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Defense of His Record in Congress.

Broader Than the Party.

HE DEFIES THE BOSSES.

Greenville, S. C., May 22.-Senator John L. McLaurin spoke here by invitation today. One of the largest and most representative crowds that ever gathered in this city heard his speech with marked attention. The speech ful preparation. It was devoted largely to the defense and explanation of his course in the Senate.

The following extracts will give an idea of the line of argument he followed:

Fellow-citizens: The political Reformation of 1890 had for its main object the independence of thought and action on the part of the people in political affairs. It was this that made me a "Reformer." A white the efforts to dwarf it into a one-man movement. Its leader has not been content for it to be complete, and has attempted more than once to dictate who should not be elected to office. All revolutions of this kind go farther than its originators design, no power can control them. Men who suppose that the "movement" of 1890 was a mere effervescence to give office to a favored few are greatly mistaken. Some of the best and truest have never held office. and the time is coming when those who betraved and prostituted this great movement into a "one-man power'' and mere scramble for the "loaves and the fishes" will be held to an account. I stand today just where I stood in 1890, with the added has been my desire to retire from experience of ten years of study and public life. I had determined never rule of the people. This must and gave me the grandest chance that any shall be the final outcome. No attempt to break down the reforms nearly accomplished can succeed. The natural duty. I never doubted for one moment and inevitable consequences of that revolution must follow. Nothing can ly to the people, I would be re-elected to the Senate. I have not made a vote stay them. It is the province and duty of a republic questions and form a judgment however, determined not to run on acas to their effect on the welfare of the lot box, and I refuse to obey the dicoutside of South Carolina.

tainly choose the hard road. I might the South commended my course. have drifted with the current, sang I was strongly urged to run for the ratify the treaty meant not a state of table. "me, too," and continoed to hold Senate in 1896, but did not wish to war, but a mere insurrection and de-

I do not control. I do not profess ed. States Army. I have had no son lating political affairs for me. I beleive in the rule of the people. and I the South. want to see the time come when the patrons of the office, those who support it, shall name the postmaster just as they do the sheriff and clerk of the court. My intimate friends know that it contact with public men and affairs. | again to undertake the canvass of this | it is that a duty of twenty-five cents I thank God that one thing has been State, and were it not that I felt that per bushel is put on wheat, and fifteen I owed it to the people of South Caroaccomplished. The poeple have been I owed it to the people of South Caro-disenthralled and enlightened, and lina to discuss these issues and enable ing is put upon cotton? The three will never be satisfied with the accom-plishment of anything less than the themselves in touch with the best It is this, Northern Representatives full purpose of the movement-free thought of the age, I would not be protect corn and wheat against importhought, free speech, a fair ballot and here today. The people of this State tations from Canada and elsewhere, I fully realize the opportunity and "Allen long staple" was planted all but if allowed to present my case fairthat can be successfully assailed, save tian cotton has driven them out of the presentative to study all important upon narrow partisan grounds. I had, business. The red hills of this up count of my health. The campaign of this cotton should be grown, but people. To do this, he must at times 1897 left me in a physical and mental how can we develop it in competition act independently and lead public wreck. My physician has repeatedly with the cheap labor of Egypt? What sentiment rather than blindly follow said that I could not stand either are we doing now, meeting and passwhat is reputed to be the majority. mentally or physically the strain of ing resolutions to reduce the acreage It is his duty to study national pro- such another campaign. Within the while English engineers are construcblems and vote according to his best ten months past, however, my health ting dams in the valley of the Nile, lights and honest convictions, leaving has been wonderfully improved and I which within two years will add one during the twenty years preceding the the final decisions as to the wisdom of am ready for the fray. I desire here and one-half million bales or one-his course to the people. As for my- and now to tell the "Bosses" (in and eight to the cotton crop: while we are self, I acknowledge no master save the out of the State) who have decreed reducing the acreage here our competisovereign people, speaking at the bal- my political death, that I defy them. tors are increasing it, and we are to Duffie were leading spirits in these The only way they can defeat me is to furnish the market for the increase, tates of any political boss, either in or | rule me out of the primary and thus | I say, away with the impractical states-Political parties under our form of themselves. Let them, if they dare, government are a necessity. They prevent white men from passing judggrow out of the political relations es- ment at the ballot-box upon these Senate I attempted to pursue the same interstate traffic to such an extent Mr. Morgan and his friends. great national issues. I desire now to take up some of my bloody-shirt" on the one side and gan a systematic course of reading on came on and I had to grapple with Southern people, in the face of these the "nigger in the wood pile" on the the tariff question with reference to these new questions. I was sick., facts, repudiate the spirit of sixty other constituted the dividing lines. its effect upon the people of the South. heart, body and soul. All that I I say that every man, on a purely sec- In March, 1897. I made a speech in wanted was peace and to be let alone. tional question, like white supremacy, which I embodied my views. I had The cruel taunts and sneers of "Renot stand by his own section and his two and one-half cents per pound on while I laugh at them now. I made nal concern, should, as far as possible, | ule on rice, pine lumber, turpentine, | the lead of Jones, Tillman, Pettigrew bow to the behests of his party. If he cotton seed oil, oil cake, jute-bagging, & Co., and then to quietly retire at cannot agree with his party on ques- cotton tires and the coarse grade of the end of my term. My intimate tions of this kind, he should, if possi- goods made in our Southern mills. I friends know that this was my foreign ships in increased freight rates ing the rumors: ble, find a party with which he is in recognize the fact that our revenues intention. When they concluded over and over again. We are drained accord. I assert, fellow-citizens, that were to come from the imposition of to defeat the treaty. I could not of two hundred millions a year which it is almost a crime for any party to import duties, it was but fair to give see what great harm could come to make great, broad, non-political Amer- each section and industry a share of the country from forcing the Republi- The power to fix ifreight rates gives ican measures, involving the political the benefits, as the burden must be cans to call an extra session. It would and commercial development of the borne by all. I attacked the doctrine only postpone matters by one month. nation, the test of party fealty. Issues of free raw material as a clandestine At the request of some of the Demo- products. essential to the maintenance of the and unjust form of protection. I cratic leaders, I made a speech, not honor and prestige of the nation are traced its history and showed that it against the treaty but against Impe- to talk about, it has been impossible too vital to be relegated to the plane was devised and offered to the manu- rialism, which speech was at the time. for me to do more than skim the surof partisan and sectional contention. | facturers of the East by Mr. Cleveland | and with the lights before me, my | face, but I hope I have been so fortu-Believing as I do that there are vital in his first race, as a form of protec- opinion. I had not drawn the dis- nate as to excite a desire on your issues which, growing out of changed tion. In other words, Roger Q. Mills, tinction between Expansion and Impe- part to investigate for yourself and establishment. industrial conditions, are higher and the Chairman of the Ways and Means rialism, and I fully intended to vote not let some old moss-back, who does broader than mere party questions, I Committee of the House, was sent up against the ratification of the treaty, not know that the war has ended, do have, as your senator, looking beyond into the New England States to offer I was so tired of being abused and ac- your thinking. These are practical. the line marked by sectionalism and them this "left-handed protection," cused of disloyalty to my party. How- vital issues. As your Senator, I have partisanship, striven to promote the while free trade was talked in the ever, on Sunday afternoon, the day be frankly stated my position. There are material, political and commercial in- South and West. It was a mere party fore the treaty was to be voted upon, two sides to these questions. I re-

of the frallty and vanity which go such an agair: howevear it might wrong. It is charged that my vote with poor, weak human nature. I look eventuate, a man could not but feel ratified the treay and stopped the war. back to some things that I have said lowered and degraded by coming in If so, I am proud of the fact, and I and done, and I know that I was contact with such filth. I felt reason- am thankful that I had strength to wrong and I wish it were otherwise. But fellow-citizens, twice within the last three years I have felt that I was very near the time when I would stand speak, that Judge Earle would not be vote was absolutely necessary; but rebefore the bar of a just God, who a candidate if I ran: but I concluded alizing the far reaching effect and the knows the secrets of my innermost to go on in a modest, quiet way and fearful responsibility, I cast my vote soul, and I felt that he would mercy work out my destiny in the House. accordingly. I have never seen the Still a Democrat But Independent of and have for petty frailties and short- This was not to be, however. That day when I regretted it. comings, and give me credit for the pure man, chivalrous gentleman and earnest and honest effort, for the sac- my predecessor, lived but a few short the wisdom of expansion, but will conrifices which I had made to serve the weeks. Governor Ellerbe tendered me tent myself by simply saying that we best and highest interest of my State the nomination. I realized the radi- are a nation of expansionists. and country. I am not afraid to cal nature of some of my utterances meet my God and stand upon my and votes, and while I could not forsee question of a government for outlying public record—why, then, should I what has happened, I knew my nature possessions: we have settled other fear any tribunal here below? I only well enough to feel certain that hav- problems of a more complex nature, wish that my life as a man was as ing once enlisted in the fight I would and I cannot but beleive that a solusinless and free from reproach as it never turn back while life lasted. I, tion will be found just, humane and is as your public servant. Charges of therefore, refused to accept the ap- satisfactory to all concerned. corruption have been rife in South pointment at the hands of Governor Carolina during the past ten years, Ellebe unless he would guarantee that has been attacked. It but my worst enemies have never the Executive Committee would order along was quite lengthy and evidenced care-ful preparation. It was devoted large-crossed the palm of my hand.

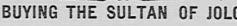
to control, nor will I become respon-slible for, the Federal patronage in in the State outside of my Congres-South Carolina. On account of my sional District except three. I advoliberal veiws, and what he is pleased cated my views not only on the tariff to consider my patriotic stand for but on what I considered the real line South Carolina has ever produced, broad American doctrines, the Presi- of policy to be pursued by Southern Calhoun. Lowndes and Cheves supdent has done me the honor to consult Representatives. I carried about ported the government against their me on certain occasions as to South eighty per cent. of the vote cast. I party during the war of 1812. Cheves Carolina appointments. He has done wish I had time to recount to the used these words, which I repeat from so, to my certain knowledge, with people what the rice schedule, which I the bottom of my heart: "Irrespective Senators Morgan, Sullivan, McEnery got into that bill, has done for the of party, for the great interest of the and other Democrates. I appreciate rice planters on the coasts of South nation.' among themselves. In part it has accomplished its object in spite of the White Uncerned, never occupied brought into this State. What the and a minimum of sixty fire the waste of the White Uncerned the waste of the waste of the White Uncerned the waste of the waste the White Hnouse than William Mc- duty on pine has done for the lumber and between these amounts the dis-Kinley. I believe I have his confi- interests, which were being sacrificed cretion was left to the president. At dence and friendship, and there is to the white pine importd free of duty that time the insurreciton was in pro-no treasure that I value more highly. from Canada. The North, which is gress and my common sense told me If I have controlled any patronage, almost bare of timber, instead of go- that there was but one of two things it has been in the public interest, not ing to Canada, has been forced to go to do. Either put enough men in the my own. No nephews of mine have South, and that has put thousands field to crush the rebellion, or quit been commissioned in the United of dollars into this State. There is and come home. I believed in the forno telling what arrangement of the mer plan, and so voted.

mit to the people of South Carolina: for Southern industries while a mem- the World called at my house before I tional politics, and follow it without The advocate? Second. Am I missken? I ber of the House, when I had no idea and I expressed this opinion, as the "Peace and unity" very popular once in the world of going into the Senate. My interesets are inseperably inter- You all remember what universal cho- files of the newspapers will show. One in this State-too popular, in factwoven with the interest of the State, rus of approval there was. Senator month of delay might mean serious for some of those who once denounced no good can come to her in which I Tillman, Bacon, Clay and others took consequences to the people of the Uni- the 'Leader of the Movement,' cannot participate, and no evil of up the same line in the Senate. The ted States. To defeat the treaty grovel in the duss at the feet of their which I must not bear my share. If News and Courier, the Columbia State meant that we were still at war with old-time foe, humbly content with I wanted to have an easy time, I cer- and ninety per cent of the papers of Spain, and that our soldiers were in- the curses that fall from his lips, for

I will not undertake to demonstrate

My vote on the army was the the line of the first Congressman from South Carolina who has voted against his party and supported the President when it came to a question of a foreign war. Three of the greatest men that ported the government against their

truders in the Philippine Islands. To the few crumbs that drop from the



from the other natives of the islands sprung up. King Edward, Lady Lonof a strong nation, and frankly declar- at an angle of 45 degrees. The King this country.

the Sultan the people of Manilla were two tons and carrying spars and gear amazed to learn what had been accom- weighing an additional three or four ish were able to get in three centuries. tearing sound of breaking were and All we wanted for a beginning was the tear-ing the gear in the air. pacification of the country, and to have it so that Americans may travel freely without danger of molestation. This we secured by continuing the methods inaugurated by the Spanish War Department Putting up Examwho had been paying the Sultan of Jolo almost as much money as we do, without obtaining any guaranty of peace in the island.

ination That Army Appointees Cannot Stand.

WHY THEY FAIL.

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SHAMROCK II WRECKED.

Narrow Escape From Death of King Edward and Party.

Southampton, May 22-The most dramatic incident in the history of the America's cup occurred today ADVEETISEXERT: One Square first insertion _______ 50 of fice. I had pretty good tutelage and an illustrious example in my early po-interference in the arts of demagog-ery, and could do it again in a pinch. All communications which subserve private interests will be charged for as advertiments. Objuaries and tributes of respects will be of Jolo, and the manner in which he life, can best be judged by the writ-obtained the Sultan's good will after ten statement made late tonight by

the islands had been ceded by Spain: "The Mohammedans who recognize the Sultan of Jolo," he said, "differ-the Sultan of Jolo," he said, "differin the fact that they do not desire in- donderry, Mrs. Jameson and myself dependence. In fact they told me were on deck, hanging on as best we they preferred to have the protection might for the challenger was almost ed that if the United States did not started to go below. Just as he did so want to take them, they would appeal everything collapsed. A heavy block to some other great country. As com- fell between the two ladies and a wire mander of the department of South- rope struck me on the head, and moern Luzon, it became my duty to treat mentarily stunned me. A sudden with the Sultan of Jolo. I found his squall, an unexpected strain and people to be very much like our native everything had given way. King Ed-Indians and it seemed to me that it ward was half in and half out of the would be better to get them in an ami- companion hatchway. What happened. cable mood than to go in for an "In- how all the falling sails did not kill dian war." Gen. Otis put \$1,000 in or sweep some one overboard, is more silver at my disposal, and after they than I know. While the yachts were had given all the concessions that the manoeuvering for the start a squall Government wished, I made a few pre- | came without the slightest warning and sents, but they did not get a cent un- the bowsprit of the challenger was til they had come to our terms. There carried away short,. The extra strain is nothing extraordinary about these | thus thrown on the topmast proved too people. They are willing to fight and much for the spar. It whipped, broke do not lack in bravery, but they have and doubled off to leeward, carriyng little knowledge of firearms and are the whole weight of the jack yard and not as formidable as the Indians of gear over the side in a terrible tangle. Almost as the topmast fell, the great "After my first consultation with steel mainmast, weighing more than plished, and it was declared that the tons, swayed for a moment and then United States in six weeks secured almost by a miracle plunged over the from the natives more than the Span- side into the water with the ripping,

Washington, May 21.-Accusations are being freely made that the War Department is purposely making the Spartanburg, May 22-The grand examinations for the new appointleast half of the candidates fail; enabling others to be appointed in their places, and thus increasing by more than fifty per cent the number of the faithful who can be placated by a nice appointment. Lest some whom it is intended to put in, should fail, a right of appeal is allowed to a board of review which will mend all errors. The unsuccessful candidates do not themselves appear before this board, but all of the examination papers and all obtainable facts for and against the candidates-including his political backing are referred to it. If the failure is not too grievous a one, and the facts favorable outweigh the facts against, he may be afforded a second opportunity. If a volunteer officer has a good military record-and a good pull-there is a disposition to allow him to go a little short on English grammar and international law, for, after all, it is fighting men Uncle Sam has need of. The grammar and the law may be acquired with time, but fighters are declared to be born with the martial instinct. There are thousands of school teachers and other men of studious occupations who would have no difficulty in passing the examinations, but it does not follow on that account that they would be good men for shooting civilization into half-naked savages or chasing them through the tangled wilds of the Philippines. When a man, therefore, has demonstrated that he is fitted for the strenuous side of have emanated from official sources in soldiering-and has the requisite backing-a deficiency in the lettered accomplishments weighs less against him than the man of poorer record from the soldiery standpoint. Boards for the examinatioo of appointees are now sitting in New York City, Chicago, Fort Leavenworth, San Francisco, San Antonia, and at Fort Monroe. There is also a board in Porto Rico, and in the Philippines Gen. McArthur is authorized to convene such boards as he may deem necessary for the examination of volunteer officers who have been given a chace to try for the regular establishment. Civilian appointees are ordered, as soon as named by the President, to proceed to the nearest point at which a board is sitting, and are there subjected to examination. Returning volunteer officers are examined at San Francisco immediately upon their arrival, and officers yet in the field are sent to the most convenient boards at such time as they can be spared fromduty. Such of the applicants as pass are immediately assigned to duty.

tablished by the government itself.

Party platforms have always been supposed to be the exponents of these votes and speeches, and address myself views. A bloody civil war settled the to the quisetion. Am I mistaken? question of State rights, and for a When I was placed on the Ways and quarter of a century the waving of the Means Committee of the House, I beis a traitor and a renegade who does offered an amendment for a duty of own people. I say that any man, on cotton imports, and had made a fight domestic poblems, problems of inter-

terests of our common country-for expedient to catch votes. I think that the news was flashed over the wires spect an honest difference of opinion,

drawing a large salary, traveling this schedule on cotton goods so as to pre-State at government expense, manipu- | vent discrimination against coarse fabrics, has meant to the cotton mills of

This is not the place to explain what the retention of the home market means when a manufacturer seeks a foreign outlet. I will refer, however. to the duty on raw cotton, which I advocated at the time. Cotton, corn and wheat are our great exports. Now I want to ask any man of reason, why cents per bushel on corn, while nothwhile cotton has been sacrificed to a young man has had since the war, and mere sentiment. Ten years ago the over upper South Carolina, and I know of some men who bought gins especially adapted to this cotton, but they had to throw them away. Egypcountry are the very place where prevent the people from expressing man which will sacrifice the cotton planters of South Carolina to those of Egypt. After I was elected to the line in everything, but I was ill for a that we are now forced to seek an outlong time after my campaign, confined to my bed at one time for seven is proposed, is to follow in developweeks.

While I was in this physical and mental condition, the war with Spain nal development. Why should the publican and traitor" hurt me then, up my mind not to create any further a subsidy from their Government of effect that it was Stillman and not issues, but tamely fall in and follow

the people of the United States had sult: elected to the presidency.

Now, fellow-citizens, this brings me to the much-discussed Subsidy Bill. In the first place, it is astonishing to me what a misconception there is as to this matter. There never was a vote on the Subsidy bill, and it was well understood at the time that I made my speech that there would not be a vote at that session. I did not intend just at that time to make a set speech on the bill. I arose in my seat to present the resoloution of the Cotton Spinners Association, and before I knew it I had drifted into a general discussion of the subject.

One of the great objections to the subsidy is they call it a "steal." Well, fellow-citizens, that is a very poor argument: opponents of the river and harbor, postoffice, or any other the order was discussed and acted bill can make the same charge. There is nothing in the bill itself which involves stealing, defrauding the government or sectional advantages.

There may have been some abuses in granting subsidies when it was in the experimental stage, but there is no reason now why there should be abuses. Subsidies are no new theory in the South. Conventions were held war to encourage the building up of the commerce of and industries of the South. Hayne, Calhouon and Mcenterprises. The National Government connected the Atlantic and the Pacific by subsidizing railroads, and road facilities, and have developed our let for our surplus products. All that ing our foreign trade the same principles that have succeeded in our interthis contest of Europe against the to corral Northern Pacific. United States, foreign shipowners get vantage of lower wages, and have thus great consolidation. driven the American flag from the we pay foreign vessles in freights, thing is simply ridiculous. them the power to fix the price of National City Bank, said: A our cotton, wheat and manufactured

Fellow-citizens, with so many things

I see that since the rebellion is over, lodge Knights of Pythias met this the President says that he will take morning at 10 o'clock in the Masonic ments to the army so difficult that at the minimum amount. Surely, felow- hall, with about 300 knights present. citizens, -I could afford to trust a At this meeting the election of offiman on a question of that kind whom cers took place with the following re-

GRAND LODGE K. OF P.

.Grand Chancellor, M. L. Bonham of Anderson. Grand Vice Chancellor, George S.

Mower of Newberry. Grand Prelate, J. M. Knight of Sumter.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, Dr. J. H. Thornwell of Fort Mill. Grand Master of Exchequer, Wil-

son G. Harvey, of Charleston. Grand Inner Guard, J. H .- D. Wig-

ger of Charleston.

Grand Outer Guard, G. W. Reeves of Branchville.

Supreme Representative, D. C. Heyward of Walterboro.

The lodge chose Gree wood as the place for its next meeting.

After the session this afternoon in which various business connected with upon. the grand lodge adjourned.

Tonight in the Carson hall the visiting knights, the members of Morgan lodge and a number of friends enjoyed an elegant banquet. After the feast a number of toasts were offered and responded to and every one present enjoyed the night's entertain- | ment.

Morgan Won't Start a Big Bank.

New York, May 24.-Wall Street was startled yesterday by a report, said to Washington that J. P. Morgan had in contemplation the establishment of "the largest bank in the world," which would result from the consoliby this policy we have unequaled rail- dation of a number of existing banks now more or less under the control of

> It was reported that the proposed gigantic bank would be of such a national character as the Bank of England or the Bank of France, and would be the depository of the funds of the United States treasury.

Morgan's determination to start such a bank was attributed to his desire to years ago? Last year only nine per crush the opposition of James Stillcent. was carried in American bot- man, of the National City Bank, and toms. Why is this? It is because in his associates, who recently attempted

A variation of the story was to the twenty million dollars besides the ad- Morgan who proposed to carry out the

Mr. Perkins, a partner of J. P. Morhigh seas. We pay this subsidy to the gan & Co., said yesterday regarding

"Nothing of the kind has been contemplated or even suggested. The

James Stillman, president of the

"I have never even thought of such a plan, and I am sure that Mr. Morgan has not.

"Even if suck an institution were advisable, which I do not believe, there are countless and insuperable objections, legal and financial, against its have engaged to settle in the com-

Booker T. Washington says that during the earlier days of freedom almost every negro who learned to read would receive "a call to preach" within a few days after he began reading.

Berlin, May 23.-From the report of the Hanseatis Consolidation company it is learned that a number of Boers pany's colony in southern Brazil.



