

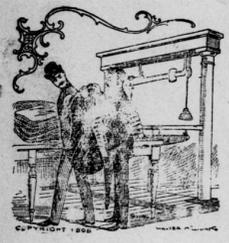
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WEBSTER DAVIS PRAISES BOERS.

Says They Beat the British Against Great Odds—Pretoria Impregnable.

Since the Hon. Webster Davis' resignation has been accepted he feels at liberty to talk freely upon the South African situation, and to a friend he related the history of his trip, says the Baltimore Sun: "My journey was uneventful until we crossed the Transvaal border and stopped at Koomatipoort." He said: "There the whole neighborhood turned out and welcomed me. At station after station the station-master would come to the car, touch his red cap and ask if there was anything he could do for my comfort.

"Yet the English told me with great positiveness, that the savage Boers would shoot me as soon as they learned I spoke English. During all the time I was there not one man asked me whether I favored the British or the Boers.

"I viewed the defenses of Pretoria and I consider them impregnable. I do not believe the English troops will ever pass the line of hills surrounding the town, bristling as they are with high-power Krupp and Creusot guns. "There seems a very general impression that the guns used by the Boers in the fields were taken from the fortresses at Pretoria, but I saw every earthenwork and fort surrounding the town, and I could not see where any guns had been removed. They were all there and formidable as that.

"When I describe the city as impregnable I speak from the judgment of a man of common sense. Pretoria lies in a basin surrounded by rugged hills, affording admirable opportunities for defense. While there I learned enough to know that the city is one vast storehouse of foodstuffs and ammunition.

"What impressed me most was the natural broadness of that grand old man Kruger. I consider him as possessed of more of the elements of greatness than any man I ever met. At 75 he is full of vigor as the average man of 20 years less. His versatility impressed me deeply.

"I have it on unimpeachable authority that the battle of Colenso, where Buller was crushed by the Boers, was planned entirely by this old man. Joubert carried out Kruger's instructions to the letter and won that signal victory by the directions of an old man away up there in Pretoria.

"I was present at the battle of Spion Kop and saw a thin line of Boers drive an army before them. After the fight I walked over the field and counted the dead bodies of 120 Englishmen in one trench, where the Boers had placed for burial.

"I visited the lines along the Tugela, where Buller and his 40,000 men were held at bay, and I speak from the most positive knowledge when I say that all of the Boer troops in that region numbered 7,000. With this force Joubert and Botha held Buller back and kept White and his 15,000 men corralled in the town.

"When Cronje was threatened in the west, 3,000 men were sent to him from Ladysmith, leaving about four thousand to face the 55,000 men of the enemy.

"At the battle of the Little Tugela, when Buller was again driven back upon Chieveley, I saw Gen. Louis Botha in action, and I consider him the greatest of the Dutch commanders.

"Of course I visited the laager of the Irish brigade, commanded by the redoubtable John Y. Fildore Blake, who was born in Missouri, appointed to West Point from Arkansas, fought Indians for ten years in Arizona, married rich in the Northwest, got too much of civilization and went to Africa.

"At Pretoria I met President Steyn and was pleased to find him most courteous and agreeable. I also learned that there is no truth in the reports coming from English sources concerning differences and dissensions between the two presidents. They are in perfect accord.

"When I left Pretoria fully 2,000 women, children and old men gathered at the station to bid me good-bye. They are simple folk and had an exaggerated idea of the importance of the position I have held here. With tears in their eyes, they begged me to explain to the American people the justice of their great fight, for, as they said, their foes control every mail line and cable leading to the outside world.

"I told President McKinley those anxious faces would haunt me in the years to come if I did not go out as a plain citizen to tell the people what I know of the horrible injustice of England's war. The strength of Kruger and his Burghers lies in the belief that God is with them. I believe He is."

PROSPERITY IN MEXICO.

The Free Silver Republic a Fine Field for Investment.

The Charleston Post says "A New Yorker, who has just returned from a visit to Mexico says that many Americans are making fortunes out of the mines throughout the republic. Already there are 5,000 silver mines and over 1,000 gold mines being operated, and last year the value of these metals exported was nearly \$40,000,000. In no other country in the world are cotton mills paying such dividends on the capital invested as those in Mexico, and new manufacturing plants of every description are going up all over the republic. It has a good future, and in developing itself it is benefiting the business men of the United States. The importation of machinery from this country in the last year amounted to over \$8,000,000." This is a most remarkable statement to be published by a gold-bug paper about a silver "debased" country as the Post, no doubt, has declared Mexico to be more than once in discussing the free silver issue. As the Post publishes the paragraph without comment we presume it accepts the statements it contains as true. "If in no other country in the world are cotton mills paying such dividends on the capital invested as those in Mexico, and new manufacturing plants of every description are going up all over the republic," what becomes of the Post's argument against free silver? Mexico is a free silver country and if she prospers so under it, why should free silver ruin the United States, as the Post has proclaimed time and again it would? Is a small republic like Mexico more capable of managing its own finances than a great republic like the United States? Why do the cotton mills of free silver Mexico pay larger dividends than the cotton mills of the gold standard United States? Will the learned editor of the Post, who refrained from demolishing Bryan's arguments only because they contained nothing to demolish, enlighten a poor benighted scribbler on the above questions? The fact that Mexico is so prosperous with a "debased" money standard is one of the causes of our being one of the "deluded" believers in the free and unlimited coinage of silver in the United States. Will the Post give us light?

Death of Mr. J. S. Ellis. After a lingering illness of grip and pneumonia, this old and highly esteemed citizen passed away Tuesday about one o'clock, says the Waynesboro Herald of last week. Squire Jack Ellis, as he was familiarly known, was a man of high standing in the community and universally respected and esteemed for his sterling traits of character. As an honest-hearted man and Christian gentleman, he stood the peer of any and his death removes from the community a landmark that will be badly missed. He was a life-long member of the Baptist church whose principles he cherished and revered and which will feel the weight of his loss most heavily. The interment took place yesterday at Bethlehem beside his wife who preceded him to the grave several years ago. Mr. Ellis was 78 years of age and leaves four children, Mr. John Ellis, of Indian Territory, Mr. R. Ellis, of Basic City, Atwell Ellis, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. L. H. Paul, of Mossy Creek.

For many years Mr. Ellis was a magistrate under the old regime and supervisor of South River district for many terms, until he declined re-election. He was the first superintendent of the Waynesboro Baptist Sunday School, and the first deacon in the church, and to him is to be credited the organization of the church, as, being the oldest Baptist in the community, he took the first steps which led to its formation. He was an splendid specimen of the old Virginia gentleman, loved and honored by all who knew him, and active and influential in his day.

The worries of a weak and sick mother are only begun with the birth of her child. By day her work is constantly interrupted and at night her rest is broken by the wailing of the peevish, angry infant. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong and sick women well. It lightens all the burdens of maternity, gives to mothers strength and vigor, which they impart to their children. In over thirty years of practice Dr. Pierce and his associate staff of nearly a score of physicians have treated and cured more than half a million suffering women. Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter free of charge. All correspondence is strictly private. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

Suppose a man takes a sack of wheat and an ordinary checker board and sits down, just for want of something to do, to do and undertakes to put a grain on the first square, two grains on the second square, four on the third, etc., how many grains would be used before all the sixty-four squares were filled? It does not seem reasonable, but a mathematician has figured it out 9,223,371,886,638 bushels, allowing one million grains to the bushel, or as much wheat as the United States would produce in 18,446 years.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* "I am a Democrat," said Hill, in days passed out of view; But now with bold ambition freed, The Admiral cries, "Ma, too!"

The Pennsylvania Democratic Convention pledged its delegates to Hon. W. J. Bryan for the Presidential nomination.

Mr. J. Taylor Ellyson says he expects to be re-elected chairman of the Virginia Democratic State Committee.

ADMIRAL DEWEY A DEMOCRAT.

He Makes the Statement to Philadelphia Reporters.

Admiral Dewey, who last week came out as a candidate for President, was in Philadelphia several days ago, and in a conversation with a number of newspaper reporters, the Admiral stated that he was a Democrat. Here is the interview in part: "Are you, as reported to be, a Democrat?" the admiral was asked, and after a moment's hesitation he replied: "Yes, I think I can answer that. Yes, I am a Democrat."

"If the Republicans nominate McKinley and the Democrats name Bryan for the Presidency would you run independently?" "I won't answer that."

"The Democratic convention of Pennsylvania has just endorsed Bryan for the Presidency," was suggested by one reporter, to which the admiral replied: "Pennsylvania usually goes Republican, does it not?"

Several questions in quick succession as to a conference between him and Grover Cleveland, William C. Whitney or any other political men of prominence, were answered with the same phrase, "I came to attend the concert."

One reporter asked the admiral who would manage his campaign, if he entered one, and he laughingly replied: "I don't know. How would you like the job; I would probably need a bright young man."

DEWEY'S PRIME MOTIVE is a desire to defeat McKinley. The antipathy grows out of Dewey's belief that the popular outcry against him at the time he transferred his popular subscription house to his wife was inaugurated and fostered by the Administration, through a fear that, as an idol of the people, he was McKinley's dangerous rival. Dewey also believes that the reports of his alleged contemplated trip to Europe emanated from the same source. More than once, in angry moments, he has threatened to show that the President would have ample cause to fear him. Of Dewey's hostility to the President there cannot be any doubt whatever.

How Goebel Was Killed.

The Louisville Courier-Journal prints a circumstantial story, which purports to give the details of the conception and execution of the plot to kill Goebel. The story is based upon evidence said to have been given to the attorneys for the prosecution by Wharton Golden, W. H. Culton, H. E. Youtzey and others.

The story gives the names of the man suspected of having fired the shot that killed Senator Goebel. He is a Clay county feudist. He is supposed to be in the mountains, and has not yet been arrested. The story follows the evidence given by Golden in the preliminary trial of Caleb Powers as to the bringing to Frankfort of the arm-pounded mountain feudists. The men implicated in the conspiracy are the same who were implicated by Golden's testimony, several of whom are now under arrest, while others are either in the mountains or in neighboring States.

The story follows Golden's testimony as to the plan to cause a riot in the Legislature, during which Democratic members were to have been killed. tells how the alleged plan to kill Senator Goebel was carried out, the purchase of a well-known Cincinnati house of twenty-five steel-bullet, smokeless powder cartridges, the procuring of a 38-calibre rifle, with which the shooting is said to have been done, the weapon being returned an hour afterward, and the payment of \$1,000 in advance to the man who did the shooting. After the shooting the man who did the work is said to have been escorted to the mountains by a number of armed men.

Preached in Wytheville.

Rev. W. A. Hall, of Craigville, Augusta county, Va., preached at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and night. Those who heard him were well pleased with his efforts. A congregational meeting will be held next Sunday morning, at which it is expected he will be called to be the pastor.—Wytheville Dispatch.

There is no family medicine so favorably known as Pain Killer. For sixty years it has been used by Missionaries in all parts of the world, not only to counteract the climatic influences on their families, but for the cure of all diseases of the bowels, and for wounds, burns, bruises, etc. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain Killer, Perry Davis'; price 25c and 50c.

Saturday, April 21st, has been selected by the Democratic County Committee of Rockbridge as the time for holding district primaries to elect delegates to the State Convention at Norfolk, May 2nd. The county is entitled to eight votes in the convention.

Editor New, of the Indianapolis Journal, says Mark Hanna is a "d-d old liar." It is believed that at last an epithet has been bestowed on the Hon. Marcus that he can understand and appreciate.

Ex-Postmaster-General William L. Wilson, president of Washington and Lee University, who went to Arizona some time ago on account of ill-health, is much better.

Kansas City has decided to rebuild by June 15 the convention hall destroyed by fire last week.

Bridgewater Paragaphs.

Robert Eubank, near Mt. Solon, is on the sick list.

Miss Sallie Robson, of Mossy Creek, is spending several days in Spring Creek.

John S. Ellis, the father of Mrs. L. H. Paul, of Mossy Creek, died on Tuesday at his home at Waynesboro.

Miss Anna White and Mrs. D. P. Hooks returned the first of the week from a visit to relatives in Staunton.

Miss Grace Berlin will arrive this evening from Mary Baldwin Seminary at Staunton, to spend the Easter holidays with her parents.

Last week Jas. A. Fry was in Staunton, where he purchased another new piano for the College. This makes the third new instrument placed in that institution this session.

Chas. Vanderford Cushman, son of Ran. D. Cushman, of Spring Creek, died at Allegheny City Hospital, Pa., on Monday of last week, from typhoid fever. He was 27 years of age. His remains were interred in Mossy Creek cemetery on Wednesday, the 28th ult.

Mrs. Minerva Eschert, widow of Mr. Clem. Earhart, who died several years ago, was buried at Mossy Creek Cemetery on Wednesday, Mrs. Earhart has been a great sufferer for several years. She was the mother of Ed. Earhart, who was a merchant in this town a few years ago.

Funeral services by Rev. Carr Moore from Bridgewater.—The Herald.

Death of Mrs. Kate Gayer.

Mrs. Kate Gayer died at her home on Summers street, in this city, last Friday night, after a protracted illness, aged about sixty years.

Mrs. Gayer was the wife of Richard Gayer, who moved to this city twenty-five years ago from Staunton, Va. Some years after moving here, Mr. Gayer died from the effects of wounds received in an accident on the railroad yards here, while at work, leaving his wife, the subject of this notice, and four children—Mrs. Nannie Shifflett, Mrs. Maggie Smith and Mrs. Mamie Bruce and John Gayer.

Mrs. Gayer kept a first class board-house and had a number of patrons, and besides providing amply for her family, had accumulated considerable property. She was a good neighbor and true friend and will be greatly missed by all, more especially the railroad boys. Her remains were taken to Staunton, Va., for interment, and besides the members of the family were accompanied by the following friends from this city: Mrs. Annie Lipscomb, Messrs. F. J. Fitzsimmons and son, Dave Marshall, Frank Puckett, Ed. Dyke, R. O. Murrell, F. M. Kirby, Jeff. Morris, John Voft, Sam Deering and Thomas Brown.—Hinton Herald of last week.

Fiduciary Act May be Invalid.

The decision of the Court of Appeals in the commissioner of valuation case that the act was unconstitutional because it provided for the payment of the commissioners and was not passed by a recorded vote, has caused the question to be raised whether the law of four years ago, creating the office of examiner of fiduciary accounts for every city and county, is not also illegal for the same reason.

This act, it has been ascertained, did not receive a recorded majority of all the votes of both branches. The Senate Journal of the session of 1895-'96, page 501, shows that the act passed, but not by a recorded vote. The measure is also said to have passed the House without a recorded vote.

The two acts are very much alike, except that the examiners of records receive one-tenth of one per cent., while the commissioners of valuation were to receive one-twentieth. It is not at all likely that any steps will now be taken to test the law, which has been in operation four years and has worked well.

This From a Republican Organ.

The Republican party must go before the people in the Congressional and Presidential elections of next fall on the platform of "free run and taxed bread, free run and taxed clothing, free run and taxed medicines." It cannot escape this disastrous issue, which has been avowed in the acts of the Oxnard faction in the Senate, and has been specifically set forth by the leader of the Republican party in the House.

Do the Republicans of the Middle West imagine that they can stand and win on this plank next fall? Do the Republican Representatives from the Mississippi Valley believe that they can be re-elected on the issue of free run, taxed bread and broken faith.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

The President is said to be anxious for an early adjournment of Congress for party reasons and because of the health of his wife. If his wishes can be carried out Congress will adjourn by June 1st.

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