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ATTEND THE INSTITUTE

All interests in Manassas should be represented at the Farmers' Institute tomorrow when plans for the great Agricultural Fair are discussed. Manassas as the site of the institution is peculiarly interested in its inception and development. It is expected that this interest shall be manifested, now, when it is essential that town and county interests co-operate in instituting the enterprise. The Agricultural Fair will increase the importance of Manassas as the capital of Prince William county, and strengthen commercial relations with outlying districts that now regard this town more as the seat of county government than as their natural trading point. There is no reason why Manassas should not attract and hold the commerce of Prince William county, but this can only be accomplished by substantially assisting movements calculated to exploit and benefit agriculture, our chief industry.

FOR THE HIGHWAY

MANASSAS is manifesting the proper quality of civic spirit by sending a delegation to the good roads smoke to be given in Richmond tonight by the Chamber of Commerce. Then, too, it is recognition of Manassas as an important point on the great Quebec-to-Miami highway. The route has virtually been established through Manassas upon pledge of \$6,000 by this town to the \$200,000 fund required to complete the Virginia link. Strong competitors are in the field. A rally will be held in Manassas early in March. It is an excellent plan to begin local exploitation of the improvement now, in anticipation of the rally. The international highway will be an avenue to progress. It will build Manassas as a commercial and residential town, directly benefitting all citizens.

SPEAKING OF MEETZ

Richmond, Va., February 13, 1912.
Prince William has a real live member down here. And such a lively one! That he never fails to speak to the wax figures in the show windows! I saw him do it.

PARAGRAPHS

WORK together for Manassas.

THIS town will be precisely what you help make it.

IMPRESSIONS of the severely cold winter ought to help some next summer.

THE international highway will direct the current of commerce to Manassas.

"THE desire to make good is only occasionally keen enough to make a man work overtime." Selected.

"LET us be of good cheer, remembering the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come." Lowell.

A NEW YORK man has invented a fuelless engine that will run stove that will heat without fuel.

A LONDON expert is authority for the statement that a man who consumes a couple of ounces of fresh butter for his breakfast may consume at the same time 50,000,000 germs. According to that, prohibitive prices have a hygienic value.

No argument can be advanced against the installation of water, electric lights and sewers in Manassas. The utilities by improving the town will attract home-seekers. Abundant power and adequate fire protection are indications for industries.

THE founding of a republic in China will establish that nation as a power to be reckoned with. The introduction and acceptance of modern ideas in China, even though the way had not broken out, had aroused the Chinese from lethargy that was their national characteristic, and awakened them to realization of their potential greatness.

THE proposed visit of Secretary of State Knox to Central America is regarded by diplomats as being of world-wide importance. In a recent speech Secretary Knox said: "The logic of topography and of strategy, and now our expanding national interest, issued by the Panama Canal, make the safety, the peace and the prosperity of Central America and the countries of the Caribbean of paramount interest to the United States. Thus, the malady of revolutions and financial collapse is most acute precisely in the region where it is most dangerous to us. It would not be wise to uphold a great policy like the Monroe Doctrine and to re-pudiate its necessary corollaries and neglect the sensible measures which reason dictates as safeguards."

Women should be given a vote to decide whether they wish to vote or not, declares Roosevelt in the current number of *The Outlook*.

He says: "I believe in woman's suffrage wherever the women want it. I believe a referendum was held in Massachusetts, in which a majority of the women who voted, voted in favor of the ballot. But they included only five per cent of the women who were entitled to vote, and where the vote is so light those not voting should be held as voting no. This was in 1896. It would be well worth the experiment again in Massachusetts and New York."

Perhaps one reason why so many men believe as I do in woman's full equality with men take little interest in the suffrage movement to be found in the very unfortunate action of certain leaders in that movement, who seem desirous of associating with it thoroughly degrading and vicious assaults upon the morality and duty of women within and without marriage."

REFLECTIONS OF THE MIRROR

BY LOUIS E. SLINGERLAND
THE initial number of The Saturday Mirror, devoted to the drama, music and society, edited and published by Frank C. Lake, at Sioux City, Iowa, has been received. The Mirror clearly reflects the brilliance of its editor as dramatic critic and writer on any theme he may essay, and sparkling quality of the production merits golden reward.

Apart from its literary excellence, The Mirror appeals to me as the production of an old friend and associate in the newspaper game and in the dramatic profession. It is of the latter that I will write.

Years ago, out West, Lake and I were contemporaries in the staff of a city newspaper. Both required frequent attendance at theatres, and this, with predilection for the stage, fired fancy into determination to enter the profession. The opportunity came soon after we expected.

One afternoon when the paper had gone to press, we were loitering in the news room when Kate appeared in person of a small

loitering,

in a box

distributing

announcements of a chautauqua in session. In a

country town a few miles away. When we noticed the adver-

tisement until our attention was attracted and held by the por-

traits of two young and beautiful girls, sisters—readers and im-

personators, unusually gifted—pre-eminent in dramatic portrayal,

the printed page told us. The girls in the picture were smiling.

Enchanted! Youthful imagination painted a future glorious.

Under our management those girls were to be transformed into

into dazzling brilliant stars in the theatrical firmament. That they

were yet to be consulted in determining the proposition radiant

with promise of fame and fortune, and the fact that they then were

as totally unaware of our existence as an hour before we had been

of them, neither impressed us nor influenced our plans. Consent?

Why, of course, they would! We knew that they were waiting for us!

We lacked none of the assurance of youth. We resigned our

positions and left on the fast train for the chautauqua. The even-

ing performances had begun as we entered the big tent, but, in

anticipation of the appearance of the girls, we saw and heard

nothing of the opening presentations, which, however, I judged to

be excellent from the great applause they received.

After waiting that seemed interminable, the girls appeared.

They were divinely beautiful! And they could act! That settled

it! Although we had not yet met the young ladies and submitted

our plan for their acceptance or refusal, our faith in realization

of the dream was stronger. We secured an introduction through a friend whom we met on the grounds. I remember well that summer night when down the lane we walked home with the girls, away from the crowd in the big tent. The air was still save when fragrant

vagrant zephyrs whispered through the leaves—the stars winked

knowingly, and the moon with magic alchemy transmuted the

dusty country road into a silvery path of romance. We were young

then, and the dream was ours.

The influence of the moon and the presence of the beautiful

maiden were not conducive to discussion of tragic themes, but we

successfully succeeded in imparting a fairly intelligible description of our plans. They thought it would be perfectly lovely! Would they go?

Certainly! But, of course, we must first ask their mother and see if she gave her consent. That would be easy, we all agreed, as we re-

sumed dreams of the future. It is evident that we were quite

young and inexperienced.

Stern and forbidding, gaunt and spare, possessed of the mean-

and suspicious nature that interprets innocence as evil, implacable and

rebellious—this was the mother. Let her daughters go roaming

around the country with a couple of young fellows of whom she

knew nothing and cared to know less? NO, INDENDEF!! Why,

she had never heard of such impertinence in all of

her horn daval! They were not going one step she said.

As we pleaded, the girls cried, but we might as well have

implied a stone image.

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What we need now," said

John C. Easley, of the Richmond

Chamber of Commerce.

"What is the great highway?" asked

Frank C. Lake.

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Quebec to Miami.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

C. D. Welch agent Sunday in Washington.

Circuit court has adjourned to the April term.

The town council will meet next Monday night.

The county supervisors will meet next Saturday.

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Richard Kelly, instructor at the college, has returned to Manassas after visiting at his home in Remington. I. O. Kibler took charge of his class during Mr. Kelly's absence.

I. M. Wakeman of Newmarket, was here this week on business and visiting his father-in-law, Dr. E. Kopp. J. D. Burner and son, Clinton of Woodstock, were also guests of Mr. Kopp.

Lieutenant William Lay Fitterton, of Fort McKenzie, Wyo., was here Saturday and Sunday visiting his aunt, Mrs. H. T. Hodges. He left Monday for Baltimore on his return to the west.

Washington's Birthday is being celebrated at Bradley School to day with a flag raising and Bible presentation by Bull Run Council No. 15, Order of Elks. A patriotic program is being given by the children.

Miss S. Frances Sale, head of the department of science, in the Hartsburg State Normal, was a guest of Mrs. M. S. Moffett last week. Miss Sale addressed the Women's auxiliary of the Farmers' Institute. Her subject was "Household Conveniences."

An aeromotical view of the Potomac canal shown in paper mache, together with a profile of the canal with historical and descriptive facts are shown in a placard received from the Tidewater Portland Cement Company, of Baltimore, Md. It is a most valuable reference.

Mrs. W. N. Lipcomb has been quite ill the past week but is now recovering.

F. A. Lipscomb has accepted a position as mail weigher on the Southern railway.

Miss Sue Brown has returned from a visit to Broad Run after visiting friends in town.

Miss Edith Lipscomb has re turned from a visit to Mrs. W. H. Free, in Nokesville.

Miss Bessie Merchant spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Frank Smart, in Washington.

Howard Hulsh visited his home at The Plains Sunday.

Mrs. U. D. Waters and Miss Claudia Waters attended the theatre in Washington this week.

James Dunnington, spent Sun day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dunnington in Bellwood next Sunday.

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While her mother is seriously ill in hospital, little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Stevens, is critically ill of pneumonia, at the home in Bristol.

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Stricken with paralysis last Friday, Cyrus Warrin, 76 years old, died Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in his home near Bradley. The measure makes it an offense to sell adulterated stock food.

Mr. Steele on yesterday also introduced a bill requiring railroads

on the premises, benefit his wife

and their dependents.

Mr. Steele was found by C. E. Fisher

dead.

He revived when lifted to his feet.

Mr. Steele was taken to his store,

but fearing another attack he turned home. He recovered from the shock, and was able to resume business at noon.

His hands and right hand were pain fully bruised by the fall.

He died about 20 years ago.

Mr. Warrin was born near Brentsville and had been a resident of Prince William county all his life.

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The students all enjoyed the

splendid music, while the young people enjoyed themselves until an early hour next morning.

The dance was well attended by a number of out of town people.

Among them were Miss Sue

Brown, of Broad Run, Miss

Mattie Flannigan, of Charlotte ville, Miss Delia Phillips, of Richmond, Miss Ora Mason Kincheloe, of Washington, Miss

Groth, of Washington, Miss

Porter Nalls, of Culpeper, Robert

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Lillian Hixson last Sunday.

Misses Ollie Leachman and

Bert Davis were the guests of

Miss Mary Leachman Saturday.

Oscar Portner of Washington

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