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JOHN BARRETT SPEAKS IN TEXAS. An Oregon Democrat Stirs Up Southern Democracy.

ARGUMENT FOR EXPANSION. The South's Great Interest in Having the United States Retain the Philippines.

The Texas industrial convention adjourned October 31. The feature of the last day's proceedings was the speech of Hon. John Barrett, of Portland, Or., whom Mr. Cleveland made minister to Siam during his latter term, says a special in the Globe-Democrat, Mr. Barrett is an ardent expansionist, and his remarks created a sensation. Gov. Sayres, who introduced him, left the platform while he was speaking, and other anti-expansionists are "sore." Mr. Barrett's words were cheered to the echo. Democrat though he is, he stirred the flag furlers who heard him into a frenzy. He said, in part: "Before I close I wish I had time to tell you the effect on American prestige, influence and even trade, of Admiral Dewey's great victory at Manila and over our occupation of the Philippine islands. From long residence as a United States minister in Asiatic lands, I can speak more feelingly. Before Dewey's achievement we were considered everywhere in Asiatic circles, among coolies as well as diplomatists, as a second or a third rate power. Despite the herculean efforts of ministers and consuls, we were treated with respect or patronizing indifference, and in standing and influence came trailing along behind Great Britain, Russia, Germany, France and even Belgium and Poland. After the victory, strengthened by subsequent events, there was a marvelous but welcome change. America became the equal of the leading powers of Europe in both the diplomatic and commercial circles of Asia and practically the first power of all the wide Pacific and its mighty growing interests. If we meet our present unavoidable responsibilities in the Philippines, which have resulted from imperious circumstances, and not from a war of conquest, courageously and successfully, we shall become forever the first political, moral and material power of all the world. If we quail, shrink or withdraw, we will not only be relegated permanently to the rear in the race of nations, but in the future, we wish to regain our lost position, commerce, influence and glory we will be compelled to spend ten times as much as the present conflict in the Philippines can cost us.

"In conclusion I would say. No section of America, unless it be the Pacific coast, has greater interest in legitimate commercial expansion throughout the Pacific and far East than the South. It has everything to gain and nothing to lose by American material and political supremacy in the Pacific-Asiatic waters. The time is rapidly approaching when Japan, China, Korea, Siam and the Philippines will consume every pound of the South's surplus cotton, manufactured or raw, and make her absolutely independent of the British or European market. Every farmer and laborer and manufacturer in the South should have deep concern in America's Asiatic opportunity. There should not be discordant note from the Roanoke to the Rio Grande in support of a policy to extend, protect and control the markets of the Orient. It is not an issue of practical politics. It is one of industrial development, through which the South will realize its great prosperity. Therefore, I would urge finally that the full fruition of this great Pacific and far Eastern opportunity depends upon four paramount conditions that are in themselves interdependent: "1. The early construction and government ownership of the transisthmian canal. "2. The laying of the trans-Pacific cable. "3. The protection of our markets in China under the old treaty provisions for freedom of trade. "4. The permanent control of the Philippines.

shot like dogs, every one of them. The commander-in-chief of the Transvaal forces comes of an old French Huguenot family, which has long been settled in South Africa. Like Mr. Kruger, the general was born in Cape Colony, and it was at Congo that he first saw the light of day. He was bred on a farm, and in the fullness of time, like most other Boers, he became a farmer himself. But other things besides farming soon claimed his interest, and he had no small share in the making of the history of the Transvaal republic during its eventful career. In due course he became state attorney to the republic, or attorney general, was made vice-president of the council, and when President Burgers found it necessary to pay a visit to England, Joubert ruled in his absence. He was acting president, and that is the nearest he has ever been to the highest position in the republic, which he much covets. In the late 70s and the early 80s, when there was trouble between England and the Transvaal, Joubert was a great man. He and President Kruger came over to this country, and when they returned, the former, after conference with the high commissioner, Sir Bartle Frere, formulated the demand for the independence of the republic. On the government changing hands, however, Mr. Gladstone wrote, in 1880, to both him and Kruger, stating that the demand could not be granted. It will be a long time before the memory of events immediately subsequent is effaced from our minds. On December 20th, 1880, Kruger, Joubert and Pretorius formed themselves into a triumvirate and proclaimed the republic independent. The result, of course, was war, and in that war Joubert commanded the forces of the Boers, and by common consent commanded them well. The British troops were defeated at Laing's Nek on January 28th following, and again at the Ingogo river on February 8th. Finally, on February 27th of that year, came the crushing British reverse at Majuba hill, the stigma of which smartens almost as much today as it did eighteen years ago. Sir George P. Colley was the British commander, and as Majuba hill overlooks Laing's Nek, where Joubert had his men encamped, he determined to steal up there on the night of the 25th with a view to surprising them. At half-past ten next morning the Boers began their attack, and a most deadly attack it was. The content was of the fiercest possible description; but the British got the worst of it. Their ammunition ran short, and at last they stood tall and died. Different tales are told of the respective losses. Joubert swore that that five of his men were killed, though some said the number ran to three figures. Our loss was estimated at 250, and certainly there was no doubt as to the decisiveness of the Boer victory. It secured them their independence. Sir George Colley fell with his face to the enemy. At the conclusion of the engagement Joubert discovered a dozen of the enemy in hiding, amongst whom was the correspondent of one of the London daily newspapers. He commanded them to lay down their arms. A few words were exchanged between Joubert and the correspondent, and the upshot was that the general gave him a pass to the Boer camp on condition that he saw the report before it was telegraphed. Joubert knew there was a British officer killed, but was not sure as to his identity. "Who is he?" he asked of the correspondent, but the latter did not himself know, and could only ask to be taken to the body. There it lay, with the helmet covering the face. "You have killed the bravest man on the field," the correspondent exclaimed. "Yes, he fought well," was admitted. Subsequently Joubert declared to the representative of this same newspaper that for three years he had been writing to England to try to prevent that war. Still, there was fairness in Joubert, for when the Boers started filibustering in Bechuanaland, in 1884, he declared himself unable to hold office under a government which so deliberately broke faith with England and violated the convention by annexing Moshosia's territory. "What he can do in the way of mobilization is more than any other nation can do, for he can fetch every man of his army from the farms, and collect them armed upon the same field within 48 hours! For his military purposes

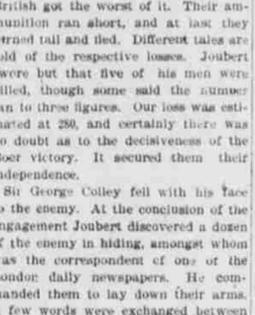
GENERAL JOUBERT. Commander-in-Chief of the Transvaal Forces.

This sturdy fighting man, with his rough-looking beard, is, when in his war clothes, of impressive appearance, and altogether he is an interesting character. He is not a gentle enemy. When he goes to fight his motto is "No quarter!" and his greatest friend would not call him tender of heart. But for President Kruger's reasoning with him he would have had the Jameson raiders

he has had the Transvaal mapped out in seventeen divisions. There is a commander over both of them, and then each division is split up into smaller sections, with field cornets and assistants in command. By this system Joubert has but to give the word, and with astonishing quickness the call to arms is sounded throughout the seventeen divisions. Officers ride at full gallop from one farm to another handing the summons of war to each occupant. The latter's rifle and ammunition, and food supplies for a fortnight are always ready in his homestead, and without any hesitation he mounts his horse and rides away. How deadly is his fire when in action we know. "A man per bullet" is Joubert's estimate. Once Joubert and President Kruger were in Paris together, and a lady questioned the general on the training of the Boers when they were youngsters. Joubert explained it. "The Transvaal Boers," he said, "are hereditary marksmen. In past generations they were particular, whether Calvinists or Arminians, to have their children taught to read as a necessary part of religious instruction. Home-steads were at great distances from schools and churches and wild beasts and hostile Kaffirs infested the country. "Still to school the children had to go. Each boy was provided with a gun and a pouch filled with ammunition. He was expected on his way home to keep his hand and eye in practice as a marksman, and showed he did so by bringing home a bag filled with game. The Kaffirs staid in awe of these Transvaal children, who were taught not to provoke attack." While Joubert was saying all this the president sat near by quietly smoking a big pipe and not interrupting with a word. Joubert roused him. "Is not that so, president?" he asked. "Yes," responded Mr. Kruger; "we try to make our youngsters understand that the meek shall inherit the earth."

COLLIS SECRETARY. How a Raise Was Made to His Salary. The Chicago News of late date gives currency to the following story: A few years ago Collis P. Huntington's private secretary, Mr. Miles, asked for an increase of salary. "Do you need any more money?" asked Mr. Huntington, thoughtfully. "No, sir, I don't exactly need it," replied Mr. Miles, "but still I'd be glad to be getting a little more." "Ah—hum—m—m," mused his employer, "can you get along without the advance for the present?" "Oh, yes," answered the secretary, "I guess so," and the matter was dropped. A couple of years later a new boy appeared at the Miles home and the secretary thought the time propitious to renew the application. "Why, my dear sir," said Mr. Huntington, when he heard him through, "I raised your salary when you asked me before." "I never heard anything about it," said the secretary in amazement. "Probably not," returned Mr. Huntington; "in fact, I used the money to buy a piece of property for you. I'd just let it stand for a while if I were you." Mr. Miles thanked him warmly and retired somewhat mystified. Recently Mr. Huntington called him into his private office. "By the way, Mr. Miles," he said, "I have sold that real estate of yours at a pretty good advance. Here is the check." The amount was \$50,000. The property was part of a large section purchased by the railroad king as an investment for his wife.

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