

This ex-Empress Eugenie sailed from Southampton, England, on yesterday week, for South Africa, to visit the scene of her son's death. She is accompanied by Colonel Sir Henry Evelyn Wood, of the British army, who took part in the Zulu campaign, the Marquis de Bassano, and a few other personal friends. On her return from Zululand she will make a brief visit to the island of St. Helena, which Napoleon was banished by the British government, and where he died fifty-nine years ago.

This House Committee of Ways and Means decided on Tuesday last, by a vote of 8 to 3, to place upon the free list all manufactured paper, wood pulp, jute butts, unmanufactured glass, straw, and all other fibre and fibrous plants fit for use in the manufacture of paper. The committee also decided - 7 to 5 - to fix the duty at 40 per cent. upon flannels, blankets, hats of wool, knit goods, balloons, woolsens of every description, composed wholly or in part of worsted, hair or alpaca, goat, or other like animals, except such as are composed in part of wool, not otherwise provided for.

It is very satisfactory to learn from the Pittsburgh papers that Allegheny county has settled and paid nearly all the claims against it growing out of the memorable riots to July, 1877. The whole amount paid up to last week aggregated \$2,100,000, which includes the claim of the Pennsylvania rail road, the heaviest of all the demands against it. As a general rule all the claims were compromised at amounts far below their face, and with one exception, which is a claim for oil destroyed, it is said that the amount of losses yet to be paid will not exceed \$3,000. "Where there is a will there is a way."

The Greenback State Convention met at Harrisburg on Thursday last and recommended to the National Greenback Convention, which will meet at Chicago in June, that mighty statesman, Hendrick B. Wright, as a most proper person to be nominated for the Presidency. For Judge of the Supreme Court several names were mentioned and withdrawn, whereupon a disgraced delegate is reported to have moved that "if we can't find nobody within our party we'd better not nominate anybody." The motion was lost, and the convention by dint of perseverance succeeded in doing the next best thing to finding "nobody," by nominating F. P. Dewees, of Schuylkill county. We do not mean that Dewees is anybody in the literal meaning of the word, but we do mean that as a candidate for the highest judicial tribunal in the State he is eminently entitled to that distinction. A. L. Roberts, of Crawford county, was nominated for Auditor General.

A rumor prevailed about the beginning of last week, which happily proved to be unfounded, that the City of Mexico, the vessel on which General Grant and party had taken passage from Vera Cruz for Galveston, had been lost in the Gulf during a terrible storm. In that event what would have become of the country, for whose future existence and safety the third term crowd existed to believe that Grant is a necessity, and that without his strong arm to direct public affairs the days of the Republic are numbered. "Suppose Grant had been lost at sea," said the New York Sun, "it is hard to say what the result would have been. It might have been the end of the Republic - that the waters which engulfed him would have swallowed up the one man strong enough to administer the office of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln? Not one of them would have dared to say it - not one of them believes it. All their gabbles about the necessity of re-electing Grant is as inane as it is un-American."

Covonens has now been in session four months and what has the harvest been? We are not aware of any measure of national importance that has passed both houses. Of talk there has been more than a surfeit, and the Congressional Record has every day been loaded down with speeches of learned length and thundering sound, the most notable of the session being John A. Logan's venomous harangue against the bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter, which covers 1798-812 pages of that document in fine type. For two whole months the House would not vote on the report relating the rules to govern its own action, and since the adoption of the report it has mainly devoted its time to quarrelling about what the new rules really mean. But this is the session preceding a Presidential election, and if much real and substantial good results from its deliberations, which now bid fair to extend into the middle of summer, it will be more than the country has at present any good reason to expect.

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What we object to is that the Committee undertook to meddle with or express any opinion in reference to the matter at all. It has no jurisdiction whatever over the subject. The precedent is bad and fraught with mischief, and if once recognized will only lead to evil, and that continually. If it is ever conceded that the State Committee has the right to direct its chairman to place upon the roll the names of certain delegates from a county, no man can have much difficulty in foreseeing the results to which its exercise would inevitably lead. If, as the Patriot claims, the chairman of the State Committee has no discretion in preparing the preliminary roll of the convention, but must "place on the roll only the names of delegates returned to him by the proper authority," etc., and if Geo. B. Herrill, who presided at the Philadelphia county convention, did, as is said, return to the chairman of the State Committee the names of the delegates elected by that convention on the 31 of December, then the Committee stands without the shadow of an excuse for its meddling and its mischievous action. The State convention is superior both to the Committee and its chairman, and will take care, we have no doubt, that the delegates from Philadelphia who are regularly elected shall get their seats, and we trust we will never again hear of the State Committee interfering in a matter with which it has no legitimate concern.

The Board of Pardons at a special meeting held on Saturday last to consider the applications of Wm. H. Kemble and others, refused to recommend them to executive clemency. Kemble's leading counsel, F. C. Brewster, Esq., of Philadelphia, and Wm. H. Armstrong, Esq., of Williamsport, counsel for Rumbarger, addressed the Board in behalf of their clients, presenting such reasons as they could in favor of their pardon. A great many letters from Republican politicians in Philadelphia, as well as from several Republican Congressmen from this State, were also read to the Board asking its favorable action. In opposition to the Board recommending a pardon, the District Attorney presented and read a calm and well written protest, which is said to have been prepared by Franklin B. Gowen, one of the counsel for the Commonwealth. Quay and Dunkel voted in favor of the recommendation for pardon, and Lieut.-Gov. Stone and Attorney General Palmer voted against it. Three affirmative votes were necessary, but only two could be had. On Monday, the day fixed for passing sentence, the Board met, neither Kemble, Salter, Rumbarger, Crawford, nor Petroff appeared, and the bail of each was forfeited. The District Attorney at the same time asking the Court for processes against the defendants, which were granted. Kemble went to New York from Philadelphia on Sunday night, and was in that city during Monday. Rumbarger and Crawford were at the St. Cloud Hotel, Philadelphia, on Sunday, but what became of them does not seem to be known; nor is there any clue to the whereabouts of Salter and Petroff. That all these defendants, unless they leave the country, will yet be arrested and produced before the Court, does not admit of much doubt, provided the District Attorney discharges his duty in the premises, as we feel confident that he will.

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NEWS AND OTHER NOTICES.  
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—Charles Stark, a well-known lawyer, and President of the People's Savings Bank, at Pittston, died on Thursday last.  
—Willie Clifton, of Easton, fell over an embankment, a distance of 80 feet, and escaped with no greater injury than a broken wrist.  
—Full-grown grasshoppers have made their appearance in the northern part of Centre county, and the farmers there are very uneasy.  
—Dispatches from London state that the English Catholic aristocracy will provide an asylum for the Jesuits who may be expelled from France.  
—Kentucky lays claim to the oldest living triplets. They are three sisters named De Vos, and their three years, and their fifty-third year.  
—Peter Smith and Patrick Cantwell, tinmiths, were blown from the roof of the Seventh regiment armory in New York on Monday.  
—A cow on the farm of D. T. Johnson, at Oakdale, near Pittsburg, recently gave birth to a calf with two heads and seven legs. Both the cow and calf died.  
—Mr. Miles Finegan, of West Goshen township, Chester county, has a hen that lays a double-yolk egg every day. She has carried on this work so far for two weeks.  
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—Mr. John B. Gough is reported as saying recently that drunkenness has increased in this country in the last 25 years, and that it is the cause of more murders, suicides, and of more women drinking than ever before.  
—Three brothers named Eames are under arrest at Worcester, Mass., for a long time for robbing the banks and post offices in the vicinity of Cambridgeport. A large amount of stolen property has been recovered.  
—Mr. Libby's barn, near Winfield, Kan., was carried away on Tuesday morning by a cyclone, and not even a fragment of it can be found in the neighborhood. So states an associated press dispatch.  
—A thunder storm at Foxburg, Pa., on Saturday night the lightning struck a 10,000 barrel oil tank belonging to the Fox Farming pipe company. The tank was almost a total loss, together with its contents.  
—A will was recently filed in Pittsburgh by a colored man who claims to have been a teamster under General Harrison, the hero of Tippecanoe, and to have been killed at Tecumseh, the famous Indian chief.  
—Mr. Edmunds has presented a large number of resolutions, and a general law relating to the District of Columbia, asking for the enactment of a law regarding castration as the penalty for rape.  
—There is a bill in the iron trade - not quite so much "boom" as there was, Markets overstocked, every one rushing into the business, some people "getting their fingers burned," and "what's the matter with the great business revival."  
—Samuel Price and Edward Bainer, aged 14 and 15 respectively, while playing ball on the street near Duquesne, Pa., Canada, drifted out into a lake. The boat, containing their dead bodies, was found near Niagara on Tuesday morning.  
—The superintendent of county, city, and borough superintendents of the public schools of the State, in which about one hundred superintendents are expected to take part, will convene in Harrisburg on Wednesday, April 1st, and remain in session three days.  
—The Kane Blade states that during the absence of Mrs. Frank Dale from home her seven-year-old boy put matches in an old powder keg, and exploded it, so that the explosive material had been taken from him. The boy was terribly injured and lay for two days.  
—The Erie Railroad Society at Dublin, Ohio, is called Ku-Klux and seems to deserve the name, for the members have blown up two barns with powder.  
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