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HOW TO RAISE THE WAR LOAN.

Now that the naval and military forces of the United States have been called into active service to enforce the demands for the withdrawal of Spain from Cuban soil the country must grapple with the problem of raising the money to prosecute the war to a successful end.

The revenue bill about to be reported to the house by the ways and means committee embodies both a marked increase in the internal revenue taxes and also a national bond issue.

As a matter of fact, no considerable amount of this bond issue is likely to be or expected to be sold to the common people. The multiples of \$50 are more likely to be in the sum of \$50,000 to \$100,000 than below \$500 and the bulk of the new issue would soon be in the possession of the bond purchasing syndicates.

The only way to make the war loan popular in fact as well as in name is to borrow the money from the people through the establishment of a postal savings bank system.

This is not the only advantage offered by a popular loan through postal savings banks. While the bonds must necessarily be made payable, interest and principal, in gold the postal savings depositors would be glad to contract for payment in greenbacks and silver.

This view is shared by ex-Postmaster General Gary, who, just before he resigned from the cabinet, endorsed the plan suggested by The Bee in a letter to its editor, from which the following is an extract:

I have read your editorial entitled "Popular Loan Through Postal Savings Banks" carefully, and agree with you that the savings of the people collected through postal savings depositories could be utilized to great advantage by the government in time of trouble, such as is upon us at present.

It seems to me that if there is any merit in the postal savings bank system now in the time to give it a trial without encountering the only tangible objection raised by its opponents, that the government has no place to invest the borrowed money.

EUROPEAN HOSTILITY. The spirit of hostility to the United States manifested by the German press, which it must be assumed reflects the general public feeling there, is not inappreciable.

There seems to be no undue haste to take advantage of the offer of the police board to save places for all members of the force who go to the front to fight Spain. Perhaps they are waiting for the police commissioners to set the example.

No proclamation convening an extra session of the legislature yet. Really this is distressing. Can it be that Governor Holcomb has not seen the demand of his yellow organ for an immediate reassembling of the late law-making body?

There was no excuse for the action of the broom corn owners in putting the price up \$10 to \$20 a ton higher than a year ago. Uncle Sam is planning for a thorough job of house cleaning for himself and near neighbors, but brooms will not be used.

One of the causes of double treasury milking which the state auditor has neglected to question is the case of the State university regent who while drawing mileage and expenses from one state institution is on the salary roll as chaplain for another. It is a cold day when the thirty populist lets an accessible graft get past him.

Its people and an army of 500,000 men rush for shoulder straps with stars and eagles in buff, the reputation of what happened back in the sixties. Telegrams from Washington announce that the hero of Camp Damp and Wounded Knee has been endorsed by the entire Nebraska delegation for one of the volunteer brigades.

It is announced semi-officially that when the Nebraska National Guard is mustered into the military service Governor Holcomb will forego leading them in person to the field of glory even at the risk of yielding the opportunity to achieve military fame to a substitute.

Some of the political prophets who still insist that prosperity in the United States is only a sham are saying that the offerings of large sums for investment in property in the inland cities or states far removed from the seaboard are due entirely to the timidity of investors about property in the cities exposed to the attacks of a foreign fleet.

The new state board of control for Iowa state institutions started out with the innovation of securing bids and letting the contract for its printed matter to the lowest bidder and as the state printer claimed that he was entitled to this job at legal rates the attorney general was appealed to.

Amid the distractions of war the people of Omaha must not forget that no matter what happens many hundreds of thousands of visitors will come to Omaha during the fast approaching exposition season.

While Omaha has made marked improvement and marvelous progress in preparation for the incursion of exposition visitors, there is still much to be done and efforts should be redoubled to complete all preliminary arrangements in the short period remaining before the formal opening of the gates.

The Iowa weather bureau will make an effort this year to determine the losses in the state on account of lightning and statistics are to be procured from insurance companies and adjusters, from the ordinary weather and crop reporters and from the newspapers.

Good Motto for a Crisis. It was Von Moltke who said: "If you want a long war prepare for a long one." This country doesn't want either, but it has made ready for a short one.

Possibilities of a Yell. Many of the students of our great universities are offering their services as volunteers for Cuban invasion. It might be worth while to consider the possibilities of the college yell in the way of stampeding the enemy.

Some Honor in the Situation. The Postmaster General is not, it seems, incapable of a joke. It has been announced that leaves of absence will be granted to postmasters who desire to serve their country in the field.

Let the People Buy Bonds. A New York bank president is quoted as saying that the government could readily obtain from the great financial interests of the country all the funds it needed if bonds were issued. This is true, no doubt. But the biggest financial interests of the continent are the interests of the masses of American citizens who create the wealth of the nation.

ME BOTH PROTEST TOO MUCH. Humboldt Standard (rep.): Governor Holcomb has declined a third term, but to another as well as to a first. It is a wise man who knows when he has got enough.

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OPINION ON AN EXTRA SESSION. Fremont Tribune: The World-Herald is urging the governor to call a special session of the Nebraska legislature to co-operate with the general government in its war measure.

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SAID IN FUN. Somerville Journal: The last straw is very apt to upset a man, if he puts it into a sherry cobbler.

Detroit Free Press: "How did that pain doctor work, Scooper?" "Well, she just held my hand and looked at my face."

Puck: Possible Renter from the city, examining suburban cottage—is the cellar a dry one? Mr. Inmate of Lonsleyville, evasively—Well, there may be a couple of bottles of beer in it!

Boston Courier: Mr. Boarder—Mrs. Caterer, let me tell you that if you want to get up to the times you'll have to get a sideboard. Mrs. Caterer—And let me tell you, Mr. Boarder, in your payments you'll have to get outside board.

Cincinnati Enquirer: Wicklow—Say, I have been carrying this O. U. of yours until they are almost worn out. Mudie—Don't they make a miserable quality of paper nowadays?

Chicago Tribune: "What office does your husband hold in the lodge?" "Recording or permanent?" "Permanent, I guess. He's held it sixteen years."

Washington Star: "I guess," said the very studious man's wife, "that I will buy a new pair of bicycle stockings." "Heavily!" he exclaimed, as he raised his head for a moment from his work; "I didn't know that bicycles wore stockings!"

Chicago Record: "What about that Indiana woman who is going to kiss every man who is almost worn out?" "I shall have to see her before I can tell whether she is working for her party or against it."

Judge: Widower—I say, my dear friend, have you ever been before a coroner? Burial—No, sir. Widower—Well, would you mind coming along with me to the coroner's office? You see—and going through my trousers, just as you are in the habit of doing, how much you remind me of my dear departed wife, Angeline. It seems almost as if you were her. Good-night, my friend—God bless you!

WHEN THE VIOLETS ARE BLOOMING. When the violets are blooming and the lilacs are budding, And the robin red breast's swain on the wing, When the pond frog is croaking and you hear the wild dove's hum, Oh, I then I like to sit upon my plow, For the joy of the soil for me is the best, As I pluck to Bess and Dobbin that are tugging at their task, And am conscious like I hum this old refrain: "Oh, the city life is pleasant, and it freethens the thrushes sing, There's excitement there to keep your spirits buoyant, But for bliss and happiness that'll make you want to live, Give me the budin' lilacs on the farm!"

"Base gains are the same as losses."

We can't afford to sell an inferior article just for the sake of the profit on it. Our good reputation is too valuable to us. A dissatisfied customer is a distinct loss to us. The man who comes back to us because he is pleased is the one to whom we appeal. Best of all, we are working to win the favor and confidence of the young man, who, starting in here, and always finding that he is well treated and well suited, continues to deal for the rest of his life where he is simply sure of what he gets.

