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DEAR NORRIS, don't talk.

PRIVATE steals, in the shape of pension bills, are being met with the Presidential veto.

A STRAIGHT democrat on a democratic platform is the only way to success in the campaign this fall.

HOME Rule is not defeated, simply checked. Some other "grand old man" will rise up and complete the good work.

THE republican crazy quilt is too short, when the soda water end pulls it over his head the whiskey end is exposed.

THE democratic minority under the leadership of Mr. Randall has declared that the republican idea of the tariff question is right. For all practical purposes Mr. Randall and his friends are as good republicans as the republicans themselves.

CERTAIN gin-mill politicians who don't live a thousand miles away from Centre county, have put in circulation spurious tickets for the purpose of creating bad feeling in the party in the county in order to further their own projects. We don't object to their circulating any tickets they desire to, but we do object to having their dirty work saddled on respectable people.

It is altogether likely that the democratic convention will be asked to endorse the Randall tariff bill as being in perfect accord with the tariff revision plank in the national platform, but what will that convention say to the stifling of debate on the Morrison bill? Just while we are at it, if we have to endorse Mr. Randall's abridgment of the right of debate in Congress of a public measure, we might endorse the republicans in the House who assisted that gentleman in his undemocratic policy.

AMERICAN contributions of money to the Home Rule cause have done more harm than good. It is considered "foreign interference" and John Bull has resented it at the polls with a vengeance. Surely there are enough patriotic Englishmen in England to put up money for campaign purposes, without endangering their cause by foreign contribution. It is but natural that the English press and speakers should resent such interference. We would do the same and the party which would accept foreign money to carry on its campaign would be overwhelmingly beaten at the polls. Home Rule can and will be worked out in England, but we believe that American contributions will have to cease so far as English elections are concerned before that desired end will be accomplished.

In this week's DEMOCRAT will be found Gov. Curtin's letter to the citizens of the 20th Congressional District officially withdrawing from Congressional life. The letter needs no explanation, his reasons for retiring to private life are such as would have induced a man of even greater physical endurance to have withdrawn sooner. It is doubtless the Governor's intention to settle down and enjoy the years that yet remain to him, free from the cares and annoyances of public life. Perhaps from his wonderful store of anecdote, and history, may yet come Memoirs that will entertain and interest the millions of Americans living and other millions yet unborn. He yet owes American literature his "personal recollections" of the public men of the war period.

J. L. SPANGLER, Esq., flings his name to the breeze as a candidate for Congress, and is in dead earnest.

The Governorship.

The Republican newspapers are doing their best to befog the political situation in this State by printing all sorts of ridiculous stories in regard to the probable action of the approaching Democratic State Convention. One day they have it that Mr. Randall is pushing this candidate, the next that he is opposing the same candidate, the next that he has entered into a combination with Governor Pattison to defeat somebody, and so on to the end of their string of invention.

The fact is that so far there are but two candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor who are actually in the field and they are Hon. Chauncy F. Black, of York, and General Pressly N. Guthrie, of Allegheny. There is, however, an undercurrent in the party which is setting strongly toward Senator Wallace. It is believed by many Democrats that he would be able to organize the party better than any other possible candidate and that organization is what the party in this State needs above all things at the present juncture. Senator Wallace, however, refuses to enter the race for the nomination. He declares that he will make no contest for the place. Notwithstanding this there are many influential Democrats who insist that he shall be made the candidate and what may seem strange to the uninitiated is the fact that those who are most urgent on this point are the close personal and political friends of Mr. Randall. They declare that Wallace is the man to lead the party at this time and they refuse to listen to any argument or suggestion on the contrary. On the other hand the old friends of Senator Wallace, as a rule, decline to make any movement looking toward his nomination, chiefly because he has forbidden such a course on their part. This is the whole truth and it is given here and now because certain newspapers are striving to make it appear that Senator Wallace is seeking the nomination.

Meanwhile let Democrats beware of all attempts on the part of sensational press and interested Republican newspapers to mislead them in regard to the Democratic situation in Pennsylvania. The Democracy will nominate the man who will appear to be the best adapted to the leadership of the party. He will be a man who, first, is a thoroughbred Democrat, who is acceptable to the labor element, who is sound on the great questions of the day, who possesses executive abilities of a high character and who is able to organize and bring the democratic vote to the polls. The man who can sit for this portrait ought to be and doubtless will be the next democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania.—Patriot.

Brave Little Nellie Barry.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 13.—

Brave little Nellie Barry, the 10-year-old heroine who saved her four brothers from their burning home in the Belmont district on the night of July 6, has been sent to the Cambridge Poorhouse, the people who promised so much in her behalf having failed to render any assistance. All her brothers go with her. Since the death of their mother in December, 1885, the entire care of the household had devolved upon Nellie. Edward Barry, the father, although earning sufficient to keep his children from want, has contributed but little if anything toward their support and care. After the home of the little ones was burned to the ground on Monday night they were taken to the house of an aunt, Mrs. Thomas Bresnahan, where they have been kindly cared for until yesterday. Mrs. Bresnahan regretting parting with them, but owing to the fact that she had six children of her own she felt unable to assume the additional burden.

Hon. C. T. Alexander.

Two District offices are to be filled this fall. Ex-Governor Curtin has decided to retire to private life on the expiration of his present term and will not be a candidate for re-election. Senator Wallace will not again be a candidate for State Senator. While Centre county has no reason to complain of the treatment she has received at the hands of her sister counties in either the Congressional or Senatorial districts, she should present candidates for both offices; particularly is this so with reference to the Senatorial nomination. Four years ago the Senatorial contest developed a disgraceful condition of things in which charges of bribery were preferred. Out of that contest Centre county came clean and clear, with no stain on her banner and no charge of bribery or corruption against her candidate or her conferees. She came out with an honest, fair and bona fide nomination, and Hon. C. T. Alexander was nominee of the party of the district for State Senator. The feelings engendered by the proceedings at Lock Haven prior to Senator Alexander's nomination were none of the most pleasant, and in the interests of the party of the district Mr. Alexander declined a nomination fairly and honestly his and Senator Wallace was nominated to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Alexander's withdrawal. Senator Wallace of course was very loth to take the nomination, because he had no desire to fill the office, and only accepted it on the positive assurance of Senator Alexander that he would not accept the Lock Haven nomination. Until recently Senator Alexander's health has been so bad that his friends have said nothing about him as a Senatorial candidate, because it was considered a physical impossibility. His health is not now of that robust character to permit a canvass of the county, but there is a marked improvement in it gratifying to him and his friends, and long before the ideas of November he will have regained his old time vigor. As an act of justice Senator Alexander should have the Senatorial nomination from his county; not as a vindication because he needs none, but as a matter of justice to a man who yielded a nomination for the good of the party. There is not a democrat in the county who will not rejoice to know that the brilliant, kind-hearted and genial "Cyse" Alexander will again be heard in the councils of his party and on the stump in defence of his party principles. If there are others who are ambitious for the honor, they can afford to wait until justice has been done. Such a mark of confidence on the part of his party friends would be worth more than all the medicine that could be prescribed. He deserves it, and should have it without a contest. The grand old Democratic principle of "equal and exact justice" should prevail in this matter.

CENTRE COUNTY carried off two honors at the Republican state convention. General Beaver's nomination being one, and Col. Hastings nominating speech the other. Local pride in our county and her men made us feel a little shaky as to the "how" Daniel would get through. But when he sat down, we had a sort of fatherly feeling for the boy, and we felt like saying "well done you red headed sardine." It was by all odds the finest oratorical effort of the convention, and certainly the greatest effort of Daniels life. There is nothing that swells a fellow up like local pride and we are always ready to stake our last nickel on a Centre county man. We don't care what his politics is when he is away from home, if he does himself and county credit. The Col. was complimented on all sides for his brilliant oratory. Daniel just lacks one thing and that is, that he is not a Democrat.

To the Citizens of the Twentieth Congressional District.

WASHINGTON, July 10, 1886.

Having contemplated for some time my retirement from Congress at the expiration of my present term, I now announce to the citizens of the Twentieth Congressional District that I will not again be a candidate for re-election.

I make this announcement now in answer to the many citizens of the District, of different political parties, who have written me asking that I again allow my name to be used.

The office of Member of Congress is not a sinecure. I am constantly pressed with duties and engagements which I try to fulfill, but which have too often failed from the impossibility of success. Among these, not the least onerous and painful, are the numerous applications for official position, where success is possible under the most favorable circumstances only to very few.

It has happened also that the claims for aid in obtaining pensions made on me, not only by the surviving soldiers resident in Pennsylvania, but by those who have left the State, have added very largely to my labors. I need not say that I have willingly responded to these calls from the men who offered their lives for the preservation of the Government; and I may be allowed to add that my efforts in behalf of this most deserving class of our citizens, not only in the Bureau of Pensions, but in my place in Congress aided sometimes by my own personal knowledge and testimony, have not been fruitless.

And here I desire to express especially my deep gratitude to the surviving soldiers of the District, who, with remarkable unanimity, have earnestly and enthusiastically sustained me. Their confidence and friendship given to me early in the war, have never been withdrawn, and one of the most grateful reflections of my life is that I shall retain that confidence and friendship until the end.

Another very gratifying memory of my public life in State and Nation is that I have tried to deserve, and have received in full measure, the confidence and support of the industrial people of my District and of Pennsylvania, and this is the more gratifying because in every public and private act and utterance by which I have sought to advance the interests and welfare of our workingmen, they have been advised that only in the supremacy of law and order, and by the maintenance of the rights of person and property, can labor find its just security and reward.

Honored as I have been so often with important trusts during the last third of a century, I can not close this announcement of my withdrawal from Congressional life without again expressing my grateful sense of obligation to the people of the District and State of my birth, amongst whom I have always lived and by whom I have been supported and sustained with a constancy and devotion which I can never forget.

Very respectfully,
A. G. CURTIN.

Charged With Abduction.

A Special to the Tribune, from Huntingdon, on 12 inst says. Harry Bennett, of Philadelphia, and T. S. Anderson, of Reading, accompanied by two young girls whom they represented as their wives, came here on Thursday and engaged rooms at the Franklin house. The men were engaged in selling novelties on the streets. No suspicion attached to the parties and during their stay here they cut quite a swell. The girls were exceedingly prepossessing and showed evidence of taste and refinement. On Friday night the chief of police of Lewistown arrived here with warrants for the arrest of Bennett and Anderson,

Accompanied by Chief Graham, of this place, the Lewistown officer went to the Franklin house at a very late hour, and found Anderson and the two girls occupying one room, Bennett, it seems, having gone to Tyroee. After serving the warrants the officers escorted the trio to jail where they passed the night. On the following morning Bennett was apprehended at Tyroee and brought to this place, after which the entire party were taken to Lewistown. At a hearing before justice there, Bennett and Anderson were sent to jail in default of \$1,000 bail each to answer at a further hearing on Wednesday next. The girls are Maggie Haugh, of Port Royal, and Blanche Dalby, of Lewistown and the warrants were issued at the instance of the girl's parents.

General Beaver.

General Beaver again heads the republican ticket and starts out in the race for Governorship under much more favorable circumstances than he did four years ago. At that time his nomination was charged to Cameron and the Independents kicked so vigorously that the general remained a private citizen in our solid old town of Bellefonte. The political atmosphere is much clearer now, and victory has perched twice on the Republican banner since '82, yet all is not plain sailing; part of the ticket is given to "talk" and this time it is not the head. The temperance people are dissatisfied with the temperance plank and the whiskey men are swearing vengeance at the men who built the platform. The drag net platform always comes in for a full share of condemnation, but as political pledges seem to be made as a matter of course and not because of any intention on the part of the leaders to keep them it is not strange that the honest republican should swear at the remarkable crazy quilt adopted at Harrisburg. General Beaver is stronger than his platform he is a man of high personal character, public spirited, charitable and honest. His private and public character are without stain, and his soldier record is as good as the best, of the truth of this his fellow townsmen will bear willing testimony. If he should be elected Governor he will make a fair, honest and conscientious executive.

General Beaver has none of the magnetic qualities of Blane to draw to him any strength from his political opponents. If he can hold his party vote he will be doing well and will be elected, but there are several elements of uncertainty in the contest of this fall which are not pleasant to contemplate even with forty thousand majority at ones back. They are the temperance people, the liquor men and the labor vote. Where these shall go, whether to one party or to the other, or whether each party will get its own share of these votes can only be determined after the vote is polled and counted. We congratulate our townsman on his nomination it is an honor to himself and his country to be the standard bearer of a great political party, and it is a noble ambition in any man to be governor of a great State like Pennsylvania. We shall do all we can in our humble way to "clean" the general out politically for while we have the highest regard for him personally we haven't an abiding faith in his party. If it shall be his good fortune to be defeated again, we shall expect to see the Nail Works increase their capacity to 1500 kegs per day, and our town boom. If he is defeated the railroad to Beech Creek will be completed. If he is elected all Bellefonters will expect to board at the executive mansion when in Harrisburg, free of cost. We are in favor of the railroad to Beech Creek.

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Maj. J. L. Spangler for Congress.

In the regular announcement column of this week's DEMOCRAT will be found the name of Maj. J. L. Spangler, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for Congress. Mr. Spangler is so well and favorably known to the democracy of the county, both in the councils of his party and on the stump that any encomiums, would almost seem superfluous. Maj. Spangler has carved his way to his high position at the Centre county bar by untiring industry and the hardest study. Whatever measure of success has been his, was won by individual effort. Among the democratic speakers of this district none rank higher in oratorical powers than he. As a party organizer the campaign of 1880 speaks volumes for him. Had Governor Curtin remained in public life Major Spangler would have been as ardent a supporter of his candidacy now as he had always been in the past, but Mr. Curtin has voluntarily retired and Mr. Spangler presents his name to the democracy of the county for their suffrages.

It is a compliment which no one would appreciate more highly than Mr. Spangler, and it could not be bestowed on a more deserving young Democrat.

THE Republican ticket was formally put in the field two weeks ago and its strong and weak points have been already, pretty well discussed. The nomination of our fellow townsman General Beaver, was a surety a year ago, that of the other gentlemen on the ticket with him was credited to the "marching" long before the convention met, and their nomination was a ratification of the back parlor work of the republican bosses. We might go on and say that the ticket is weak, and that part of it, had been beaten four years ago but we can see little use in such a statement. Whether weak or strong it is certain that back of it is forty thousand majority for M. S. Quay, and the prestige of two successive republican victories since the defeat of General Beaver in 1882. If the democracy is to go into the campaign this fall, hopeful, it must be with a leader who will enlist every democratic voter beneath his banner. In the strength of the democratic ticket and not in the weakness, real or imaginary, of the republican ticket must rest the hope of democratic victory. The coming contest is to be a battle for republican supremacy in Pennsylvania and the opening fight in the great national campaign of 1888. The importance of a strong, clean, aggressive democrat at the head of out ticket this fall will suggest itself to every democratic delegate, and personal preferences and local names will give place to a feeling of individual responsibility to the party. No John Stewart will hand us the Governorship this year on a silver, we must fight for it. There are many brilliant, able and aggressive men in our party to-day whose names are synonyms of democracy and whose lives have been spent in the party's service, and one of these would put life in the party. Put none but true, pure and fearless democrats on the ticket. An honest platform and a square pledge to carry out its provisions is what the people want.

HENRY VITALINI of San Marcial New Mexico, is visiting friends in this place.

THE Patriot charges General Beaver with drinking soda water with the Philadelphia delegation to the whiskey convention at Pittsburg. Soda is a temperance drink as long as you keep "flies" or "sticks" out of it, but if a fellow gets a "fly" or "stick" in his soda, good bye temperance plank, in the republican platform.