

THE CLOSING ATTRACTIONS AT THE CHAUTAUQUA

SYLVESTER LONG, MAN WHO SAYS THINGS

Prominent Lecturer One of Popular Speakers In America Today



A MAN'S success in this day and age depends a great deal on whether he can "come back." The man who can "come back" and make a bigger success than ever before is the man who forges ahead and in the end has won a way into the hearts of the people.

Sylvester A. Long is a man who can "come back." He is one of the lecturers on the Chautauqua, and he "puts it over" in a way that is unusual. He is so well liked over the country that he has lectured in some cities as many as fifteen times, and that is an unusual record. Mr. Long has lectured in Cincinnati, Portland, Kansas City, Ogden, Philadelphia and dozens of other large cities. Mr. Long will be in demand here after he has been heard at the Chautauqua. Mr. Long says things and says them fast and well.

ROBERT PARKER MILES HAS TRAVELED ALL OVER GLOBE

Served on Hearst Newspapers as Religious Editor and Travels Over World In Search of News



ROBERT PARKER MILES, who is brought to the Chautauquas this year, was the confere of Gladstone, Pope Leo XIII, and many other of the great characters of modern times, both in this country and Europe. As reformer, traveler and "uplift" editor of the greatest chain of newspapers in the world, Dr. Miles is equipped with a fund of first hand information seldom experienced in one man's career. As an orator Dr. Miles is distinguished for his dramatic power to visualize the famous characters and events of the past generation, with which he is so thoroughly familiar.

Wood Briggs, Famous Story Teller, to Appear at Chautauqua

Kentuckian Makes You Laugh Till Your Sides Ache In Evening of Funny Story Telling



IN a miscellaneous program of an hour and a half of love, laughter and pathos Wood Briggs will present his inimitable lecture entitled, "It's Funny, but Is It Art?" at the Chautauqua. Wood Briggs is one of the best known of the story tellers of the east, and many say that he is the equal of Bob Taylor, the famous Kentucky humorist. Wood Briggs is a young man and puts all of the vigor and joy of youth into his program, and if you do not laugh long and loud at his stories and witty philosophy it will be because your "laughter" is not geared in to high. Briggs will fix that if you will only give him half a chance.



The Sequia Quartet

SINGING KAFFIR BOYS UNIQUE NOVELTY

Balmer Brings Boys From Kaffir Land In South Africa to Chautauqua



DON'T think the black boys in this picture represent a group of cannibals, even though they may be dressed quite warlike. These boys are the members of Balmer's Kaffir Boy Choir, which J. H. Balmer has brought to America direct from South Africa. It is probably one of the most unique organizations ever brought to the west and will undoubtedly cause much comment when the boys give their concert at the Chautauqua. Each of the boys possesses a remarkable voice, and, although they cannot talk the English language, they sing English songs and sing them so they are understood. Balmer spent many years among the tribes of Kaffirs and Hottentots of South Africa and says they are the most remarkable people of the world. These boys are graceful and manly and are as perfect physically as a human being could be. The Kaffir choir program is one of unusual interest, and whoever spends that evening at Chautauqua will carry away with him a new conception of Africa and its possibilities.

LIVE TOPICS WELL HANDLED

PLATFORM MANAGER BRINGS NEW MESSAGE In Three Different Lectures He Covers Multitude of Questions

Three very live subjects have been handled by Platform Manager Erickson in an able way during the time he lectured at the morning hour.

One of his lectures was upon the subject, "Jane and Jimmy."

The Problem of Jane and Jimmy He dwelt upon the importance of ascertaining the bent of a child's mind early and then attempting to train him or her for the particular field the child is fitted for. He told of a peanut man in San Francisco who made a good living and was happy, until somebody advised him to enlarge his business and take on popcorn. When he did so, in a year he was broke and died of nervous prostration.

"If your child has a peanut mind, don't try to train him for something else," he said. "Train a child for what he is fitted for. If he has a mechanical mind, train him for mechanics, not for law or for medicine."

The Gary System A school system that does not meet the needs of a community, he said, is a failure, and he recommended the Gary system as a great melting pot where there are foreign children, and said: "I should think it would work wonders here among your school children. In New York and Chicago, in the slums, the Gary system is work-

ing great things and is going to be a great success.

"The Gary system is a great melting pot and is of greatest service where there are foreigners. Of course, it is expensive, but it pays.

"Every school system should be adapted to its surroundings—to the needs of the community. The Gary system is a great system for any city with a large foreign population.

Meeting Farm Need

"Out in the state of Washington they have evolved a system to meet the need of a large farming region, sparsely settled. They have established a school in a small town with dormitories for the boys and girls, where the children of the farmers can attend. If they had to depend upon the old-fashioned small country school, they would have but a few months a year and that of the mediocre type. Instead, they have built a good school in a central location and the boys and girls are boarded there. The farmers support it with money and with food products. These products are brought direct from the farm by the parents of the pupils.

School as Civic Center

"In Santa Rosa, Cal., \$100,000 have been spent by the people in making the schools a civic center. The boy scouts, the camp fire girls, all meet at the schools, where their teachers and leaders amuse and entertain them along right lines. There are lectures every evening by teachers, printers, preachers, lawyers, doctors, business men. Everybody takes an interest and helps the work. The children are trained in the right manner and kept away from cheap amusements that are not good for them."

Says Sterilize All Imbeciles Upon another day he spoke upon the subject of "Billy the Tough."

"Two French scientists have discovered a test of intelligence by which they can apply the test and determine the intelligence of any person or group of persons," the morning lecturer told his audience. "By this test it is pos-

sible to determine whether a mind is imbecile, part imbecile or normal. Then, by going into the penitentiaries and other reform institutions and applying this test, it is possible to segregate the imbeciles and prevent them from marrying and handing down their curse to future generations. Sterilization is also urged and I approve of it as a sure method of preventing the imbecile blood from being transmitted to children.

The Kalikak Family

"As an example of this fact, I cite the case of the Kalikak family. This family originated many generations ago, when a soldier of the revolutionary war, a man of good blood and no imbecility, lived with an imbecile woman. Of the 480 descendants of this illegitimate union, 143 were imbeciles, 43 were normal and, of the remainder, many were criminals and prostitutes. Later this man Kalikak married a woman of normal intelligence and the 490 descendants of this union were all normal, showing conclusively that the imbecility of the first mother was handed down to her children and their children.

Prostitutes Are Imbecile

"Fifty per cent of the prostitutes are imbeciles. Fifty per cent of all criminals are imbeciles. We spend one-half billion for education, many times more to protect society from crime. Childless women waste their

love on dogs and other pets, when they should be lavishing it upon children. At the same time they are doing this there are thousands of motherless boys and girls who go to the reform school because there is no other place to send them. Reform schools are schools for crime and 60 per cent of the inmates of these schools graduate into junior penitentiaries. This is a loss of society and is a most expensive loss, for it is wasting our manhood and womanhood."

The Gang Spirit

Mr. Erickson's talk was called "Billy the Tough, Reformed or Damned." He called attention to the progress that had been made during the past decade in education and compared the old methods of educating the young to the new. He also declared that the history of the child is the history of the race, and cited England's history in the time of Elizabeth to prove that the gang spirit, which rules boys, ruled a country at that time.

Woman Cigarette Smoker No Good

"Pep" was the theme of another day's lecture. "Pep—undiluted pep is life, vim, clear, get-up-and-go," he declared. "It is more. It is power, efficiency and push. Peppiness is a crime. When I see a man who is peppy he rests me to look at him. The peppy man is a knocker. He is against progress. He is a pessimist—

a man who drops fear thought into the minds of the men who come in a community to spend their money and to make it go and those same men leave after the peppy person has got to them.

No Use for Knocker

"I have no use for a man who knocks. He retards every community and never does anything himself. Neither have I any use for the man who has accumulated wealth for the selfish purpose of holding it and giving nothing in return. But many of those who have wealth have acquired it because they developed a habit of work, a desire to help humanity and, then incidentally they have acquired wealth. We want more such men for they are the ones who are doing the most for the country.

Millionaire Who Worked

"For example, I called on a friend of my father's in Chicago. He is a multi-millionaire. I found him at his desk with his sleeves rolled up working hard with the beads of perspiration streaming off his face. I told him he must quit that or he would kill himself. He answered that he was losing \$7000 a day and that he must stay by his plant, not for himself but for the men and women who worked there and who depended upon him for their daily bread. 'They helped me to make my fortune,' he said. 'I am not going to quit them now and they

will have work if it takes every dollar I have.'

Moneyed Men Do Things

"It is the moneyed men who are doing things in this world. They have developed pep—an ability to work. Take Luther Burbank, of California, and Thomas A. Edison, of East Orange. They have all accumulated wealth but they did it as an incident to their hard work, to their service to mankind and they deserve all they have earned and more. They are not knockers. They are builders and doers and men who make the world go around.

Habit the Thing

"Habit is the big thing. Take an inventory of yourself and see how you stand with yourself. I am not a crank on liquor. But liquor drinking is a waste of time and energy and the man who swills down liquor can't amount to much. Take the places where the wealth of the country gather. Take Del Monte, Newport, Washington. There the women sit around drinking liquor and smoking cigarettes. Show me a woman who smokes cigarettes and you don't have to tell me any more about her. I've got her number. These women with penciled eyebrows, face painted, frizzled hair, who sit and gossip and do nothing but chew gum, play rummy and flirt, are of no value

(Continued on Page Twelve)