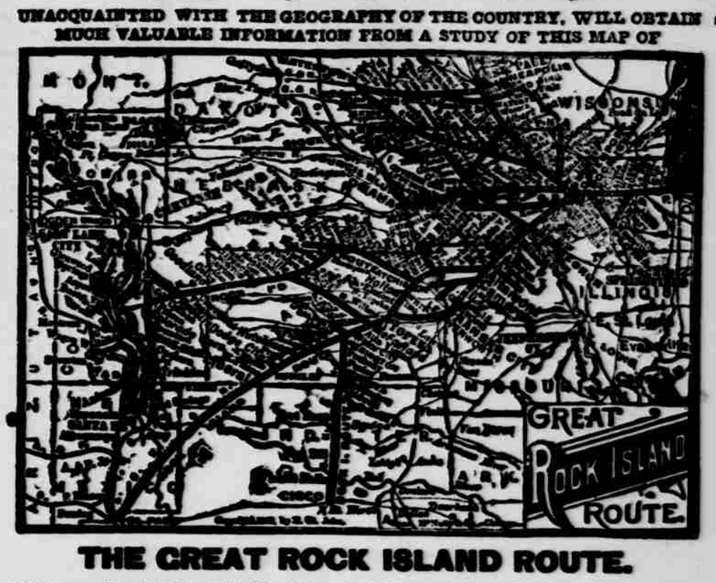

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