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413	Seventh National Bank of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Philadelphia
423	First National Bank of Mineville, Pennsylvania	Minersville
430	First National Bank of Lansdale, Pennsylvania	Lansdale
430	The First National Bank of Lansdale, Pennsylvania [1929 only]	Lansdale
432	Fourth National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh
435	First National Bank of Glen Rock, Pennsylvania	Glen Rock
437	First National Bank of Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania	Mauch Chunk
459	First National Bank of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania	Bellefonte
469	Second National Bank of Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania	Mauch Chunk
478	First National Bank of Pittston, Pennsylvania	Pittston

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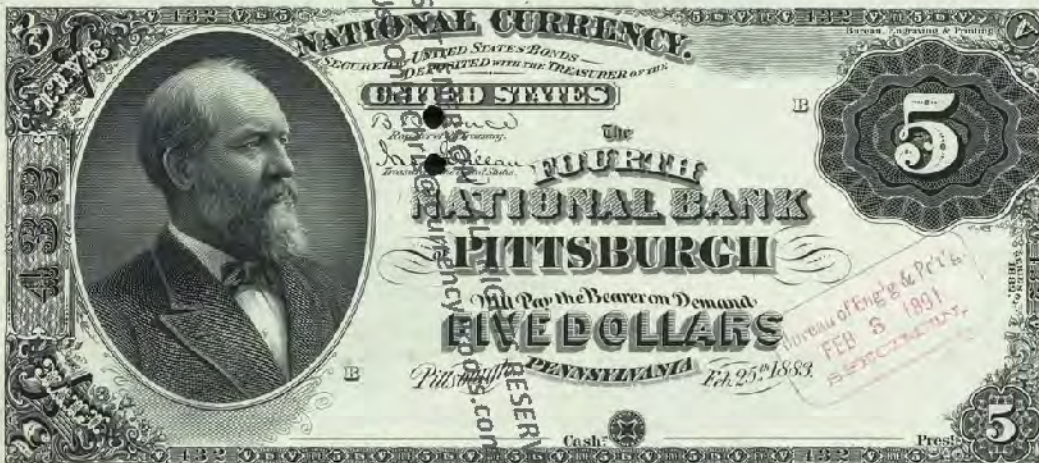
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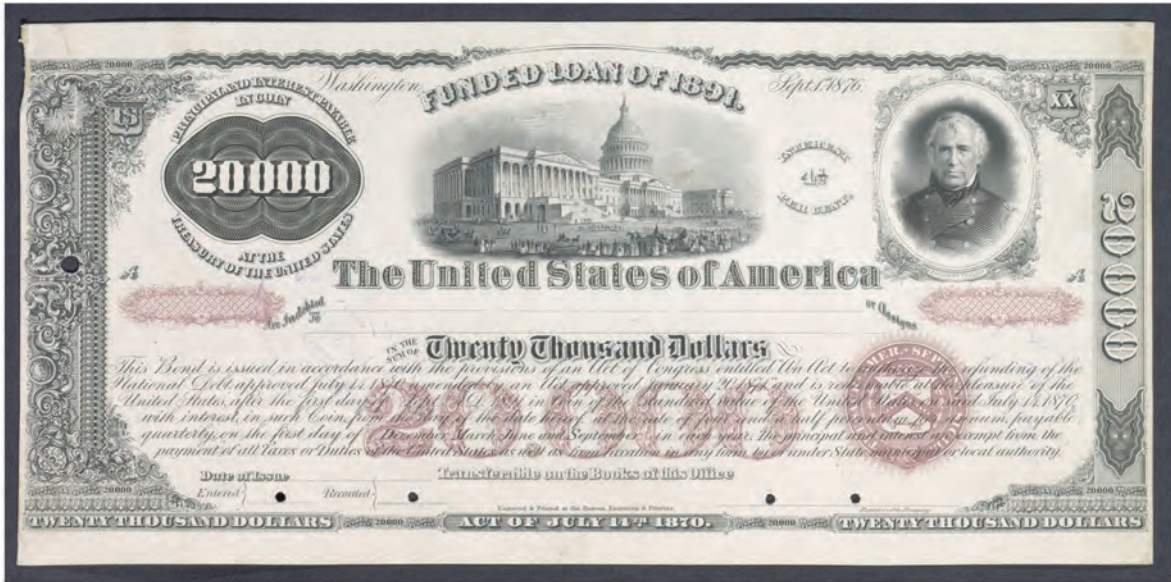


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