

THE NATIONAL BANK SYSTEM.

It Finds An Enthusiastic Champion In Senator Farwell.

REASONS FOR CONTINUING IT.

Reagan and Stewart Present the Other Side of the Question—The Dakota Division Bill Again Under Consideration.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Mr. Stewart introduced a bill in the senate to-day granting a pension of \$5,000 a year to the widow of Chief Justice Waite.

After the reference of a number of measures the conference report on the bill to divide the Great Sioux reservation into separate smaller reservations was agreed to.

On motion the senate passed a bill providing for the investment of certain funds in the treasury was taken up, and Mr. Farwell proceeded to address the senate.

He gave notice of his intention to offer two amendments to the bill. One of them directs the secretary of the treasury to issue and sell to national banks at par for United States notes, United States 3 1/2 per cent bonds, redeemable after fifty years, to be used by banks as security for their circulating notes, the notes to be issued at the full par value of the bonds. It also directs the secretary of the treasury to invest the surplus funds held in the treasury, including the amount to be received for these bonds, in the purchase of any United States bonds in open market and replace all the sinking fund.

The other amendment authorizes the secretary of the treasury, in order to enable national banks to maintain and increase their circulation and prevent the ultimate destruction of banks by the purchase or payment of the national debt, to receive from banks, to secure their circulating notes, state, county or municipal bonds, upon which interest has heretofore been promptly paid and whose market value is equal to or greater than their face value, bearing interest at not less than five per cent, such bonds not to be received by the treasurer at more than 15 per cent of their par value, nor until the approval of the secretary of the treasury, treasurer of the United States and comptroller of the currency shall be endorsed upon them.

Mr. Farwell went on to say that the bill was good enough so far as it went, but it did not include the whole finance question, which he regarded as of paramount interest. It only provided for the maintenance of the circulation of the national debt, but he recognized the fact that the American people were anxious and determined to pay the debt. Under his plan the national debt would be reduced a new issue of life and would be able to furnish the country with all the circulating medium required, limited only by the amount of the national debt. He desired that their permanent existence should be secured and the necessary volume of currency furnished through them, the authority should be given to issue national bank notes as a basis for their circulation according to the national debt and reduced and retired. Without that authority, as he pointed out, the national bank would be unable to give up the circulation secured thereby, and that circulation would, of course, be destroyed.

The real trouble was in the want of legislation forcing all the commercial interests of the country to base their medium of exchange on the national debt, without the substitute of that debt without the substitute of some other basis of their circulation. Bank circulation was a necessity and could not be dispensed with, and he would not have any fixed governmental issue. He would, if he had the power, pass a law that would perpetuate the national banking system, and that government was organized to protect the people. It had no other duties. Congress ought to pay off the national debt, both bonds and notes, and authorize the secretary of the treasury to furnish themselves with all the money needed. The people will then receive their own circulating medium, and they will be the business of the country, and they would not be subject to any legislation by congress nor to any interference with their own affairs. The government would be a business of all kinds and especially out of the money business. People should be provided with adequate laws to manage their own affairs in their own way. The government should be a business of advanced civilization. By them and through them the business of the country was done, only five per cent of it being done with money that was not theirs. The banks as monopolies nor did he characterize them as the money power of the country. He thought them the

would authorize the issue of treasury notes, but not as legal tender. He would protect against the policy of continuing the bonded debt for five years, which already brought distress upon the country. National bank circulation ought not to be fostered any longer. The precious metal should be used for circulation and when they were not sufficient paper money should be issued, not by private corporations, but by the government of the United States. The greatest enemies of the country were those who managed the circulation of the country so as to make hard times believe that the people were admitted.

At the close of Mr. Stewart's remarks the senate resumed the consideration of the bill for the admission of the state of South Dakota and for the organization of the territory of North Dakota. Mr. Spooner addressed the senate in favor of the bill. He argued that the question of the division of the territory had been submitted to the whole people and been decided in favor of division by a majority of over 5,000,000. As to the suggestion made by Mr. Balfour that the territory be divided into two different parts, the question that they should be divided from the north, and that therefore it was not a fair proposal, will be settled by the action of the people between the states of western states who remained from the polls through indifference and of voters in the southern states who were kept away through intimidation. As to the claim made by Mr. Butler that there was no danger to be apprehended from the imperial states, he questioned it. The Texas did menace by her monstrous territory the interests of the other sections of the country. She had in the other house the chairman of the committee on ways and means, a committee which dealt with the deepest interests of New England, New York, Pennsylvania and the rest of the country, and the chairman of the committee on claims, while the great state of New York had no voice in the senate.

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It Is Successfully Worked On Dunbuque Groceryman by an Honest Looking Fraud—Litigation Growing Out of the Flood.

The Gallows In Sight.

MASON CITY, Ia., April 16.—(Special Telegram to the Bee.)—Another murder has been committed in Iowa, this time in Franklin county, the victim being James Rankin, an industrious citizen of Cerro Gordo. The deed was committed at Sheffield on Wednesday, Rankin receiving a blow over the head with a stock hammer which resulted in his death last night. Peters was immediately arrested and upon preliminary examination was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. The particulars of the affair are as follows:

Peters was removing a shoe from Rankin's horse as it was standing out in the street. The horse would not stand still and this aroused the ire of the blacksmith who struck the horse with the hammer. Rankin could not suffer seeing his horse abused and remonstrated in no gentle manner. Peters turned on Rankin throwing his tool box at him and following it up by an attack with the hammer. Rankin was so frightened that he fled to the right, but the hammer did not stop there, but struck him on the right side of his head, driving the bones through into the brain. Rankin fell face down and the depressed portion of the skull raised. Rankin was taken to his home in the north part of the county. A German man has been in this country of about two years. He is a stranger in these parts, having located in Sheffield about two weeks ago. His only relative is a brother who resides at Albany, N. Y., in custody of the Franklin county sheriff.

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Struck out—By Cassian 2, Riley 2.

Bases on balls—By Flynn 1.

Hit by pitched ball—Earle, Kemmer, Riley.

Double plays—Wash to Shannon.

Time of game—1 hour and 30 minutes.

Umpire—Sowers, of St. Paul.

Flashes from the Diamond.

Shannon is a fine guardian of the second bag.

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It was a short game—one hour and thirty minutes.

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