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The holidays are at hand, they should give Congress no excuse to lose any of its precious time. The fourth of March is rolling rapidly toward us, and before it gets here, Congress should have perfected some sound plan for the financial relief of the country.

There can be no doubt as to the advisability of the Government's promoting the Nicaragua Canal enterprise. Action on the proposition is delayed only because of difference of opinion as to the proper way of taking hold. It seems that Congress ought to be able to get down to a business basis of assisting the enterprise. The time is ripe for the building of the canal.

The time of giving millions upon millions to corporations has passed never to return. President Cleveland is said to favor Government control of the canal if it is to be built with Government money, and as he has the last word to say in the matter the people can rest satisfied that there will be no jobbery in any act that gets his approval.

The census of 1890 shows that of 62,822,250 people in this country, 90,476,046, or 33 per cent. are of foreign extraction. "The largest proportionate number of this foreign element is in the North Atlantic division and the far West. In the first it is 47.21 per cent. of the whole and in the last 58.67. The South has the smallest proportion, 6.02 per cent. in the South Atlantic division and 7.59 in the South Central division—the middle West—has 13.02 per cent.," says the exchange from which these figures are taken. That tells the whole story. The isms that have cursed this country are not native-born. They have been brought over by the foreign element in our population. This foreign element is very small in the South and therefore the dangerous isms are reduced to the minimum in this section, but Populism is one of them.

The chaotic state of the public mind with regard to the general question of methods by which currency reform can be safely and satisfactorily reached is shown by the press comment of the week. Some oppose the Carlisle plan as altogether to favorable to the National banks, while others object that the conditions are made so hard for the banks that they will not accept them. Some fear that the plan would force the country upon a silver basis or lead to disastrous "wild-cat" bullying, while others see in it only the triumph of gold monumentalism, with the State bank provision as the only redeeming feature. Some see in it too much inflation, others too much contraction. And so on through the whole list of distinctive features. Moreover, many of the leading newspapers of the country vary so much from day to day in their criticism that it is impossible to tell what will be the drift of opinion next week.

A POPULAR TAX.

In his recent speech in favor of the repeal of the income tax, Mr. Bourke Cockran said: "When you gentlemen here believe that you are levying a tax upon 85,000 persons, and therefore it is a popular tax, as some of its supporters have declared it to be, can you conceive the meaning of what you say? A popular tax? Conceive for one moment the character of such an assertion. Why, gentlemen might as well talk about a popular disease or a popular plague."

As the Atlanta Journal says, to use an apt if not elegant expression this is "too thin." When it is said that the income tax is popular everybody knows that the term is used relatively. All taxation is a burden and in the dreams of Arcadian government the tax-gatherer finds no place. But we are still bound down to practicalities and everybody knows that taxes must be levied if we are to enjoy the protection and benefits of government. It is therefore the part of states-

manship to lay these taxes so that they will be as easily borne as possible. Since it is a recognized fact that we must have taxes it is perfectly proper to speak of a popular tax and the income tax fills the bill.

It is not popular because it falls on comparatively few people, but because it is believed by the great majority of the people of this country, including many who are subject to it, to be just. The opponents of the income tax have frequently shown the weakness of their position by just such talk as that of Mr. Cockran. They have also indulged freely in the game of bluff as they do when they denounce the tax as unconstitutional on the ground that it is class legislation.

We have courts ready to test that question and yet we have not heard of any opponent of the income tax, who cares to take the trouble of sustaining in the regular and effective way the assertion so often glibly made that the income tax is unconstitutional.

Mr. Cockran is a lawyer of some repute and as he is soon to retire from Congress he could make both fame and money by convincing the courts that the income tax should be declared inoperative.

China and Japan

Only about a year ago, when there was no reason to suppose that war would break out between Japan and China, and when it was supposed that China would always be more than a match for her little island neighbor, Lord Wolsey predicted that the day would come when China would adopt Western methods of military organization and would then be in a position to overrun all Europe. Should Japan completely conquer China, what Lord Wolsey predicted might speedily come to pass. It is idle to say that so small an Empire as Japan can never hold so large and densely-populated an Empire as China. If 40,000,000 Englishmen can hold and govern 200,000,000 Indians from a distance of thousands of miles, 40,000,000 Japanese can certainly hold and govern China, which lies almost within sight of Japan.

Our Paper Currency.

The United States is, with the exception of Russia, the only nation of the first rank in which the paper currency is issued by the government. In our own case the conversion of the public treasury into a bank of issue is one of the evil legacies of the war period. We have not space here to sum up all the arguments on either side, but it can, we think, be proved that the true function of our government, so far as money is concerned, is limited to the coinage of metallic money, that is, to the establishment of standards and the issue of gold, silver and subsidiary coins with the government stamp guaranteeing that such coins do conform to those standards. The use of government paper leaves in the hands of the legislature a power over the business of the country, which is always dangerous and liable to abuse; it imposes obligations on the public treasury which are outside of its legitimate functions, and makes its condition a constantly disturbing factor in trade as has been only too apparent during the past year; it fosters a spirit of dependence and a tendency to look to government initiative rather than to individual enterprise; and it encourages a general disposition to condone extravagance in government by accustomed the average man to look upon the public treasury as an institution which creates money at will instead of a simple disbursing agency which pays out the money he and others contribute from their earnings.

The ideal currency reform would, therefore, provide for the withdrawal of all government issues, and the substitution of a proper bank note currency. Such a thorough reform immediately is not, however, possible. No measure for the complete funding of the legal tenders and treasury notes could be expected to pass through Congress at present. The best that can be done now is to make a beginning and provide for the change gradually.

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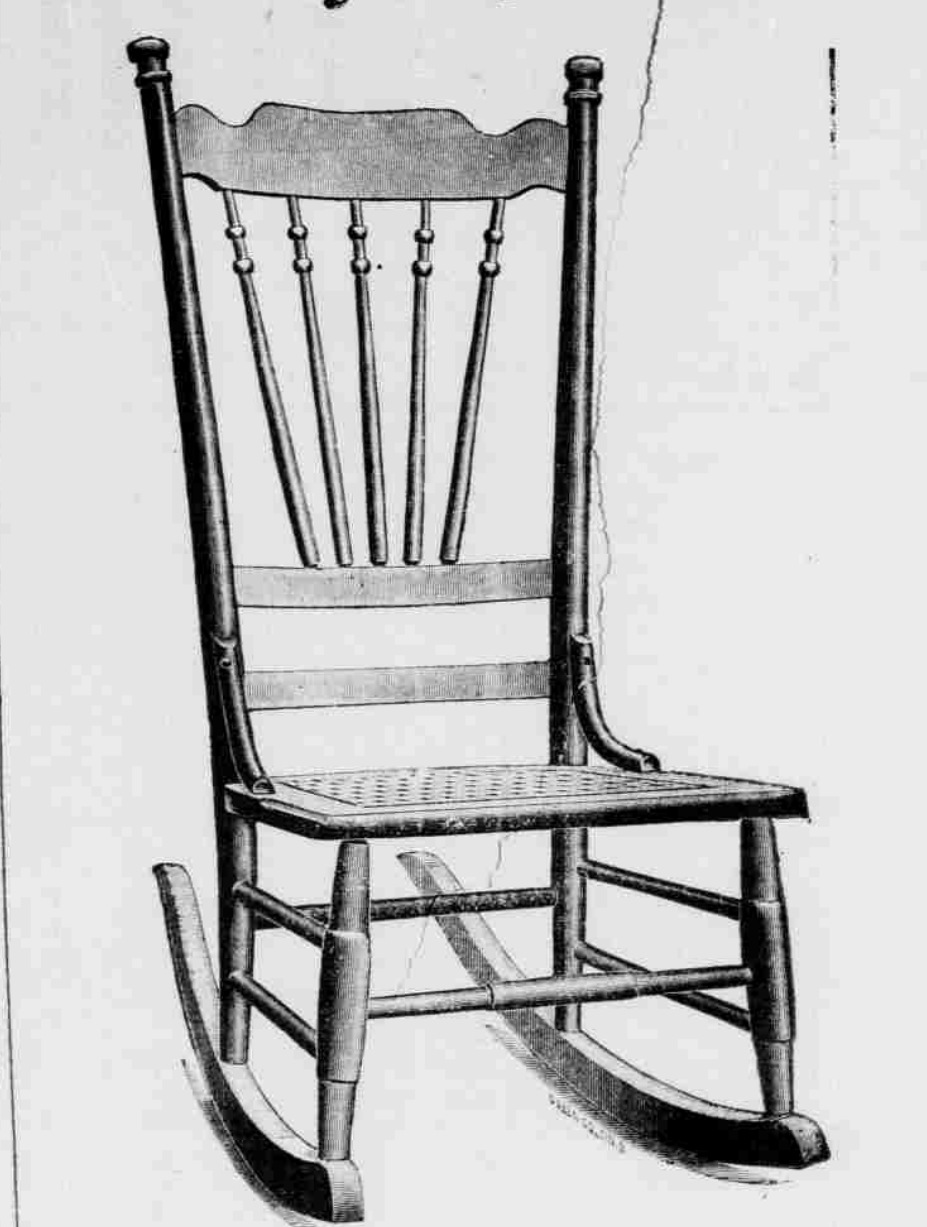
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