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HUMOROUS HIT BY MR. PETTUS

Aged Alabama Senator As
a Fun-Maker

AIMS AT MR. BEVERIDGE

Much Merriment Created at Expense of
Orators in the Senate--Congrat-
ulations in Order.

A Washington special says: The sensation of the day Friday at the capitol was the speech of Senator Pettus, of Alabama, in which he poured upon the head of the youthful Republican orator, Mr. Beveridge, of Indiana, the vials of his wit and cynicism. It was an entirely new role for the senator from Alabama to assume, and to say that he made a hit is to give mild expression to the very evident facts.

In the course of a general speech on the Philippines General Pettus delivered a dissertation upon the qualities of orators in general, and the young orator (Beveridge) who addressed the senate Thursday in particular, which was the funniest thing the senate has known in many years.

From this time forward Mr. Pettus' speech was personal in its application. He first took Mr. Gallinger to task.

"I was very much entertained by the senator from New Hampshire on yesterday," he said, "when he informed us that he was not a lawyer and he proved it to us, not only by asserting it, but by his argument. Lawyers know that when you come to read a decision of a judge you must take all he says on a subject; that it will not do to take a sentence here and another there, but that is exactly what the senator did in quoting Justice Bradley on the Mormon church case."

The senator then went on to relate an anecdote illustrative of his point, in which a preacher of the older time--when the senator was a boy--had figured in Alabama.

"The minister," he said, "was as learned in the Bible as my friend from New Hampshire in the law. (Laughter.) He said: 'Brethren, my text today will be the following: Seven sons did Milch bear unto Enon. Now I expect, brethren, the preacher went on, if you would look at the commentaries to this text, but taking a common sense view of it, I will say this:

"I expect that Enon was sick and the doctor told his seven sons, great, strong fellows, that it was absolutely necessary that he should have milk for his nutrient; and thereupon the seven sons went out to look up the cows. The cows had not come up the night before, and so the sons could not find them; but they came across a bear and they made her and carried the milk to Enon, and so, brethren, it is writ 'Seven sons did Milch bear unto Enon.'

"That preacher," concluded Mr. Pettus, amid an outburst of hearty laughter, "has as accurate a conception of the scriptures as some of our senators have of the law of the land."

Mr. Pettus then turned his attention to the speech of Senator Beveridge and said:

"Mr. President, the Master once had to select a man to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt and through the wilderness of Canaan. He did not select an orator. No, he selected one of these men from Iowa or Maine, and his name was Moses. And he was a stubborn man, too. (Laughter.)

"But Moses told his Master to his face that he could not do it because he could not speak to the people. And what was the reply? There is Aaron. He speaks well. And they took Aaron along, not in command--that was not allowed; but they took him along as a kind of deputy. And when Moses on his Master's order went up into the mountain for the tablets, the orator left in charge had a golden calf formed (laughed) and he put all the people down to worshipping the golden calf. (Laughter.)

"More people worship the golden calf now than did in those days. But while Aaron and his people were all down worshipping the golden calf the man of God appeared and he pulled out his sword and demanded to know who was on the Lord's side, and the orator jumped up from his knees, drew his sword and got on Moses' side and went to killing the Israelites along with Moses.

"All these orators will do the same thing (laughed), the last one of them. We saw an instance of it yesterday afternoon."

At the conclusion of Mr. Pettus' speech senators crowded about him to tender congratulations.

TRANSVAAL REPRESENTATIVE

Holds Conferences With President
McKinley and Secretary Hay.

General James R. O'Brien, who was appointed by President Kruger as commissioner extraordinary of the Transvaal republic, had long interviews Friday with the president and secretary of state concerning affairs connected with the Boer government. While General O'Brien discussed Transvaal matters with Secretary Hay, the latter is authority for the statement that it was in an informal and unofficial capacity entirely.

SOUNDS SOMEWHAT FISHY.

Report of Big Coal Deal With English-
men Is Not Believed.

Representatives of southern coal companies in New York say they regard the contents of the recent New Orleans dispatch, announcing the sale of 2,000,000 tons of Alabama coal to an English syndicate at 75 cents a ton, at the month of the coal pits with 50 cents a ton allowance for transportation to New Orleans, as highly improbable, if not a gigantic hoax.

CITIZENS APPROVE STEUNENBERG'S ACTS

Idaho's Governor Upheld By Conserv-
ative People In His State.

ROOT IS SHOWN PETITION

Asked Secretary of War To Let
the Troops Remain.

BOERS CAPTURE BRITISH GUNS

Broadwood's Command
Moves Into Trap.

BEAT A HASTY RETREAT

Once More the Invaders Underestimate
the Cunning of the Burghers To
Their Great Discomfiture.

Advices received at London, from

Bushman Kop, under date of March

31st, stated that the British force com-
manded by Colonel Broadwood, con-
sisting of the Tenth Hussars, House-
hold cavalry, two-horse batteries and

a force of mounted infantry under

Colonel Pilcher, which had been gar-
risoning at Thabanchu, was obliged,

in consequence of the near approach

of a large force of Boers to leave their

position Friday night.

Colonel Broadwood marched to the

Bloemfontein waterworks, south of

the Modder river, where he encamped at

4 o'clock Saturday morning. At

early dawn the camp was shelled by

the enemy from a near point. Colonel

Broadwood sent off a convoy with the

batteries, while the rest of the force

remained to act as a rear guard.

The convoy arrived at a deep spruit,

where the Boers were concealed, and

the entire body walked into ambush

and was captured, together with six

guns.

The loss of life is not great, since

most of the British had walked into

the trap before a shot was fired.

LONDON DISAPPOINTED.

A London special of Monday morn-
ing says: General Buller's anxious in-
quiry whether British officers will ever

learn the value of scouting comes back with enforced emphasis to the British

public on receipt of the tidings that a

convoy with guns has walked deliberately into a Boer ambush within about

twenty miles of Bloemfontein.

Lord Robert's own report of the

affair, if yet received by the war office,

has not been published and no ac-
count of the affair is available to the

public except the dispatches from

Bushman kop. Nothing can be said,

therefore, regarding the exact extent of

the British misfortune.

In conclusion the signers beg to

state the efforts of the governor and

the state officials, assisted by the mil-
itary officials, have brought peace and

good order to the district and given

an impetus to all business interests and

a sense of safety to all people, which are highly appreciated, and for

which the signers are grateful.

AS IN THE OLD DAYS.

The Two Branches of the Methodist
Church Will Meet in Washington.

For the first time since 1861, when

the Baltimore conference of the Meth-
odist Episcopal church divided, the

two organizations, the Methodist Epis-
copal and the Methodist Episcopal

church, south, will meet simultane-
ously in annual conference in Wash-
ington during the week.

The Methodist denomination in the

United States divided in 1844 on the

question of slavery, but the Baltimore

conference remained undivided until

shortly after the outbreak of the civil

war. Since 1861 there have been two

Baltimore conferences.

The sessions of the Methodist Epis-
copal church will be held at the Met-
ropolitan M. E. church, and Bishop

John M. Walden will preside. The

M. E. church, south, will meet in the

Mount Vernon church and Bishop W.

A. Candler, of Georgia, will preside

and make the opening address.

ROBERTS SENDS CONDOLENCES.

British General Expresses Sympathy
Over Death of Joubert.

Lord Roberts has sent the following

dispatch to President Kruger:

"Have just heard of the death of

General Joubert, and desire to offer

my sincere condolence upon the sad

event. Would you like to convey to

General Joubert's family an expres-

sion of my most respectful sympathy

with their sad bereavement, and to

assure them also from me that all

ranks of her majesty's forces share my

feeling of deep regret at the sudden

and untimely end of so distinguished

a general, who devoted his life to the

service of his country, and whose

personal gallantry was only surpassed

by his humane conduct and chivalrous

bearing under all circumstances."

BOTH A SUCCEEDS JOUBERT.

New Commander of Boers Made Big
Reputation in Present War.

A New York Herald dispatch from

Pretoria says:

General Louis Botha has been ap-
pointed to succeed General Joubert as

commander in chief of the Transvaal

forces.

SHIP LOAD OF LUNATICS.

The United States transport Sher-
man sailed from Manila Sunday with

a battalion of the Fourteenth infantry,

Captains Richard T. Yeatman, Armaud

Lasseigne and William S. Biddle,

Lieutenants Robert Field and Oliver,

175 military prisoners and twenty-five

insane men.

TURN ON THE LIGHT.

BRICKMAKERS POOL INTERESTS.

Thirty-Six Large Concerns Combine
Under One Administration.

The Philippine commissioners met in

Washington Thursday and agreed

upon the personnel of the staff that is

to accompany the commission to Ma-

nila. They also agreed on certain

outlines which they will follow in their

work in the Philippines.

ALLEGED SAFE ROBBER

Apprehended In Jacksonville, Fla.,
and Subsequently Identified.

George W. Clark, a white man, 35

years of age, was arrested at Jack-
sonville, Fla., Thursday, charged with

blowing open the safe in the bank of

the Perry Loan and Savings company of

Perry, Ga., from which he is alleged

to have stolen \$4,000.

W. G. Riley, representing the bank,

went at once to Jacksonville and iden-

tified Clark.

CLEVELAND FAVORS TREATY.

Hopes That the Hay-Pauncfote Ar-
rangement Will Succeed.

Former President Grover Cleveland

has relaxed his customary reserve as

to the discussion of