

# THE OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

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## Bonds, Bank Notes and Bankers are the Curse of This Nation.

As it was determined in advance, after a long sham battle our shysters were victorious in saddling this nation with \$300,000,000 bonds therefore mortgaging not only the souls and bodies of the living but even of the yet unborn generation.

Some people were a little surprised that the senate yielded to the demands of the bankers. These people did not see that the whole fight was only a sham battle for deceiving the people. The true facts are that in a short time all our bonds on which our bank notes are based will become due and as the government has silver enough for redeeming this would abolish our national bank system as our bank notes are based on bonds, but such a precious privilege our shysters will never give up even if the whole country must be ruined and therefore they demonized silver so that the government is compelled to issue again from 500 to 1,000,000,000 bonds for which purpose the war with Spain is a real God send to them as it will furnish them all the bonds they wish and neither congress nor senate will interfere as these assemblies work in their interest. There is not very much hope for this people to overthrow the money power as long as about a dozen men like Czar Reed, Mark Hanna and Kyle have the balance of power in congress and senate. What monstrous profits are gained on our bank notes can best be shown on an example on a small scale.

Suppose, as now is really the case, that gold only is legal tender money and that the government needs some money. Now Mr. Catchem has \$100 in gold which he loans to the government. For this \$100 the government will give him a note or bond which draws 3 per cent interest annually and that is all by rights that he is entitled to. But now Mr. Catchem has no money for himself and as there is no money in circulation Mr. Catchem goes to the United States treasurer with his bonds saying that he wished to get a \$100 note for himself but as there is no money in circulation he proposes to deposit his \$100 bond in the United States treasury as a security and then the government shall go security for his own notes which then everybody would accept as a medium of exchange instead of cash. To this proposition the government agrees and then ten notes are issued which read, Filow Catchem at Boone Mills will pay to bearer \$10. Filow Catchem.

This note is secured by United States bonds which are deposited in the United States treasury.

Dick Sharper, Treasurer of the U. S.

A day after Mr. Catchem has received these 10 notes Mr. Big Fool who always votes for the richest man goes to Mr. Catchem for borrowing \$100 and the latter one tells him that money is awfully scarce, that there is really no money in the country and therefore I have no money myself but my credit is good and I can loan you my credit. Here are ten of my own \$10 notes for which the United States are security so that they are just as good as gold and as there is no money at all in circulation everybody will be glad to take them instead of cash. Now I am willing to loan you these notes if you will give me a chattel mortgage on everything you have and pay me 10 per cent interest in advance. To this condition Mr. Big Fool will gladly agree when he has to sign a note which reads: One year after date, I Big Fool at Fools town, promise to pay to Filow Catchem at Boone Mills the sum of \$100 value received. For this note Mr. Catchem has a mortgage on six horses, twelve steers and twenty hogs which chattel the creditor may attach if the note is not paid when due.

Big Fool.

Foolstown, April 1, 1898.

After this note is signed Mr. Catchem keeps it and gives to Mr. Big Fool 9 of his ten dollar notes and one of them he keeps back as interest, therefore after exchanging these notes one party owes to the other \$100 what would balance the debt but here comes the difference. As Mr. Catchem's notes are secured by the government and as there is no money in circulation these notes have to perform the functions of money and therefore Mr. Catchem charges 10 per cent interest for the use of them. If Mr. Big Fool will renew his note for twenty years, the time the new bonds are running he would have paid in this time \$200 interest and would still owe him the principle of \$100 without by right he had not owed him a single cent. Mr. Catchem would receive for his \$100 which he had loaned to the government at the lowest figure 20 years interest from government bonds at 3 per cent, \$60; 20 years interest from Big Fool at 10 per cent, \$200. In 10 years he would have loaned out the first \$100 interest from Big Fool and get a 10 per cent 100 principal from government after returning his notes, \$100 and total \$160. This shows that whereas he had lent in twenty years only \$60 interest from the government for his real paid up \$100. He gets \$300 interest for his own notes or debt of \$100.

But under favorable circumstances for himself his notes may be lost or destroyed by fire in which case Mr. Big Fool had to pay the amount in cash to Mr. Catchem may attach the chattel thereby clearing four or five times the amount of the note. Besides this bonds are free from all taxes. Every respectable, honest man would rightfully condemn Mr. Catchem as the most cruel, infernal cut-throat and robber for doing such kind of business but this is just the way our national banks are instituted, a few money barons get possession of everything whereas the people get poorer

and more miserable every day and mortgage soul and body to these cut-throats. Moses and Christ denounced taking interest from real, loaned money as usury. What would they say when our bankers make us pay interest on their own debts. This is such an abominable crime that even no language has yet a word for it. Hells toll would be the most fitting but even the devil would be ashamed and not cruel enough to gri d the marrow out of the bones of the people in such a barbaric manner. These bankers are even smarter and meaner than the devil himself. If our bankers would start a national bank in hell they would cheat the devil out of it.

How long will the people of the United States tolerate such an infernal institution? If bonds and notes which are based on such bonds must be issued why then should the government not go security too on the notes of small bond holders which can buy only ten or twenty dollar bonds? Their money is just as good as bankers money and therefore they should be entitled to the same benefit. To this they reply that bankers have a cash reserve so that they are able to redeem their notes at any time they are presented, but that's a lie, a barefaced lie. Bankers have no reserve to redeem their notes, the cash which they have on hand is not their own it is the money of the depositors, it was deposited for safe keeping and therefore they have no right at all to attach it. The best proof we had that they have no reserve was in the panic of 1893 when every bank in the United States was insolvent and when they were obliged to redeem their notes with clearing house certificates, which is nothing more than a new note from the whole insolvent banking concern. Even the money with which bankers bought the bonds was not their own but the people's money.

Instead of paying state, county and city expenses with the collected taxes the concerned treasurers deposited such money in banks and with this money United States bonds were bought for getting bank notes. Not only state and county treasurers but every man in Nebraska who had deposited money in banks which failed lost every cent of it and believe that in other states it is no better, but you very seldom hear that one of the defrauders was sentenced and even if a jury has sent one of them to the penitentiary Cleveland and McKinley have opened them the hind door of pardon for escaping before they entered the front door of the penitentiary. Compared with such cruel cut throats the robber knights of the dark ages were saints, as a daring man had at least a chance for defense but against our new kind of robber knight a man is just as defenseless and helpless as a child and as long as these bankers exist they will grind the marrow out of the bones of the people.

FRED SCHWEIZER  
Woodlawn, Neb., June 24, 1898.

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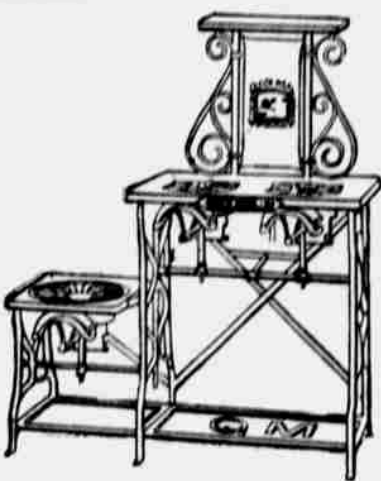
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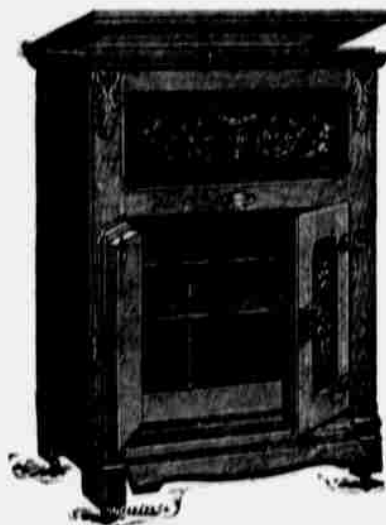
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