

## MIDWAY TO BLAZE A TROANOKE FAIR

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events. In every particular the horse show promises to be a notable record in the history of Roanoke's equine entertainments.

The Horse Show will be but one feature of the evening's performance. In addition there will be the fireworks the most elaborate perhaps ever seen in the South. They will be under the direction of an expert.

There will also be the free show, the special acrobatic and comedy acts secured by the management. Each of them is a triumph. In America and Europe they have appeared before multitudes of people and everywhere they have won applause.

The Midway will be like a great flashing jewel; for it, too, will have its myriad of lights and will glitter and glow with wonderful brightness.

### ATHLETIC SHOW.

The management of the Fair Association has received a letter from the chief of police of Bellefontaine, Ohio, highly endorsing Bert Harrington's athletic show, which is to be one of the features of the exhibition.

He says: "I can conscientiously recommend Bert Harrington's athletic show as clean, moral, and up-to-date. They have spent the present week at our fair, and Mr. Harrington as well as his boys proved themselves gentlemen in every respect, and I think this kind of performance is much better for the young as well as the old, than some of the things given at our county fairs."

This kind of endorsement is most pleasing to the management; for it wants only what is clean and good and it is making every effort to have shows that will give pleasure and amusement and at the same time contain nothing objectionable.

### CHARIOT RACES.

Some of the other features of the Great Fair will be the chariot races and the Roman standing races. In the chariot races there will be a reproduction of the exciting contests in the days of the Caesars, not like those usually seen in circuses, but the real thing, out in the open, with blue skies for a canopy and fresh breezes of the valley and the sunlight to add to the interest.

The Roman standing race is where the rider stands on the horses, holding the reins in his hands, and urging on his animals with whip and voice.

Calvo was with John Robinson's circus. He became mixed in the Mexican revolution and was so tied up there that he had to cancel his engagement with the circus people. Therefore he is on the road with Kemp. Who is Calvo? He is the famous Mexican slack wire artist, a wonder of wonders, whose act alone will be worth the price of admission.

Here are some of the things Kemp's Wild West has with it: More than thirty head of stock; Colonel V. F. Cody with Miss May Cody and Miss Jennie Cody, greatest shots of the day; Indians in Indian costumes with Indian equipments and Indian ponies, cowboys and cowgirls who will have races with each other and with the Indians, giving a great exhibition of equestrian feats. The Indians are from the Sioux tribe and have long hair and wear blankets. Because of the gradual disappearance of the Indian race, their appearance in this city should be highly appreciated, especially by young folks.

It should be stated just here that the chariot and Roman races and other interesting and novel track features will be a part of the free show in front of the grand stand.

### ENORMOUS CROWD.

The management has arranged to take care of a crowd of not less than sixty thousand persons during the four days of the fair. These visitors will come from all parts of Virginia

and adjoining States, and the South-west and Valley will be especially well represented.

Special rates are provided for on both the Norfolk & Western and Virginia rail roads, and several excursions will be run into the city from north, south, east and west.

### THE MUSIC.

Music for the fair will be furnished by the Roanoke Machine Works Band and the Eagles' Band, the former on Thursday and Friday and the latter on Tuesday and Wednesday.

These bands have a well-merited reputation and are regarded as among the leading organizations of the kind in the State. The Roanoke Machine Works Band is known throughout the South and its services are often in demand in distant cities.

## SPEAKER CLARK URGES VIGILANCE

In Speech at Lawrenceburg, Ky., He Says Democrats are United and Confident—Triumphant Democracy Now Resounding Theme.

Lawrenceburg, Ky., Sept. 20.—"Triumphant Democracy is now the resounding theme of every tongue. After seventeen years of wandering in the wilderness we this day stand upon Mount Victory and look into the Promised Land which we will enter and possess in 1912." So declared Champ Clark, speaker of the National House of Representatives, in an address here today. Mr. Clark was born near Lawrenceburg, March 7, 1850 and until today had not been there since he taught a country school.

Continuing his message to Democracy the speaker said:

"Democrats everywhere are cheerful, hopeful, confident, united and aggressive, while our Republican friends are sad, hopeless, despondent, on the defensive and split into bitter factions constantly at each others' throats. From ocean to ocean they are fighting each other like the cats of Kilkenny. President Taft leading the stand pat faction, which Senator Robert Marion LaFollette—"Fighting Bob," as his followers love to call him—heads the Insurgents. With them it is war to the knife and the knife to the hilt.

"They are so thoroughly destroying each other that sometimes it seems that all we have to do is to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord; but wise democrats are not in favor of standing still or of depending on republican factionalism to give us the victory next year. On the contrary we should continue as we have begun, press forward, advance our banners, keep everlastingly pounding them, pass more good bills until we have carried out our entire program and force the president to sign or veto meritorious democratic measures, which are designed to promote the prosperity, happiness and safety of the American people. That is a policy which will win and which deserves to win.

"The greatest statesman that ever lived, bar none, Thomas Jefferson, said: 'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.' It is also the price of success at the polls. I commend it most cheerfully and earnestly to democrats all over the land."

Mr. Clark reviewed conditions in both parties, referred to the democratic victory of 1910, and the various congressional fights, and said that "had the republicans in the 61st congress honestly redeemed the promises made in the campaign of 1908, to revise the tariff downward, they would have made their party invincible, and would have secured another long lease of power. The masses of the people without regard to party affiliations