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Randall's Rebellion.

Samuel J. Randall of Pennsylvania has for years been prominent among Democratic party leaders, and also prominent as a leader among Protectionists. True, only a minority of his party agreed with him in the latter respect, still his influence in the party has been great; and his friends claim that he has in time past done the party an immense amount of good by simply keeping its Free Trade proclivities covered up and out of sight all he could, by which the pushing tendency of the party was made to do as little harm as possible. In 1884 he stumped New York State for Cleveland, and saved thousands of votes for the latter by showing that Cleveland was not a bad Protectionist, after all. He will scarcely be able to repeat the performance now.

In the House on Friday, it came to his turn to speak in the tariff debate, and, though evidently weak and in poor health, he held the attention of his audience for two hours, while denouncing the Mills Bill, which the Free Trade Premier is trying to force through. When his time was up Mills called out, in the rudest and most tyrannical manner, that he should get no indulgence, but must be shut off right there. Whereupon McKinley (Republican and Breckenridge (Democrat), the latter a Kentuckian and a Free Trader, said that they would each give up half of the time necessary for Randall to finish his speech. To this not even Bous Mills dared to object, and the great Protectionist-Democrat leader was allowed to proceed. The latter was loudly cheered, even by Free Trade opponents, and since then it is a general comment on Mills' conduct that it was brutal, to say the least.

The New York papers are remarkably shy of their opinions on the incident of Friday. The Tribune says very little, doubtless thinking the affair none of its funeral. The Herald notes that Randall has refused to go on with the Democratic procession, adding that the procession will go on without him. At the Free Traders' attempt to sit on Randall The Sun growls, but rather mildly. Apparently most of the Democratic papers are afraid to speak out, as if they feared that the attempt to crush Randall bodes no good to their cause.

We have no idea that Randall will take the positive course of coming out against his party, because he has been snubbed by its leader in the House, at the express desire of President Cleveland himself, as is generally believed. More probably the consequences will be of the negative kind, though they may be important enough, for all that. In the doubtful State of New York, with its large Protestant working population, one blast upon Randall's bugle-horn for Cleveland would be so much