

If a bank with a capital of only *three hundred thousand dollars* can control this great state, what can prevent a bank of *thirty-five millions* capital from controlling the Union? Is the one dangerous to the elective franchise; and can the other be considered harmless?—Those who wish to divert public attention from the enormous and dangerous powers of the United States Bank make a great alarm about the little Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank at Albany. Their fertile imaginations have vested it with powers of mischief far exceeding those of even the mammoth itself. In doing this they must make large calculations on the gullibility of the people. They must expect to make them believe what few have had the audacity to attempt before; but they will find it no easy matter to lead them off on a false scent. Such a *finesse* as they are attempting to practice can never succeed; but let the enemies of our state, the enemies of our local institutions, and the enemies of the safety-fund, go on—let them fabricate as many stories as they please about the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank; let them talk till they are hoarse about seven per cent., it will not withdraw public attention from the dangerous powers of the United States Bank; nor will they gain for themselves the reputation of being governed in their course by any better or more patriotic motive than a wish to fasten that institution again, like an ineubus, upon the nation.