

GENERAL JACOB M. CAMPBELL of this district, has been selected as the member of the Republican National Committee from Pennsylvania.

THE Committee of Ways and Means in the House, have decided by a majority of one to report a bill reimposing the odious income tax. The bill has not yet been drafted.

AGAIN the important announcement is telegraphed that "The President is not in the least disturbed by the recent action of the Republican caucus." Wonder if a dose of Ipecac would disturb him?

It should not be forgotten that it was the Republicans, and not the Democrats, who kicked out of office the corrupt door-keeper of the House. The Democrats cling to him to the last, notwithstanding the proof of his iniquities.

AGAIN the Democratic dragnet, spread for Republicans, caught among of its own small rogues, having Democratic M. C. from Ohio has been detected in drawing pay twice for services in the Army. Tally again! Another Democratic reformer shows his faith by his works.

THE Democratic malignants cannot forgive Judge Bradley for the part he took as a member of the Electoral Commission in seating President Hayes, and accordingly they now propose to punish him by preparing articles of impeachment for "questionable transactions in decisions made by him." "If I can't lick you, I can make mouths at your sister," said the lout, after being thrashed in a fight.

GENERAL JACOB M. CAMPBELL, M. C. from this district, having expressed the opinion, that with proper action, the Franklin and Schuylkill districts now represented by Stenger and Reilly, (Democrats) can be carried by the Republicans this fall, the Harrisburg Patriot wages indignation thereat, and squashes the General by calling him "Jakes Campbell." Such unparliamentary is sufficient to crush any mere General of the Union Army or Republican Congressman.

A GREAT and shining light in the Democratic party has been extinguished. Boss Tweed died in Ludlow street jail in the city of New York on Friday last. His too practical application of the Democratic doctrine, "to the victors belong the spoils" led to his immurement in the prison, from which death relieved him. Poor old man! his fault was but an exemplification of his faith in the doctrines of the party in which he reared. He died in the comfortable faith of all good Democrats, that the guardian angels would protect him.

THE Postoffice and other departments of the Government are just now hampered by want of the necessary blanks to carry on their ordinary business. This is caused by the so-called economy of the present Democratic Congress, which in its desire to make political capital, so cut down the necessary appropriation as to make them insufficient for the absolute necessities of the Government. Of course there must be another deficiency bill passed, but then you know, the Democrats have gained credit for economy in cutting down the appropriations.

SPEAKING of the course of Republicans in the coming campaign, the New York Times says: It is necessary to draw a broad line between that unreasoning anger which, denouncing the President as a traitor to his party, proposes to give him out unceremoniously, and that more restrained feeling of disappointment, not unmixed with contempt, which condemns his course and refuses to accept responsibility for his consequences. The bitterness that exists is intelligible; the expediency of giving effect to it in the extreme way that has been suggested is at least doubtful. Much the better plan, as it seems to us, would be to leave "Southern policy" unnoticed, except so far as events may compel some definite action in regard to it.

At the meeting of the National Republican Committee, last week, it was resolved, among other things, to request the President to rescind his order "forbidding officials" participating in caucuses, conventions, and committees of a political character."

Pool! pool! what's the use of singing psalms over a dead horse. Attorney-General Devens telegraphed to Massachusetts at the last election, "Save the State and let the order go to the devil." And we at home have a Federal office holder actively canvassing the county for nomination to a local office. It is time that our National politicians understand that "Civil service reform" is a myth, and the prohibiting order a mere joke, or our worthy President.

SAYS the North American: There is not a financier or a banker in the country who does not know that the national banking system has given us the best currency that the country ever had; a currency which costs the holder nothing for discounts; a currency which is good for its full face value from Maine to Texas, and which rests upon a solid foundation of actual money invested for its redemption wherever called for. And yet we have a Banking and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives that proposes to cancel all these notes and replace them by irredeemable Treasury notes. If Congress wishes to abolish the national bank, which pays ten millions a year in taxes more proportionately than any other interest in the country, why not do it like an assassin in the dark?

Let the Democrats answer to the country for their conduct in the election of a door-keeper to succeed Folk.

A named and destitute Union soldier, the hero of two wars, and an ex-United States Senator, was a candidate for the vacant Doorkeepership of the House. The Democratic members, under the whip and spur of the "Solid South," voted with one single exception against him, and elected to the place an ex-Confederate General. There was no party question at stake, for Shields, the Union General, was a Democrat of a far stancher and loftier record than his opponent. It was an issue between a Union soldier and a Confederate soldier—and the latter carried the day. It is not, by any means, the first evidence that the old slave-holding element of the South has resumed its ancient domination over the Democratic party; but it is one of the most striking, and it will make a deep and lasting impression on the country.

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