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What Constitutes a Legal-Tender. In all cases in which the validity or applicacation of a United States law is involved, the decisions of the United States courts are recognized as the exclusive and paramount rule of action. If a case which falls within local domain occurs, it may be doubted whether there is any higher tribunal than the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth. But no such consideration enters into the suit when an act of Congress is the cause of dispate. Since the foundation of the Government, therefore, the decision of the United States Supreme Court has been looked upon with great awe. It is the court of last resort in the case of the largest interests of the nation. It is seldom, however, that it has rendered a decision which will have more widespread influence in the daily transactions of individuals than the one made on Monday. in the case of Bronson and others against Rodes. The issue involved was what constituted a legal-tender of money due under a special contract. The facts of the case are:-There was a mortgage given in 1851 for a certain sum, which was especially stipulated as payable in gold and silver coin. This fact appeared on the face of the mortgage itself. In 1863 the mortgages tendered in greenbacks the sum on the face of the mortgage, tender was declined, and suit which brought for payment in gold aud silver coin. The court below decided in favor of the legality of the tender of greenbacks. The Court of Errors and Appeals of New York, to which the case was carried, also so decided. But the Supreme Court of the United States utterly discarded the decision of these tribunals, and with but one dissenting voice declared that payment could be enforced in coin, and that was the only way that the debt could be discharged. This was done on the ground that the intention of the contracting parties must control a court in its interpretation of a contraot; that at the time of the signing of the deed there was a recognized difference between notes and coin; that both were in common circulation; and that coin was especially mentioned and intended to be paid.

By this decision all previous adjudications of the courts of Pennsylvania are reversed. We have had in our midst precisely similar statements and directly opposite verdicts. In the case of Shoenberger vs. Watts, in the District Court of our city, the identity is complete. All, however, will fall with this reversal of the highest tribunal. It will have a decided practical and pecuniary effect on a number of our citizens. Of the decision itself we cannot see any need to say much. With the Judges of that Court rests the decision, and they have settled it beyond appeal. We are glad, however, that the decision was delayed until after the close of the war, when its effect will not be in the least political. Care should be taken not to confound the judgment in Bronson with that now pending in relation to the legality of the Legal-tender acts themselves. It has no immediate bearing upon them; but still, coming as it does at this time, it is highly significant. Can it not be construed as one of those preparatory steps which the Supreme Court is in the habit of taking to pave the way for what has already been determined upon? Coming just now, and leaning so strongly as it does, we cannot fail to see in it a hint of decided significance as to the settlement of the yet more important question which is still in abeyance. We had not anticipated a leaning so much in that direction by the Court; for, if the present case is viewed in the light of the feeling of the Judges, it certainly foreshadows the settlement of the legaltender question on the basis of its illegality. We await the coming decision with no inconsiderable suspense.

| Its active supporters were working on their | own account.

It is well known that the road was never asked for by any considerable body of the citizens of Philadelphis, and that it is generally condemned on account of the necessity for maintaining a few main avenues for the exclusive use of carriages and drays. Some of the arguments by which it was defended were ridiculous, and some of the statements made in its support were positively false; and the press of the city has almost unanimously condemned it. as well in advance as subsequent to its passage.

And yet this very questionable measure was supported by all the representatives of Philadeldelphia in both branches of the Legislature. without distinction of party. In the Senate, on a call of the yeas and nays, the votes of the four Senators from the city were recorded in the affirmative, and on its final passage in the Honse, the telegraph report of the proceedings says:-

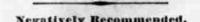
"Mr Strang wished the Philadelphia members to state whether or not their delegation was in favor of the bill. "Mr. McGinnis said that the delegation was

That the people may know exactly by whom they were thus misrepresented, we append the following list of their misrepresentatives:

the following list of their misrepresentatives: SENATORS-1. W. McCandless, Dem.; 2, A. Wilson Henzzey, Rep.; 3. D. A. Nagle, Dem.; 4 George Connell, Rep. ASSEMBLYMEN-I. David Foy, Rep.; 2. John McGinnis, Dem.; 3. Samuel Josephs, Dem.; 4. George W. Myers, Rep.; 5 John L. Rogers, Dem.; 6. Charles Kleckner, Rep.; 7. Jannes Su-bers, Rep.; 8 J. V. Stokes, Rep.; 9, 8, D. Dailey, Dem.; 10. E. W. Davis, Rep.; 11 William Bunn, Rep.; 12 Alexander Adaire, Rep.; 13, Michael Muilin, Dem.; 14. John Cloud, Ras; 15. James Holgate, Rep.; 16, M. C. Hong, Rap; 17. John Clark, Rep.; 18, R. Hervey, Rep. Wa hone, for the oradit of the site, that all

We hope, for the credit of the city, that all these men did not act corruptly, but their unanimity on a measure of this character is, to say the least, a highly suspicious circumstance. Judging from the past history of passenger railway legislation, and the subse quent proceedings of these companies, all these charters possess a certain pecuniary value, arising from the transfer they make of valuable privileges to a few private individuale; and members of the Legislature are too familiar with the history of former passenger railway speculations in this city, to defy their constituents from purely disinterested motives.

The regret and indignation felt at the action of these recreant legislators are heightened by the indecent haste of Governor Geary in signing the bill. He seemed as anxious as its original projectors to avoid giving the people an opportunity to remonstrate against it, and he has thus given increased strength to the prevailing desire of the Republicans of Philadelphia to select a new candidate for Governor in the coming election, as well as an entirely new Representative ticket. As the Damoorats will evidently nominate their most popular candidate, the Republican party can scarcely expect success in the State if they do not also choose a standard-bearer who is unassailable at all points, and preëminent for purity and intellect as well as devotion to sound principles.



will place on a firm and durable basis the friendahip which should ever exist between England and America; she regrets the disturbances in New Zealand, but is sure that prudence and moderation will prevent their recurrence; the estimates which will be laid before the Commons by the ministers are, she thinks, framed upon the basis of economy coupled with efficiency; the continued suspension of the writ of habeas corpus in Ireland she considers necessary, and she is persuaded that, in considering the ecclesiastical arrangements for Ireland, Parliament will have a careful regard for the interests involved, and that the matter will be settled so as to secure the undivided feeling of the people of Ireland on the side of loyalty and law, efface the memory of past contentions, and cherish tha sympathies of an affectionate people.

The Queen's speech has a mild, benevolent and motherly tone, that will be appreciated by her faithful people, and which is certainly much better than the ephynx-like utterances of her neighbor on the other side of the Channel, who generally contrives that when he says peace the world shall understand that he means war. For the Queen's good wishes towards the United States we are duly thankful, and we only regret that we cannot look upon the present negotiations between this country and Regland in the same hopeful spirit as her Majesty. Not that there is any likelihood of a breach of the peace, but while friendship certainly should always exist, Mr. Reverdy Johnson's after-dinner treaty is not the best means for securing the desired resuits. The Queen's sentiments on the Irish ecclesizatical question are judicious, but indefinite, and it is certainly a matter to be desired that the English Parliament will concur in her recommendation to apply the principles of equal justice to the question before them.

#### The Central High School.

THE sixty-first semi-annual commencement of the Central High School was held yesterday at the Academy of Music, and seventeen graduates received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The continued prosperity of the High School is most gratifying, and there is every reason to believe that its management on the whole is such as can justly be commended.

That in some particulars the High School might be improved, its most zealous advocates will perhaps admit, while in spite of the attacks of its enemies we have the honorable records of a very large number of its graduates to attest its usefulness. The graduates of the High School occupy positions of trust, honor, and influence in this community, and number in their ranks many of our most esteemed citizens. The prosperity and progress of the United States are due in a very great measure to the free educational institutions, open to all, and which provide facilities which leave no excuse for ignorance. The Philadelphia Central High School has always stood high among the great free colleges of the country. The course of studies prescribed is, on the whole, exceedingly well calculated for disciplining the mind, as well as for securing to the student such an education

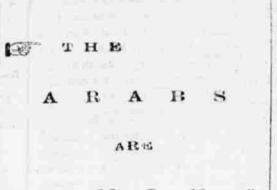
yet in 1868 there were but three districts that exceeded it. The falling off is as follows:-

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# OBITUARY.

Beath of Charles N. Bancker, Esq. Last evening one of Philadelphia's patriarcha-Charles N. Bancker, E.q., than whom none was more respected and esteemed, died in the full ripeness of are. He was born in the city of New York in the year 1776, and was, consequently, in the ninety-second year of his age at the time of his death. His life was uneventful, though busy. He came to this city in 1795 Subsequent to his arrival here, in conjunction with a gen-Ueman named Geist, he opened a large wholesale dry goods store on Second street, near Market. They did an extensive business. Mr. Bancker, although at that time but twenty-one years old, was accustomed to conduct and manage it during his partner's business trips to Asia.

The rapid growth of the city, the constantly augmenting multiplication of dwellings and stores, at last suggested to the deceased the expediency of starting a fire insurance enterprise. After carefully studying the details of the fire insurance system, in order, if he established a company, to establish it understandingly, he came to the conclusion that the enterprise would pay-that it would prove of mutual advantage to both the founders and the citizens, In 1829 he obtained a charter of incorporation for the Franklin Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia. The corporation lost no time in commencing business, with Mr. Bancker as Scoretary. In a short time re was elected t in President of the company, and continued in that position up to the period of his death. In addition to his labors in business, Mr. Bancker was a hard worker in literature. He possessed great fondness for scientific studiesand pursu tian gent has gone,



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The complete demoralization which prevails is illustrated not only by impolitic and mysterious action on various questions of State importance, but by the course of local legislation. The practical query is no longer, "What do the people need, or how can they be best served ?" but "What scheme can be devised for the enrichment of impecunious members ?" and the present Legislature is receiving credit among those familiar with corruption for having brought a new system to a degree of perfection never before attained, viz., the system of chartering companies for the exclusive benefit of the members, instead of working, as heretofore, in the pay and interest of "outsiders."

The Twelfth and Sixteenth Passenger Railway bill is cited as an illustration of this advanced species of legislative rapacity, and it is difficult to explain the superserviceable zeal and contemptuous defiance of public

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THE Committee on Federal Relations of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg has reported, with a negative recommendation, the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State which provides "that no bill conferring any corporate power on private individuals shall be passed by the Legislature, and that the courts shall have power to confer any such privilege." There is in this amendment the germ of all reform in the present corrupt system of legislation. We had occasion to call public attention yesterday to the fact that the Governor of New York has determined to veto bills where the courts had the power. We did not at that time know that so practical a form of reform had been attempted. But it would seem that its fate is already settled, as with a negative recommendation its defeat is secured. It is hardly possible for one to expect that the members of the Legislature will deliberately cut off their great source of revenue, and hence the action in question will create no surprise. It will, however, be received with regret. It was the most easy and practical shape in which the movement towards purifying the Augean stables of the capital could be attempted. The same ameniment favors the increase of the number of Representatives to 300. This we have already favored on several occasions. But it is idle to argue on the beneficial results of such a change. Until we elevate the tone of public morals, all reform must prove abortive and all the present evils

The Queen's Speech.

continue.

YESTERDAY afternoon the formal opening of the new English Parliament took place, and the Queen's speech was read, in the absence of her Majesty, by the Lord Chancellor. When the Emperor of the French makes a speech from the throne, it is generally understood to mean a great deal more than is expressed: it is a sort of royal conundrum thrown out for the world to exercise its wits upon. Very often it is found to mean very little, but the world, never disappointed, always returns to the task with fresh ardor, until Napoleon must sometimes actually grin with delight at the success of his experiments upon the credulity of mankind.

No such enigmatical meaning is ever attributed to Queen Victoria's utterances. The speeches are well understood to be prepared for her by her ministers, and they are usually made up of mild platitudes about things iu general, and mean nothing in particular.

In her speech yesterday the Queen assured the Lords and Commons that the relations of Great Britain and all foreign powers were on an excellent footing, and that the hostilities which threatened to break out in the East have been prevented by a conference of the arinion displayed in behalf of this measure in great powers of Europe; she expresses a hope than by the supposition that that the negotiations with the United States

as will fit him for the practical work of life: and it is to be hoped that, in the future, those Ser 1 who are disposed to find fault with this institution, and who even wish to abolish it because it is not conducted exactly according to their ideas, will endeavor to look at the matter from an impartial standpoint, and devote their energies to its possible improvement.

#### The Alabama Treaty.

It is reported that the Foreign Committee of the Senate are unanimously opposed to the ratification of the Alabama claims treaty recently concluded with the English Government by Minister Reverdy Johnson. We have no doubt but that this report is true, and even if it is not, the Senate will scarcely dare to confirm the treaty in opposition to the wishes of the whole country. Mr. Johnson, in spite of the opinions which have been expressed with regard to the treaty, continues to dine and wine and make speeches in England, assuring his auditors that the whole difficulty is now at an end, and the relations of the two countries placed upon a satisfactory and friendly basis. That Mr. Johnson has flattered himself with delusive hopes will be evident as soon as the committee makes its report to the Senate, and the English sympathizers with treason will find that one weak-witted old man does not represent the American people, but that the determination on this side of the Atlantic is stronger than ever to agree to no arrangement except the fall payment of the claims that have been preferred for property destroyed by the Anglo-Rebel pirates. The English Goverument has tried various devices to get around the matter somehow without acknow ledging its errors, and our only course is to adhere firmly to the position we have taken and to submit to no comp romise.

INTERNAL REVENUE VARIATIONS .- The following figures, taken from the reports of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the years ending June 30, 1867 and 1868, show a much more satisfactory state of business in this city than in either of the three large districts in the city of New York, where most of the business in that city is carried on. The receipts for the year ending June 30, 1867, from internal revenue taxation, are as follows:-

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Districts, Amount Collected Thirty second New York
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Third Massachusetts
Fourth New York
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First Pounsylvan'a
While for the year ending June 30, 1868, the
receipts for the same districts were as follows: -
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024 New York
155 OR110 D18
3d Massachusetts
8th New York 4074 416 26
41b New York
161 1/110019
1-t Ohio 3,781,725 05
From the above, it will be seen that while in
1867 there were seven districts paid more reve
one taxes than the First district of this city,
The second