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The new comet is said to be visible to the naked eye in Tennessee and elsewhere. It now rises a little before the sun, and just dips below or grazes the horizon at its lower culmination. Its north declination is now about 510, which, according to its ephemeris, is about its most northerly limit. It is moving west rapidly, its night ascension increasing, and before the week is ended will be seen in the evening sky in the neighborhood of Ursa Major.

During the past fifty years, the Mem pais Avalanche thinks, there has not been so long a duration of extremely hot weather as has been felt in most parts of the country, but especially, perhaps, in June. The year 1881 will long be remembered as the scorching year, when the Norih was visited by more sunstrokes and more storms and whirlwinds than in any previous year during the past fifty, when more houses were blown down and more lives destroyed by tornadoes than ever before, and when the South was more generally burnt up in her corn

We learn from the Charlotte Observer of the 10th iast., that Mr. W. J. Best still proclaims himself President of the Western North Carolina Railroad and forbids the issuing of bonds by the new authorities. The Observer publishes as an advertisement Mr. Best's notice to the public that the issue of a deed of mortgage and the issue of bonds by A. B. Andrews and G. P. Erwin, the former as I'resident and the latter as Secretary, are without authority in law and absolutely void. Mr. Best further states in his published notice that he has instituted legal proceedings with the view, among other things, of having the invalidity of said mortgage and bonds declared by law. A nice kettle of fish, verily. To those who oppose the sale of this road we confess things do look a little "kinder" mixed.

The so-called anti-monopolists in New York, it seems, are determined to make an impression in the fall elections in that State, and to that end they are about to call a State Convention, to be held at Utica on or about the 20th of this month. The call is not officially published as yet, but it will be this week. At present it takes the shape of a "private and confidential" printed circular, to which the took the first train home. names of not a few members in the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade and Transportation are attached. The idea of the promoters of the movement would seem to be that they can master he ever knew for a complication of strength enough to occupy the position diseases. It is the specific action which of a balance-of-pd wer party in New York, and decide which of the candidates of the two great parties shall or shall not be elected. Some significance is given to the fact that the Convention is to le held in the town where ex Senator Cor k. ling resides.

THE GOVERNMENT LOSS . A case which has been on trial for more than four weeks in the United States Circuit Court, and which is probably of greater importance, as regards amount of money involved, than any litigation in progress in the country, was Saturday morning decided against the Government. The case in point grew out of a claim for alleged excess of duties charged by Collector Beard on a quantit eral of the best (and some of the worst) ty of "Swedish Iron," imported by physicians, who gave her disease various James W. Newell. The amount claimed was only \$2,282.17, the alleged excess on 5,227 bars of iron. Cullector Beard rated the goods as steel, and it was on this point that the case turned. The matter has been in dispute for some time between the Government officers and iron and steel importers, and this was made a test case. It has been tried with great care on both sides. Indeed the expenses incurred by the government in defense have probably far exceeded the amount in dispute, the witness fees alone being more than \$1,200. Judge Colt, of Rhode Island, occupied the bench. Hon. Charles Levi Woodbury and Smith & Walter appeared for the plaintiff, and District Attorney Sanger and Judge Hoar for the government. The case has been patient ly heard by a jury, the evidence on both sides being principally that of experts and workers in iron and steel, upon the point of what is the practical distinction of one from the other. The verdict is in favor of the plaintiff, the sum of \$2,626.77 being awarded. The so called steel rails from Sweden will therefore hereafter pass the custom house as iron. and the cost of railroad construction in this country is correspondingly reduced

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The Philadelphia Times says that if anything could make the country regret Roscoe's ambrosial curl it is the woodcut of Elbridge G. Lapham which blooms out in the rural press at the head of a two column sketch of worse than obita-

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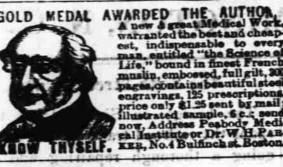
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