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The Legal Tender Note Bill.

This bill has not passed the Senate. The passage of a temporary Treasury Note bill, for the immediate relief of the Treasury, to the amount of ten millions, gave rise to the statement that the bill had passed both Houses. The opponents of the legal tender clause are rallying their forces to defeat it in the Senate. It is said that a majority of the Committee on Finance are opposed to the legal tender clause, and will report the bill without it. We think it is highly probable that the bill will pass the Senate substantially as it came from the House.

The chief opposition to the legal tender clause comes from New York city influences, and even there some of the ablest writers on finance support the measure. The whole West, with the exception of a few half-disloyal Democratic papers, support the legal tender clause.

An able writer in the New York *Evening Post* places the benefits of the legal tender clause in a strong light, in the following paragraphs:

The banks have generally suspended, and hence are bankrupt. Many merchants and traders have also suspended and are bankrupt. The general government has suspended and is bankrupt, but not by any means insolvent. What, in such a case, shall Congress do? Let them exert their power "to borrow money on the credit of the United States," in sums of five dollars or five hundred millions, as may be required, for the prosecution of the war in the support and defence of the Republic against the present rebellion and the *world in arms*, if the latter join the rebels.

The "tender notes" are drafts on the Treasury for the amount expressed on their faces, and are only another mode of borrowing money "on the credit of the United States," and that *without interest*. Why not give the people who have but five, ten, or twenty dollars each to spare, an opportunity to support the government by loans *without* interest, as well as the capitalists, by loans of their millions, upon all the usance which the necessities of the government may enable them thus to extract from a loyal and patriotic people?

If Congress shall pass the House bill, and make the interest on loans payable in gold, and also pass a good Tax bill of $150,000,000 or $200,000,000, I believe the Treasury drafts will soon be paid in gold on demand, and afford a better currency throughout the United States than has ever yet been furnished to the people thereof. It will be a commercial regulation, applicable to all pecuniary contracts throughout the Union, and manifestly will be more beneficial to creditors, if not to debtors, than the power to enforce payment in gold by the aid of the courts, and the jarring and contradictory laws of the several states.

Mr. Forney, in his "Occasional" Letter, strongly supports the legal tender clause, as follows:

The action of the House of Representatives, yesterday afternoon, in passing the Treasury United States Note bill, and the bill for the funding of these notes and for the funding of the floating debt of the United States, has given general satisfaction. The propositions includes the "legal tender," and I was particularly rejoiced to see that but five of the Republican representatives from Pennsylvania voted against this wholesome and necessary legislation. The debate was most interesting and exhaustive, and, while I respect the opinions of those who did not see proper to support the bill, I am confident that the anticipations of its friends, including experienced statesmen of all parties, and the hopeful calculations of the Secretary of the Treasury, will soon be realized in the maintenance of the public credit, and in the provision of such a currency as will be gratefully accepted by the people in all transactions between themselves and the Government of the United States. The overriding necessity will undoubtedly lead to its prompt passage through the Senate.

It is to be regretted that the *majority of the Democrats in the House, under the most mitigating circumstances*, should have opposed a measure which is certain to affect the direct interests of all their constituents. This imperatively necessary bill not only relieves the Government, but will increase the value of the property, personal and real, of every citizen of the loyal States. The day this bill becomes a law real estate will advance to the value it commanded before the war. But, above all, the poor man, and the soldier and seaman, will be protected from the money-sharks and brokers. In making this currency a legal tender we secure for it a universal circulation; and although some corporations may suffer and growl, the great body of the people will thrive. We can better realise this when we recollect that the bank notes of our States are always below par, and received with distrust in other. We are not only making History, but we are making precedents. In our just hostility to the perverted doctrine of State rights, by which one State has been enabled to dislocate our entire political system, may we not at one blow extinguish this dangerous heresy, by defeating the schemes of the advocates of State sovereignty, alike as to political control and pecuniary independence? In other words, if the honest friends of a strong Central Government, which is forever to put down Secession and Rebellion, are to stand against Treason, may it not be necessary to complete their triumph by now establishing such a national currency as will foreshadow the necessity of a permanent circulating medium? Nor can the bonsiful advocates of State rights, North and South, object, because it is to have inflicted, alike, political and pecuniary ruin upon their own people by adhering to their own contracted ideas. We are in an era when in order to save a great Government from destruction, we may have to yield up many prejudices and opinions. A man who is ready to yield his life to his country may readily yield his old notions that she may be saved.

The Ultimatum of Secretary Stanton.

Yesterday, while a member of Congress was urging the appointment of one of his friends, Secretary Stanton very kindly replied: "I can make no more appointments from political influence or personal appeals. The appointments in the army must come from the ranks. I have the cases of a number of widows who have lost their husbands in the army to attend to, and, as they are most needy, and their wants pressing, they will receive my earliest attention."

"As for the few civil posts in my gift, I shall distribute them among the poor and meritorious soldiers who have been crippled in defence of their country's rights." The summary manner in which the new Secretary despatches business is not very pleasing to greedy contractors, but it meets the hearty approbation of every honest and practical business man. Several inhabitants of Congress complain that the Secretary treats them very cavalierly. They will get used to his mode of doing business in time.—*Special Dispatch to Tribune.*

A Fighting Muskrat.—A gentleman named Ulrich, while walking along the Union canal, in Swatara township, Dauphin county, relates that he saw and attacked a muskrat, which, upon being kicked, immediately made battle like a savage dog, jumping at his throat several times, and tearing his vest and coat. After retreating some distance, Mr. Ulrich got hold of a stick and killed the gritty little animal.

The Iron-Plated Steam Batteries.

Plans and specifications have been prepared in the Bureau of Construction of the Navy Department for the twenty iron-plated gunboats which Congress has ordered. We have before us these elaborate papers, which are much too long to reprint entire, and besides, possess in their minute details no particular interest for the public. From them, however, we condense the following abstract and description of one of these proposed "iron-plated steam batteries:"

The length of the vessel on deck is to be two hundred and sixteen feet two inches; extreme breadth forty-eight feet; the depth of hold amidships thirteen feet eleven inches. The hull is to be built throughout of white oak, and copper-fastened to within five feet of the top of the deck. The deck planks are to be of white oak, five and one-half inches thick and nine inches wide. On this deck there will be deck-lights, fitted with shutters to make them water-tight from below, and two conning houses (for guiding the ship), one at each end, which are to be of wrought iron plates, round in form, of two feet diameter in width, and forty-six inches high, six inches thick and nine inches wide, composed of one thickness of four-inch and one of two-inch iron. The lid of the box is to be four inches thick. At ten inches below the bottom of this cover the sides are to be pierced with four tapering peep-holes, two inches in diameter on the outside and six inches on the inside; while three inches lower down there will be, in intermediate spaces, four other peep-holes.

The armament of the vessel is to be contained in two revolving "Cole-towers," whose outside diameter is to be twenty-one and one-half feet, and height somewhat over eight feet. The towers are to be composed of two thicknesses of wrought-iron plates, securely bolted to a backing of oak ten inches thick, on vertical timbers. The outside plates to be three inches, and the inside two inches thick, and all plates and appendages to be of the first quality wrought-iron scrap, capable of sustaining a tensile strain of 55,000 pounds per square inch.

Each tower will have one port-hole cut in its side for a gun. This hole to be twenty-four inches wide and forty-one inches extreme height, top and bottom to be semi-circular. In the roof is to be a grating, composed of slabs of wrought-iron six inches deep and one inch wide. Each tower rests on twelve wrought-iron conical rollers, eighteen inches diameter, seven inches width of face, turned and bushed, and with steel axles, to work in a wrought-iron circular railway secured to the deck at every eighteen inches of its circumference.

On the outside of the tower, the base, to the height of twenty-six inches above the deck is to be a glacis, or inclined plane, extending ten feet in every direction from the circumference of the tower itself, and composed of two plates, each one and a quarter inches thick, fastened on proper timbers. This glacis will protect the railway on which the tower revolves, with its machinery.

The sides of the vessel are to be plated with four-and-a-quarter-inch wrought-iron plates, except for thirty feet from the stern and sternpost, where the plates are but three and three-quarters inches, and near the bow three and a quarter inches thick. The deck is to be covered with ten thicknesses of rolled iron plates, each three-quarters of an inch thick, and not less than fifteen feet long and three feet wide.

The entire weight of iron plates needed for one of these vessels is thus estimated in the specifications:

Plating on sides	221.0 tons.
Plating on deck	248.2 "
Plating for glacis of two towers	40.6 "
Plating for two towers	116.3 "
Roofs for two towers	17.3 "
Decks for two towers, &c.	48.2 "
Total	691.6 tons.

The motive power is to consist of two horizontal direct acting engines, to work two screw propellers, one under each counter of the vessel. The screw propellers are to be four-bladed, of ten feet diameter, and with a mean pitch of twelve feet six inches.

The gun-towers will each be worked by an oscillating engine. For ventilating the berth deck there are, besides these, to be four blowing engines and blowers.—*N. Y. Eve. Post.*

The Union Men of East Tennessee --Slavery--The Louisville Journal.

Cincinnati, Feb. 5, 1862.

The publication in to-day's *Gazette* of the letters, &c., found upon the person and in the camp of Zollicoffer, showing the extent of the Union feeling in East Tennessee, and how they have been awaiting the approach of the loyal army, has called forth cries loud and deep upon our streets at the great wrong which all now see has been inflicted upon us by the Kentucky neutrality and its quasi-recognition at Washington. It built a wall of fire between us and our grand already organized force in the very heart of the rebellion. Whether that Union fortress has been forced to capitulate is now uncertain, but the unanimous feeling here is that an army should start to-morrow, and cut its way through any and all obstacles, to Knoxville.

Several well-informed men this morning, Union men from East Tennessee have reached our lines in this vicinity lately, whose conversation has a very important bearing upon the political relations of the war. It is known that our honest President has regarded the Central State of Kentucky as a fair gauge of the average sentiment in all portions of the country, and that he has supposed all along that the large number of Unionists in the far South whose voices are now unheard are watching with intense anxiety his course on the calvary question, hoping that he will guard that institution and is ready to side earnestly with the rebellion as soon as Slavery is touched in any unfriendly way. You have already published in your Washington correspondence the opinion of a large slaveholder from Florida who had sat in the ante-room of the White House twenty days without seeing the President, and who represented it as the belief of all the Union men known to him in the South that Slavery should be destroyed.

To this you may add the testimony of those Tennessean to whom I refer, who declare that the mass of loyal Union men who are now disturbing to the Confederacy in East Tennessee and North Carol