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TOURNEY OF FIREMEN IS ON

Thousands of Strangers in Norfolk for the Events.

RUNNERS ARE HEROES NOW.

They are in Severe Training—Went to Bed at 10 Last Night and Were up Bright and Early Today—The Queen Arrives.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]
Amid ideal conditions in every respect, with a perfectly cloudless sky, a track that could not be better and the largest attendance ever known in the history of the association, the eleventh annual tournament of the Nebraska Volunteer Firemen's association began in Norfolk at 9:30 o'clock this morning and will continue for three days.

Hundreds of visiting fire ladders from all over the state are in Norfolk for the three days of royal racing and thousands of their friends and admirers are here merely as interested spectators. Every hotel and rooming house in the city is crowded with lodgers at night time and there will be, no doubt, many crying for beds before the close of the tourney.

Last night's trains from the east, from the north, from the west and the south brought multitudes of strangers into the city, preparatory to the initial feature of the program this morning. All trains today have kept up the procession and by tonight the streets will be filled.

In charge of their manager, George Howe, the Fremont prize winners who have carried off the championship belt during the past two years, and who will make a desperate effort on Thursday to defend their title to it, arrived at 7:20 last evening and were put early to bed. Today they made their first appearance in the parade and were the center of no little interest. They claim that fully 300 persons from Fremont will be here on the last day for the final event.

The Queen of the Tourney Came.

The queen of the tourney, Miss Ella Flynn, together with her two attendants, Miss Kate Glass and Miss Bessie Wiley, all of York, were among those who arrived last night. Some embarrassment was experienced because of a misunderstanding as to which train would carry the queen into Norfolk. Local committees were given to understand that she would arrive at the union station and were there to meet her and her party with a fashionable trap and a span of prancing steeds. The driver was left holding the reins and the animals were kept standing still for over an hour, when the word came that the queen and her attendants were already eating their dinner at one of the hotels. She laughed heartily at the joke, which seems to be primarily upon the York manager.

Miss Flynn has a suite at one of the hotels. She is every bit as pretty as her pictures make her and it is not hard to understand, after talking with her, why she should be selected for the honor by such an overwhelming majority. She will occupy the first float of honor on the last night in the grand pageant of the Royal Tiger club.

Royal Tiger the First, John C. Cleland of Fremont, also arrived last night and is getting ready to do the king stunt in a fairy float.

Running Teams the Heroes.

The running teams are, of course, the heroes of the day. There are from a dozen to twenty agile athletes on every team and they make a pretty nifty looking layout when they all line up. Before 10 o'clock last night nearly every one of them was sound asleep in bed somewhere, getting in all possible rest before the initial running of the racing. This morning, bright and early, they were all up and taking a short run. They are in training severely and neither smoke nor drink nor stay up late at night until the last race is over.

Many of them appeared this morning in their dress parade uniforms. There were all sorts of combinations, with red, white and blue prevailing. The Humboldt team came yesterday at noon, with peaked straw hats tied in red. They made quite a team.

At the track, where tents have been pitched for the dressing rooms, teams were out early getting into shape and running over the ground to make sure of their footing. The carts whirled around at pretty rapid gaits and they point to something doing worth while.

The streets are simply jammed with concession booths, like a great big street fair. There are shooting galleries three, merry-go-rounds a pair, oriental shows, moving pictures, glittering attractions, museum freaks and chances to throw balls at nigger babies, plus. There is also a steam launch on the Northfork river. The Royal Tiger club has a large tent in a vacant space along Norfolk avenue, where they will administer initiations for a consideration.

The officers are: C. E. Hartford, Norfolk, president; M. Bauer, Nebraska City, vice president; J. H. McKay, Blair, second vice president; E. A. Miller, Kearney, secretary; G. N. Youngson, Minden, treasurer. The board of control are: J. D. Johnson, Fremont, chairman; J. F. McNea, Kearney; B. T. Hite, Grand

Island; W. A. Miller, York; A. Pilger, Stanton; H. A. Graft, Seward; R. H. Reynolds, Norfolk.

The Humboldt team are here for their first tournament. They have a cart weighing 1,400 pounds upon which they had to pay seventy cents per hundred pounds. They forgot their baggage checks, to cap the climax of their misfortune.

Possibilities for the state championship race are, besides Fremont: York, Grand Island, Kearney, Stanton and Seward.

On their own special train the firemen from Columbus, Madison and Humphrey came to Norfolk this morning. There were 100 from Columbus, 200 from Madison and seventy-five from Humphrey. They made an excellent showing as they marched down the street.

In practicing this morning one of the best runners on the champion team of Fremont, Farout, fell upon his head and was severely hurt. He is in bed this afternoon and it is not known whether he will be in the running team or not.

THE PARADE THIS MORNING.

Columbus Has the Most Men at the Meeting—Grand Island Looked Best—Other Prizes.

In the initial procession of the State Firemen's program this morning, the prizes were awarded on the largest attendance and the best appearance as follows:

Largest attendance: First prize, nozzle valued at \$25, Columbus, with forty-nine in line. Second prize, \$15, Madison, with forty-one in line.

Best appearance: First prize, \$15, Grand Island. This team was clothed in blue blouse and white duck trousers. Second prize, \$10, Holdrege, in dark blue and white ducks. Third prize, \$5, Hoskins, with their bright gasoline engine and their team clad in dark blue blouse and white ducks. All of the teams were good to look upon, and the Hoskins team, who surprised the crowd with their appearance because of the size of their town, drew many cheers from the spectators.

The judges were Asa K. Leonard, of Norfolk; George Howe, of Fremont; J. W. Moist, former president, of York. None of these towns were represented in the parade for prizes, so that the judges were absolutely impartial.

Those in line were: Grand Island band, with beautiful uniforms of red blouse and white trousers.

Executive officers and board of control, in carriages.

Holdrege running team, dark blue and white uniforms.

Norfolk fire department, in their new natty dark blue uniforms. Norfolk was barred from the contest for prizes.

Madison cornet band, in dark blue, with Mayor C. S. Smith at the head.

Madison hose company, No. 1, with red shirts; No. 2, with dark blue.

Columbus, No. 1, dark blue; No. 2, dark blue; hook and ladder, dark blue.

Albion hose company, with red caps.

Creighton fire department, shirts of red and blue.

Hoskins, with engine, men in blue and white.

Norfolk running team.

Seward running team.

Clarks running team, with red shirts.

Humboldt, with straw hats.

ENTERTAINED AT AUDITORIUM.

Dale Theatre Company on Boards Last Night and Will be Seen Again Tonight.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]
One of the principal attractions for the evening was at the Auditorium, where the Dale Theatrical company held forth. The queen of the tournament with her attendants and the of Kloftron occupied one of the boxes and officers of the association another.

"Under the Harbor Lights," the play presented, abounds in thrilling situations and with the specialties between acts the company presents a continuous evening's entertainment. "The Diamond Necklace Robbery" is announced as the bill for tonight. The company comes here under the auspices of the local firemen who, through it, expect to make some of the fund to meet the expense of the tourney.

DOCTOR A CENTENARIAN.

Practices His Profession, Although 100 Years Old.

Allentown, Pa., July 22.—Special to The News: Dr. Henry Helfrich, the oldest citizen of Lehigh county, and probably the oldest physician in the state, today celebrated the 100th anniversary of his birth.

He is still vigorous in mind and body and occasionally prescribes for patients.

A FATAL BOAT RIDE.

Old Man and Four Children Drowned as a Result of the Capsizing of a Boat.

Sparta, Tenn., July 22.—Special to The News: As a result of a boat overturning near here this morning an old man and four children whom it contained were drowned before assistance could reach them.

FIRST RACES OF THE MEET.

Exciting Events on the Track This Afternoon.

YORK WINS OVER SEWARD.

Stanton Ties Seward for Second in a Neck and Neck Race—Good Place—Fremont Defeats Kearney List of Starters in the Foot Race

[From Tuesday's Daily.]
The first racing of the tourney began shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon. The mammoth amphitheater contains 1,500 spectators. Occupying a seat of honor, in the center of the grand stand, is the queen of the tournament, Miss Ella Flynn, of York.

Immediately after lunch at noon, the teams which are in the events for this afternoon, began to dress in the dozen little tents on the grounds. Madison has sent the largest delegation yet, and in the grand stand are a great many citizens of the county seat. Mayor Smith among them. They feel that they ought to have had the prize for the largest attendance of firemen, and think they had plenty of representatives to take the money, if they had only marched in line.

Stanton, also, is well represented, and when the running team from that town, which hopes to carry away the championship, came upon the track, it was given a good cheer. Harrison's Grand Island band occupied the judge's stand and played during intermissions.

Time keepers are: Dr. Covert, Table Rock; J. W. Moist, York; P. Barnes, Norfolk; Grant Stucker, Stanton.

The starters are: A. C. Hull, one of the oldest at this business in the state; and his assistant, R. Appelby, Stanton.

The judges are: C. A. Smith, Madison; J. R. Shick, Beatrice.

The time keepers are: U. B. Matho, and C. H. Hulsebeck, Holdrege.

Secretary W. A. Miller was kept busy receiving entries.

The bell for the first race rang at 2:43. This was the straight away hose race, class "A," for 250 yards. The teams running were: York, Seward, Kearney, Fremont and Stanton. York and Seward ran together, Kearney and Fremont; and Stanton ran alone.

York won against Seward in a close heat, time 29; Seward, 29 2-5. York had the inside. They are old rivals. Several dropped out on the course.

In an intensely exciting neck and neck heat, Fremont beat Kearney, time, Fremont 30 1-5; Kearney 31 4-5.

R. Fountain, in a moyer hubbard, and Charlie Reed, both of York, entertained the crowd with a cake walk between heats.

Stanton went in 29 2-5.

This gives York the first money, \$50 by 2-5 of a second; Stanton and Seward tie for second money, \$30, and will run it off this evening or tomorrow. Third money, \$20, goes to Fremont.

In the 150 yard foot race, one heat of which will be run each day, the following are entered: O. Lawyer and F. Wood, Seward; W. L. Dowling, Madison; George Reed, John Hensing, Holdrege; C. Caulfield, H. Caulfield, H. Carpenter, H. Lubert, C. McMahan of Kearney; Bobbie Burg, G. H. Mains, Grand Island; E. S. Copeland, Pender; P. Parker, H. Robinson, Humboldt.

The outcome of the track will be moved several yards east before the races of tomorrow. This will bring it squarely in front of the judge's stand. J. F. McNea, is one of the busiest men on the track.

In the straight away hose race, class "B," the teams entered were Norfolk, Humboldt, Holdrege and Clark.

By 1-5 of a second Norfolk beat Humboldt in the first heat, time 32 1-5; Humboldt, 32 2-5.

Holdrege beat Clarks time, 31 3-5 against 34 1-5.

This gives Holdrege the first money, \$25; Norfolk second, \$15; Humboldt third, \$10.

In the straight away hook and ladder race there was but one entry, Grand Island. The first money of \$50 therefore went to them easily. Their time was 34 4-5, which is considered fast.

All starts are made by means of pistol shot; the carts pass over a trap which springs an electric button at the judge's stand and the timers' watches are set.

The firemen's handicap foot race will come at 4:30. The regulation hose race will be between Fremont, Stanton, Seward, Kearney and York. This will be a battle royal.

To Develop the Sugar Beet.

A recent dispatch from Trenton, N. J. tells of the organization of the Tri-State Land Company, with a capital stock of \$1,600,000. The object of the company set forth is the development of lands adapted to the cultivation of the sugar beet throughout the United States, especially in Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado.

Saw Kansas City Cleaning Up.

[From Monday's Daily.]
Charles A. Madsen returned home Saturday from a trip to Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City. "The World's

Fair grounds in the brewery city," said Mr. Madsen, "are something immense." He also describes in a graphic way the condition in which flooded Kansas City has been left. Hundreds and thousands of workmen are working every minute to clear away the debris and the town is once more beginning to show signs of a normal appearance.

THE DEUEL CHILDREN'S DEATHS.

Report of the Sad Bereavement Taken From Boise Papers.

From the Idaho Daily Statesman of July 16, published at Boise, the following is taken, regarding the death of the only children of Dean and Mrs. Deuel, which has been previously mentioned by The News:

A telephone message from Idaho City yesterday morning contained the shocking and sorrowful tidings that Charles Willis Deuel, the only surviving child of Dean and Mrs. C. E. Deuel, had been carried away by the same scourge that proved fatal to his sister, Catherine, less than twenty-four hours before. The little boy, who was only three years old, was taken with diphtheria last Saturday about the same time as his sister, and so virulent was the attack that no medical skill could save him.

The news of the boy's death, following so quickly that of his sister, was a stunning blow to the many friends of the Deuels at Boise. To the mothers of Dean Deuel's congregation who knew and loved the sweet little ones, the terrible truth came almost as a personal bereavement, and with tearful earnestness they redoubled their efforts to comfort and assist the grief stricken mother.

A special meeting of the board of health was called and Mayor Alexander and the members of the board willingly granted permission to bury the children in Morris Hill cemetery should it be found necessary.

Owing to the malignant character of the disease, it was deemed best to have the bodies placed in hermetically sealed caskets in order to permit their shipment to Chicago should the parents so desire. Two caskets were taken to Idaho City last night and the remains will, if possible, be brought down today.

Until Dean Deuel arrives from Chicago tonight definite arrangements for the funeral will not be decided upon. The Dean has been advised by wire of the demise of his beloved boy, and many of his most intimate friends will meet and assist him in bearing the double burden of grief.

A serious and painful feature of the sudden bereavement is the illness of Mrs. Deuel, whom the shock has completely prostrated. None too robust at the best, Mrs. Deuel has been carried through the awful ordeal by her pluck and devotion. She has known sorrow before, having lost her mother, a sister and grandmother within a few days of each other not so long ago. The hearts of her many friends in Boise are overflowing with grief and sympathy, and the churchwomen, irrespective of creed, are eager to tender their condolence and proffer their assistance.

The sorrow-stricken mother and her sister, Miss Willis, are expected to arrive in Boise today. They will subject themselves to a thorough fumigation before reaching the city. Mrs. Deuel will be taken to St. Luke's hospital and placed in charge of Miss Long, an experienced nurse.

The caskets left Boise last evening will be taken direct to the Little Sammy mine, where Mrs. Deuel and her sister were spending a vacation with the Fitzburghs. The mine is about twelve miles from Idaho City and it is hardly expected that the bodies of the children will reach Boise before Dean Deuel's arrival tonight.

On the streets and in the homes the sad occurrence was the principal conversational topic yesterday and many touching expressions of sympathy were uttered, even by those who had not the pleasure of knowing the bereaved parents.

Rev. J. C. S. Wells went to Columbus yesterday morning to meet his daughters, Mrs. Charles Deuel and Miss Willis, who were enroute to Chicago with the remains of Katherine and Willis Deuel. Burial will be in that city.

ARE BEING WELL TREATED HERE

Temporary Chairman McNea Says Norfolk is Doing the Hostess Turn Right Royally.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]
"We are having a good meeting," said J. F. McNea, of Kearney who is acting, during the absence of Chairman Johnson, at the head of the board of control. "They are treating us immensely. We have had everything run as smoothly as clock work and the boys are all having a good time."

Mr. McNea has gone to all the meetings in recent years and is one of the best known men in the association. He handled the races yesterday in an irreproachable manner. He explains the poor luck of the Kearney crowd in their lack of sleep during Monday night. They were up all night long and naturally not feeling right yesterday. He thinks they will run at a good gait when they do start. The Kearney boys are all at the Oxnard.

POPE GOES TO HIS LONG HOME.

Leo XIII Passed Away at 4:04 O'Clock This Afternoon, Surrounded by Cardinals, Relatives and Friends.

WITH HIS LAST WORDS HE PRONOUNCED A BENEDICTION

The Change Came During the Night and Immediate Dissolution was Only Averted by Reliability of Heart Action—

A Christian Gentleman, a Superior Magistrate and a Beloved Head of the Church.

Rome, July 20.—Special to The News: Pope Leo XIII died at four minutes after 4 o'clock this afternoon. Around the bedside of the dying pontiff were cardinals, relatives and members of the papal court.

Just before lapsing into unconsciousness the aged man moved his lips and the last articulate words were those which are used in bestowing benediction.

DYING POPE'S LAST HOURS.

Was in a State of Coma for Hours Preceding His Death.

Rome, July 20.—Now that the supreme last moment in the memorable life of Pope Leo is expected hourly, the contrast between the quiet within and the excitement without the vatican is most striking. Inside there is a hushed calm of expectation. The doctor and attendants of the dying pontiff speak in whispers and move noiselessly about the sick room, so that no sound comes except from the breathing of the pope, and his calls for Pio Centra or Dr. Laponni. No matter at what hour death comes the whole palace will spring into sudden life as though touched by the magician's wand. In the Piazza of St. Peter's on the contrary, all is movement, there being a regular company of journalists before the famous bronze doors, which are closed in their faces and behind which the regular tramp of the Swiss guards can be heard.



LEO XIII.

Many eyes are glued to the window in the pope's chamber overlooking the piazza, while the nearby cafes are crowded. Bicycles ready for use are piled outside them. The Osservatore Romano, the chief vatican organ, has received orders to hold itself in readiness to issue almost at a moment's notice a special edition. The only thing wanting to complete the paper is the hour of death.

The pope lies in a state of coma, and there are grave doubts in the minds of his doctors whether he will ever completely emerge. His immediate dissolution seems only averted by the reliability of the action of the heart. His pulse, though weak, continues steady.

Dr. Laponni said to the correspondent of the Associated Press "The pope is in a state of coma, which may be termed a condition preceding the last agony, the duration of which it is impossible to forecast, although everything leads to the belief that his condition cannot last. To be more exact, he is still in a state of torpor and stupor, from which, however, he rouses occasionally when he hears sharp sounds, as for instance the insistent voice of one of his familiars calling loudly to him. Left alone he relapses into a condition of torpor. At times he murmurs in his sleep, continuing to have forebodings that he is being abandoned by his valet, Centra, and myself. These are the symptoms of cerebral anæmia and general exhaustion. He can no longer turn in his bed without assistance and is being kept alive by artificial stimulants. During the last twenty-three hours he has had two injections of camphorated oil, three of caffeine and two of salt water, besides drinking stimulants."

Condition Grows Worse.

At the morning visit the physicians noted a change for the worse. The distinguished patient appeared to have lost all of that vitality which he has hitherto so remarkably maintained. He appeared piteously to those about him, asking not to be left alone.

Although his mental vigor was nearly exhausted, he asked that mass be celebrated. This was performed in the room adjoining that in which the pontiff lay. Almost immediately he sank into a state of complete exhaustion. At first this took on the character of an unnatural sleep and he lay as if one insensate, with his eyes closed, but occasionally he started up and cried out as if in fear. Gradually, however, his sleep became heavier and assumed a condition of semi-consciousness or torpor.

The sacred college has decided that the conclusion of the cardinals during the strictest formalities. It will even be impossible for the cardinals to look out of the windows, and the vatican guards will watch the coming and going of everyone. Cardinal Orsini has ordered all the telephones in the vatican to be removed before the conclave begins.

Both the Italian government and the authorities of the vatican have made final preparations for the pope's death. The government is rigorously censoring all telegrams and telephonic communications between Italy and the rest of the continent.

SKETCH OF LATE POPE'S LIFE.

Epoch of Remarkable Career of the Deceased Pontiff.

That the pope of Rome should be a deity amongst far and near, for the length and breadth of the United States seems novel only to those who have not observed the influence of education and intercourse upon what were once stubborn hostilities.

About seven years ago the publishing house which is generally identified with Mark Twain, the humorist, selected the pope as the subject of a book, and this book among others I have been consulting in order to arrive at a reasonable conclusion upon the work and merits of the superior man just deceased. The tone of this book is excited and partisan, whereas the feeling entertained toward Pope Leo in secular and Protestant circles is absolutely different from the controversial spirit. The fact is that since Leo was deposed by various combative Celtic pens he has himself put a quietus upon that kind of ferocity. In 1892 the world saw with astonishment that the pope of Rome favored the education of the masses and was no opponent of American common school education, and that he was quite willing to have his priests in America follow the usage of the country and on matters of pure politics, taxation and finance choose their own views.

Nothing pacifies what are called religious hostilities like unexpected moderation from the chief of our opponents. The advance of practical science has much restricted the subjects of pure faith. As nearly everything has been more or less explained, as the former wide realm of spirits is but seldom disturbed in these centuries by their appearance, and as the collegians, especially in the Catholic church, have given minute attention to education, the dividing lines between this world and the next are merged in the general statement that one portion of the people do not know about the future and another portion do know or do affirm their faith.

Science no longer, as in the time of Voltaire, goes hunting for the church. With corresponding civilization and refinement the church welcomes educated men as at least hopeful signs of a better understanding.

It can be shown, I think, that the story of the pope is an exceedingly simple and pretty one. He has been—though the pontiff, as it is called, of the most ancient ecclesiasticism in western Europe—an excellent citizen of our later world. He has been a good magistrate, a superior pastor, a gentleman, and it may be added, a prince. He was a prince in nature before he was either cardinal or pope.

In the light of worldly temporariness he has been among the poorest of the popes for many a century, but on that very account less subject to criticism and more open to universal sympathy. From the time he was elected pope the city of Rome has been in the occupation of the king of Italy and has indeed been the political capital of Italy, the laws of that kingdom paying no attention to the previous laws and formalities which the secular state supplanted. But the influence of the pope as a spirit of education and of light has extended to the most remote portions of the world. It has particularly grown in the United States and in England and has also become extended in