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STATE FIREMEN'S TOURNA MENT.

The reports of the annual tourns ment of the North Carolina Volunteer Firemen, which was held in Goldsboro this week, do not redound to the credit of this Association.

It may be urged that New Berne is "hoggish" to kick about anything, as nearly all the prizes went to the fire companies from this

As the JOURNAL has given more space and taken a greater interest in this Firemen's Association than any other newspaper in the State, and it would be no exaggeration to say more than all the rest of the State press together; and as the New Berne Fire Department and many of its leading citizens make this Association what it is, and make the tournaments the successes that they have been, perhaps criticism through the JOURNAL will not be regarded out of place, especially if such criticism has the facts to substantiate it, and if the purpose of this criticism be to uphold the character of the A-sociation, and promote houest and fair races at all tournaments.

It is not too much to say that the tournament just closed at Goldsboro has witnesfed a series of rank decisions by the judges upon the several tournament events, the worst possible time keeping records, and a badly managed race course.

In its local columns the JOURNAL publishes the story of the tours ament and matters connected with it. These tell their own tale, and the reader can judge for himself or herself.

While the JOURNAL has nothing to say against the intentions of the judges and time keepers, that they meant well, yet well meaning is not what is wanted in such officials, they should thoroughly know and understand the rules and regulations, which the Goldsboro judges were not familiar with, and the time keepers should be persons who can tell the correct time by looking at a watch's face, which the Goldsboro time keepers seemed incapable of doing.

And a race course which is constantly invaded by the public, where interference is made easy and contestants are subjected to hindrances which cannot be remedied. all this is against the spirit of fair play and against future tournsments unless it be corrected.

The JOURNAL believes that it will be impossible to hold future tournaments in this State, if the same conditions and spirit prevail as were shown at Goldsboro.

The incidents surrounded and connected with the Championship Belt contest place the Association in a bad light.

The spirit of, to the winner the belt belongs, was entirely absent, and the officials of the Association exhibited a niggardness and fear of losing this trophy which was to its discredit.

If the Association fears to lose this Championsh'p Belt, thereby provoking such a disgraceful exhibition as was seen at Goldaboro, the JOURNAL will guarantee the Volunteer Firemen of North Carolina a Championship Belt equal or better than the present one, to be run for and given to the winning team, provided that New Berne has a contesting team.

No finer sport could be wished for than these Annual tournaments, but spectator and contestant, equally, will become disgusted and not attend, if they be conducted loosely and without the spirit of fair

Dr. R. Detebon's Autt Dincette ou have a child who soils hedding from ontenence of water during sleep. Cures old and young aline, it arrests the trouble at once. \$1. Sold by C. D. Brad-ham, druggist, New Berne, N. C.

HE SAVED THE MILK.

entired Gentles to Do It, but He Wa Equal to the Occasion.

"Talking about cows," said Andy Henderson, "I really think that I had one of the most peculiar experiences with the animals in question that ever befoll a citizen of west Texas. It was soon after I went to El Paso, some ten years ago, and before I had get familiar with the vagaries of the El Paso eli-

mate.

"I had settled on a very pretty ranch some miles cut of the progressive fromther city and was doing nicely until I decided to go into the butter business. I sent cust for a dozen fine Jersey cows and began operations. Well, the cows came on, and I hustled the butter business from the imm. Things progressed ness from the jump. Things progressed nicely for a month, when the weather grew very warm and the atmosphere very dry. The Rio Grande dwindled until a roach could have waded neross. Every bit of moisture disappeared, but this did not affect me, because I had a fine artesian well on the ranch and plenty of water. I observed, however, that my cows were losing milk day by day, until at last they were perfectly dry. I was astounded, for they had plenty of feed and lots of water from the well. I couldn't understand it and determined to invostigate.

"I got up an hour before daylight and examined the cows, and, to my asten-ishment, I found the udders of the cows heavy with milk. I did not milk the animals, but simply watched and waited developments. Day dawned and the cows lazily meandered into the pasture, and I followed. The sun came up, and with the sun came the terrible dryness, but it didn't feaze me in the least.
What knocked me out was the sight of
my cows' udders. They were growing
smaller and smaller as I looked until
they were as flaccid as a punctured tire.
Then I tumbled. The dryness of the atmosphere simply evaporated the milk through the walls of the udder.

What did I do? Why, I varnished the milking apparatus of the beasts and the milk couldn't ooze through the flesh. That stopped it."-New Orleans Times Democrat.

A SENSE OF HUMOR.

It Is a Precious Gift and Helps to Light-

en Life's Way. I regard a sense of humor as one of the most precious gifts that can be vouchsafed to a human being. He is not necessarily a better man for having it, but he is a happier one. It renders him indifferent to good or bad fortune. It enables him to enjoy his own discomfi-

Blessed with this sense he is never unduly elated or cast down. No one can ruffle his temper. No abuse disturbs his equanimity. Bores do not bore him. Humbugs do not humbug him. Solemn airs do not impose on him. Sentimental gush does not influence him. The follies of the moment have no hold on him. Titles and decorations are but childish baubles in his eyes. Prejudice does not warp his judgment. He is never in conceit-or out of conceit with himself. He abhors all dogmatism. The world is a stage on which actors strut and fret for his edification and amusement, and he pursues the even current of his way, invulnerable, doing what is right and proper according to his lights, but uttorly indifferent whether what he does finds approval or disapproval from oth-

If Hamlet had had any sense of humor, he would not have been a nuisance to himself and to all surrounding him. -London Truth.

Spending Money.

It is an excellent thing to give children as soon as they arrive at about 12 years, or even before, a little allowance for spending money and an account book. Show them how to keep an account of small expenditures and make wish to receive their allowance. There is no instruction more necessary to children than instruction in the wise management of money. Children should be taught early what true economy is and to exercise their judgment-not their fancy—in making purchases. A little instruction now, and experience if need be, of the genuine discomforts of extravagance may save them from much saffering in after years. - New York'

He Had Changed.

A widow once called upon an artist and asked him to paint a portrait of her husband. F. When can he sit?' inquired the artist. "He can't sit at all," said widow, "he's dead." "Then you will have to furnish me with his photograph," said the artist. "He never had his picture taken," said the widow. Nevertheless the artist undertook the job, and when he had finished the work asked the widow to come and see it. "It's a fine picture," said she, "and you'll please send it to my home—but how the old man has changed." "Bos-

ton Herald. He Saw the Play.

They were giving "She Stoons to Conquer" in a small provincial town. uniless individual, auxious to see the play, stalked past the ticket office in a careless, independent sort of way When stopped and asked by what right he went in without paying, be replied:
"By what right! I am Oliver Gold-

smith, the author of the piece they are going to perform!" "Ab, beg pardon, sir, "said the check taker, making a bow.

And Goldsmith walked in to see his

play. -London Answers. Why Is It Ever Thus? The whole crowd of men raved of her

She was divine, they said, incompar By divine, and gloriously beautiful. So she was, just as they lud said. But one man did not think so. Her brother. Vim.

'During the hot weather last sammer I had a severe attack of chotera morbus, necessitating my leaving my business," says Mr. C. A. Hare, of Hare Bros., Vincastle, Ohlo. "After taking two or three doses Cham' erlain's Colic, Cholera May be worth more to you than \$100 if and Diarrhoea Remedy I was completely relieved and in a few hours was able to resume my work in the store. I sincerely recommend it to any one afflicted with stomach or howel trouble." For New York Press. Sale by F. S. Duffy.

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Mile. Delaptume saw by the man's eyes that he was dangerously mad, and, fearful of a tragedy, she accepted his offer with apparent calmiess. Then she invited the strange visitor to the mayor's office in order to have the nuptia knot tied. The man accompanied her with alacrity to the establishment in question, where a secretary, informed of the real state of affairs, protended to read the civil marriage regulations. The mock bridegroom was then taken by a detective to the police depot under the delusion that he was bound for a pastry cook's, there to give an order for a sumptuous wording breakfast. The man was, it appears formerly employ-ed as a valet by one of Mile. Delap-lumo's friends.—Paris Letter.

A Brilliant Fraud.

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Presperity peeped from its pages. The magnatus rapidly grow fat. In the second week the American Kews company ordered 14,000 copies. Money flowed our like corn from a hopper and not a cent came in. The writer and paster went around at the end of the month to collect from the 30 day advertisers and what do you suppose happened? He falled to find one! Every nivertisensent was a fruid. There were no such names, no such businesses, no such addresses as the agent brought in for publication. He happened to have an engagement in New Jersey on that fatalul day and never has been seen since. Contracts supposed to be worth \$10,000 were not worth a cent. The inagnation died.—New York Press.

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