

Sylvester A. Long Talks Straight From Shoulder

Talks to People About Everyday Life, but Says Things Worth While



SYLVESTER A. LONG, who speaks at Chautauqua, is a man of balance who knows how and when to hit and when to quit. As an orator, his eloquence is the index of his thought. He knows that a great truth, like a great statue, requires no drapery. Long is earnest, intense, dramatic, but naturally so. Long is one of the big men of the Chautauqua movement and one of the foremost to demonstrate the possibilities of the Chautauqua platform as a parliament of the people. His sane, invigorating discussions of the great questions agitating the public mind are illuminating and inspiring. He is packed with information. He recognizes the apparent darkness in some matters, but no one can hear him without experiencing renewed hope. He leaves the impression that it is folly to remain in a dark room when by pressing a button it would be flooded with light. Like Lincoln, he plants a flower wherever he finds a thistle. He illustrates his points with brilliantly apt figures and colors them with an indescribable humor. Hear Long—long, but not too long.

SIGHT SEEING STEAMERS NOW IN WAR SERVICES

LONDON, May 25.—(By mail).—American tourists who in pre-war days boarded tussy little sight-seeing, paddle-wheeled steamers almost under the "Big Ben" tower of Parliament for jaunts up the Thames and return, may be surprised to learn that these steamers are now doing sterner duty on the distant river Tigris.

Early in 1916 a fleet of small, squat packets, about one-fifth the size of ordinary American river packets, turned their noses down the Thames for the first time and headed for the Persian gulf. The day was a big event to river habitués but the general public knew nothing about it. Each craft was in command of a naval officer and crew.

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JUDGE RIDDLE PRESENTS VIEWS ON PUBLIC MATTERS.

To the Editor:—
Permit me through your paper to offer some facts in connection with the Crater Lake cut off road.
Since the adoption of the resolution by the Pomona Grange condemning the County court for this project, there has been some adverse comment of the Granges action in the matter. I drew up and introduced the resolution and the Pomona Grange in adopting it put themselves on record in accord with granges all over the state of Oregon, in protesting the expenditure of large amounts of the public road funds on purely tourist roads, when the money was so much needed for the improvement of commercial roads. I never wrote the granges favor good roads for the producer to reach his shipping point.

The resolution in question stated in a concise manner facts upon which the resolution was based. So far no one has undertaken to controvert the facts set forth in the preamble of the resolution. It is true that Mr. I. P. Gardner undertakes to dispute the statement made by Mr. R. A. Busenbark that this so called "cut off" road would be a new road to maintain, but Mr. Busenbark was correct, it is to all intents and purposes a new road. There is no record to show that any action has been taken to vacate the old or to make the new project a county road and at this time Douglas county's road funds are being lavishly expended on a project that is not a County road at all.

Other statements of Mr. Gardner about development of timber and mining interests is pure "bunk." He says: "The Neenah Land Company pays approximately \$5,000 taxes. A good part of our holdings being on the route of the so called cut off. Well, not very near it; as a matter of fact the Neenah Land Company, nor any other company has any large timber holdings that this so called cut off would develop. It is sparsely timbered country suitable mostly for grazing."

Mr. Gardner also states that it is "Not generally known that on account of poor roads the largest copper mine in this county has to be cut from Medford over the divide into Douglas county." Now as a matter of fact the mine alluded to is several miles from this Crater Lake road and I have it from Mr. Gardner himself that the mine (Rowley mine) would not be affected by the road at all. The Bancroft mine is a copper mine prospect, but to say that its development depends upon this road is absurd. If so, it is certainly unfortunate when copper is so high a price that this mine should wait five years and an expenditure of fifty thousand dollars to reach it. There has been rumors of inspired matter printed extolling the scenic beauties of this route and showing the advantages to tourist travel, but it remained for Mr. Gardner to discover the great benefit to the timber and mining interests.

The sentiment in favor of this road has been created by misrepresentation. Even the News in giving an interview with Judge Marsters and Commissioner Nichols said that when this road is completed it will make the distance between Roseburg and Crater Lake over 100 miles nearer, when as a matter of fact the distance is less than fifty miles. But why go to Medford when there is a perfectly good road from Gold Hill to Crater Lake making the difference thirty miles.

The claim is made that this road will make Roseburg the gateway to Crater Lake, when Gold Hill or Medford are seventy-five miles nearer than Roseburg.

Now, Mr. Editor, this article is growing too long, and I am not through with the matter. I expect to write again showing that this road is not for the development of any material interest of the taxpayers of Douglas County, but is an exploitation of the public road funds and that in the interest of a very few individuals.

GEO. W. RIDDLE.

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WILL HE MAKE OR BREAK THE REPUBLICAN FORTUNES THIS YEAR? A LATE PHOTOGRAPH OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT, TAKEN AT SAGAMORE HILL.



Theodore Roosevelt.

ORPHANS AUTO OUTING IN NEW YORK TODAY.

NEW YORK, June 8.—As in former years, five thousand orphan children of New York were given their annual automobile outing today by the Orphan's Automobile Day Outing Association, at Dannelly's Grove, College Point, L. I. Horace de Lasser, who last year provided food for 5,000 children, is president of the association. Society folk who donated the use of their cars last year will again loan the machines, both commercial and touring types, for the worthy charity. The inmates of various children's orphanages look forward to this outing with eager joy, and the fulfillment of their wishes depends entirely on the number of cars and money given for the purpose.

600 DETROIT BUSINESS MEN GO INTO CAMP.

DETROIT, Mich., June 8.—Grand Island, a private game preserve of the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company, located off the South shore of Lake Superior, will be the camping ground of some 600 Detroit business and professional men who left here today on the Steamer City of Detroit III for the annual cruise of the Detroit Board of Commerce. The cruisers will arrive at the island, which is said to be one of the most beautiful private parks in the world, early Saturday morning. The return trip will be made in time to reach Detroit next Monday night.

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