POLS 4790H Politics of the Financial Crisis

Topic 2: Banking, Bankruptcy, and Financial Panics in Early American History: 1861-1913

1. The Long-Term Costs of the Civil War

2. The National Bank Acts of 1863, 1864, and 1865

3. Why did The State Banks Survive?
   a. Barriers to Entry Into National Banking
   b. Advantages of Non-National Banks
   c. The Demand Deposit

4. The Lack of a National Currency After the Civil War: Politics vs. Economics, Silver & Gold Prices
   a. The Great Deflation: Prices fell from 1867 to 1896
   b. The “Crime of 73”
   c. The Bland-Allison Act of 1878
   d. The Sherman Silver Purchase Act of 1890
   e. Sherman Silver Purchase Act Repealed in 1893
   f. Large Increase in World Gold Supply Beginning in 1896

5. The Panic of 1873

6. The Panic of 1893 and the Depression of 1893-1896

7. J. P. Morgan and The Panic of 1907

8. The Federal Reserve Act of 1913