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oase was oarried, als
Supreme Court of the
disoarded the decision
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oharged. This was done on the ground that
the intention of the contracting parties must
oontrol a oourt in its interpretation of a con-
trant; that at the time of the signing of the
notes and ooin; that both were in common
oiroulation; and that coin was especially men-
tioned and intended to be paid.
By this deocsion all previous adjudieations of have had in our midat precisely similar state-
ments and direotly opposite verdicts. In the Coart of our oity, the identity is complete.
Aul, however, will fall with this reversal of the bighast tribunal. It will have a deoided prac-
tical and pecanisisy offeot on a number of our
citizens. Of the deoision ittelf we oannot see any need to say muah. With the Judges of
that Count reest the decision, and they have
settled it beyond appeal. We are glad, however, that the deoision was delayed until after
the olose of the war, when its effeet will not
be in the least political. Care should be taken not to oonfound the judgment in Bronson
with that now peading in relation to the
legalty of the Iegal-tender acts themselves, lagaily or the Legan-tender acts themselves.
It has no immediate bearing apon them; but
atill, coming as it does at this time, it is highly signifiosnt. Can it not be construed as one
of those proparatory of those proparatory steps which the Sapreme Court is in the habit of taking to pave the
Way for what has already been determined strongly as it does, we cannot fail toanseo in it
a hint of declded significance as to the settlement of the yet more important question
whioh is atill in abeyance. We had not anWhion is atill in abeyance. We had not an-
tiopated a leaning so mach in that direotion
by the court; for, if the present tase is viewed In the light of the feeling of the Judges, it certainly foreshadows the settlement of the legal-
tender queation ou the basis of its illegality. tender question op the basis of its illegality.
We awnict the coming deciaion with no incon-
siderable suspense. The Twelith ${ }^{\text {a }}$
Tra proeent Legislature promises to surpass
all th predecessors in notorious profligay, in abjoot surrender to corrupt inthencoss, and i
reckleas disregard of the true interests of th people of Pennsylvania. Those who are fami-
liar with the controlling motives of action alloge that in all important measures money
or bribery exeroibes as potent sway as steam apon the machinery of a looomotive or a
minspring apon the movements of a watch. The oomplete demorallization whith prevalls
is illastrated not only by impolitio and mys. is illostrated not only by impolitio and mystion. The praotical query is no longer, "What
do the people need, or how can they be bes served Y " buit "What scheme oan be devised for the enriohment of impeounions members
and the prosent Legtalatare is recelving credit and the prosent Legialatare is recelving oredit
among those familiar with corruption for havivg brought a new system to a degree of perfootion never before attained, vii., the system of ohartering companies for the exola-
give benail of the members, Inatead of workivg, as heretofore, in the pay avd interest or way bill is eited as an lliustration of this ad vapoed apecies of legiatative rapacity, and in
is dificoult to explain the saperservicasble inion displayed in behalf of this measure in Infon diaplayed in behalf of this masasure in
than by the supposition that
 oltizens of Philiadelphas, and that and to gene-
rally condemned on acoount of the neoossity rally condemned on acoount of the nooessity
for maintaining a fow main avenueas for the
exolnative nae of earriagees and drays. Some exolnative nse of oarrisges and drays. Some
of the arguments by whion it was dotonded
were ridioulous, sad some of the statements made in its support were poolttvoly false; and
the prees of the ofty han almost unantmoualy quent to itt pasasage.
And yet this very questiouable measure was
supported ly allt the representatives of Philladeldelphis in both branches of the Legisisature,
whiont distitection of party. II the Senate,
on a call of the yens and nays, the voter of
the four Senatoros from the city were reoorded
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