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Constitutionality of the Legal Tender Act.

A very important decision, affirming the constitutionality of the above named act, was rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States a short time ago, five of the Judges—Strong, Swayne, Davis, Miller and Bradley—favoring this decision, and four—Chase, Clifford, Field and Nelson—dissenting.

The opinion of the Court was delivered by Justice Strong, and it not only affirms the constitutionality of the legal-tender act, but overrules a previous decision, which declared that the legal-tender act did not properly apply to contracts made before their enactment—so that, as the law is now interpreted, greenbacks can legally be used for the payment of all debts, public and private, save those expressly excepted from their operation by acts of Congress or by special contracts of undoubted validity. The remarkable distinction between greenbacks and gold is steadily and rapidly being obliterated, so that the immediate practical effect of the decision is of comparatively small consequence. But it will, it is said, exercise a beneficial and tranquilizing effect upon the nation by dissipating fears of a hasty and forced return to specie payments, and by placing the popular faith in greenbacks upon an impregnable basis.

CANINE SAGACITY.—A Panama journal tells the story of extraordinary canine sagacity: "When the dog wishes to cross a river where alligators abound, he gets up the stream a great way and barks with all his might; the alligators go there and wait for his getting in to swim across. The dog knows what he is about; when he sees from the number of the snouts above water that his enemies have all gathered to the feast, he runs down the bank as fast as he can and swims across before the alligators are aware of the trick that [illegible]

Perils of an Aeronaut.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, the well known aeronaut, Prof. Donaldson, made another balloon ascension from Norfolk, Va., which came near terminating fatally. When at the hight of one mile from the earth, and while performing upon the trapeze, Donaldson concluded that he would descend, and for this purpose pulled the valve cord to allow the gas to escape from the balloon. The valve did not open, and he pulled again. It still remained closed, and there being no time to lose he pulled with both hands. Again a failure, and for the third time he gave a strong, steady jerk. There was a sharp, hissing sound, as if made by the tearing of cloth, followed by a rushing noise, and he knew that the balloon had bursted. It did not collapse, however, being prevented from doing so by the rush of air from beneath, but closed up at the sides. At this time the aeronaut was seated on the cross pieces above the trapeze bar. The balloon leaned over to one side and descended with frightful velocity. During this awful period the aeronaut's feelings may be imagined but cannot be described. He says for the first time in his life he was frightened. In a short time, which seemed to him an eternity, the balloon struck the branches of a tree, and went crashing through the limbs. The ropes and trapeze bars catching in the limbs, somewhat diminished the rapidity of the descent, but still the velocity was terrific. Crashing through the branches, the balloon fell to the ground, the aeronaut landing on his back in a heap of briers. His pants were torn, and his legs lacerated by the briers, but beyond this he escaped without injury. His escape from a frightful death is simply miraculous. Rising from his thorny couch, Donaldson, still cool and with nerves little shaken by his terrible mishap, took a survey of the situation. He had fallen on the edge of a swamp near a field five miles from Norfolk. On examining the balloon he found a large rent extending from the top to the bottom. Rolling it up, he started for assistance, securing which, he next procured a conveyance and returned to Norfolk.

A FASCINATING SUBJECT.—It is said that Miss Susan B. Anthony boasts that more than forty-five thousand persons have listened to her lecture on the "Social Evil." As this evil is one of woman's rights as well as man's, we are not surprised to hear of the harmonious mingling of the sexes when this social tie is the attractive force.—[N. Y. Clipper.

What Advertising Did.

Millaud, the banker and news paper speculator, who died recently in Paris, and who founded the Paris Petit Journal, which at one time had a daily circulation of nearly half a million copies, was an enthusiastic believer in the advantages of liberal advertising. One day he had at his table nearly all the proprietors of the leading Paris dailies. They conversed about advertising. Millaud asserted that the most worthless articles could be sold in vast quantities, if liberally advertised. Emil de Girardin, of La Presse, who was present, took issue with him on the subject. "What will you bet," exclaimed Millaud, "that I cannot sell in one week one hundred thousand francs' worth of the most common cabbage seed under the pretext that it will produce mammoth cabbage heads? All I have to do is to advertise it at once in a whole page insertion of the daily papers of this city." Girardin replied that he would give him a page in his paper for nothing if he should win his wager. The other newspaper publishers agreed to do the same thing. At the expiration of the week they inquired of Millaud how the cabbage-seed had flourished. He showed them his books triumphantly, and satisfied them that he had sold nearly twice as much as he promised, while orders were still pouring in; but he said the joke must stop there, and no further orders would be filled.

EXHAUSTLESS ART.—Art is exhaustless, remarks McCormac, but life is short. Eminence is not to be attained without time and energy; and even after the devotion of a life, how rarely do we witness the union of excellencies? When we reflect on the advantages derivable from art, and on the applications of which it is susceptible to some of the best interests of mankind, we cannot but regret that so great a source of human happiness should not be better and more generally cultivated. With reference to music, whether in the solemn chant, the choral voices of numbers, the thrilling accents of passion, and the varied delights of instrumental harmony; painting and statuary, whether they embody the beauty and the admirable details of the human form, or express the lineaments of thought and feeling; and architecture, whether it transform the dwelling of the savage into edifices of surpassing grandeur and magnificence—they yield increased scope as well as further happiness, purity and joy, to our [illegible] and intellectual be[illegible]

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