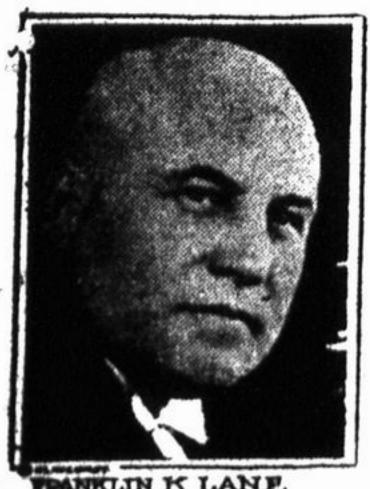
A MODEL FARM FOR EVERY U.S. DISCHARGED MAN

By Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior-Special to the Reporter, N. E. A. Service

All over the United States there are quantities of lands that are capable of producing cotton, corn, wheat, and fruit, which are out of use. Altogether there are perhaps 250,000,000 acres of such lands that in two or three years by scientific drainage or irrigation or by stumping could be converted into first-class farms.

In the far west, in the arid country along the Colorado River in Ari



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zona, along the Snake in Idaho, the North Platte in Wyoming and Colorado, and near the great rivers of the west, there are millions of acres of lands that can be irrigated; while in the south and in the northwest there are more than 100,000,000 acres of land that have been logged off but which are lying idle today.

Put Land To Use and Everybody Gains The plan which I have presented to Congress means that we shall put this land to use. That is where the country gains. It means that it shall be put into condition by the soldiers after they have been mustered out. That is where the soldier gains, Every man who has been in the ranks of the army or the navy shall have an opportunity to go on to one of these projects and have a job at the current rate of wages in building a dam or a ditch or leveling land or pulling . up stumps, building dikes, clearing land, biulding houses or roads or fences.

Can Select Farm in Any Clime This means that when the boy reaches New York he goes back home for a time, meets people, and then is given a chance to take a place in one of the great camps that will be formed for the reclamation of some of this unused land.

He gets his wages there. Out of these he will pay a certain amount for his board, save enough in a year and a half or two years while he is working to pay a first installment on a farm anywhere - north, south or west, and have that as his own. It will be a farm that will be prepared -not a piece of wild land, but a farm in a settlement which has its roads already built.

It will be a farm already surveyed. fenced, a house and a barn built, the land cleared, so that a man can move In his furniture and begin life at once

They will be connected with railroads, if they are not immediately on it, by good roads. They will be chosen with reference to the marketing of the produce that will be upon

In short, each man can have a job. the government advancing the capital, and out of the combination of his own labor and the government's capital he can be given an independent

It's Not Charity Act, But Partnership But this is not to be done in the alightest bit as a charity affair, nor any man to be coerced into taking ap the work. It is an opportunity by its boys gives to them. They will which the government out of appreciation for the fine service rendered hack the money with interest, but they can pay it back over a peried of 40 years. The man who drains a great area in South Carolina may choose a farm in Arizona or in Idaho. We have spent \$50,000,000 a day

fighting the boche, and surely we can afford to spend what was a few aya war outgo in setting up for life the men who whipped the Hun.

It will be a profitable arrangement Il round. The money will be advanced by the people. It will be returnby those who take the farms.

expect hundreds of thousands of hard fellows will have this desire n independent out-of-door life m there are a million men in or who came off of farms, many hom will never have a chance b a farm unless there is some suc

AUCTION SALES

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Francis H. Cramer, deceased, hereby lie auction on the Cramer farm, miles north of Lemont, 4 miles south we t of Hinsdale, 1 mile south of Downers Grove, on Friday, March 7, 1919, cone eneing at 1 o'clock p. m the following personal property: 6 head of Cattle consisting of 2 good milk cows. 2 heifers and 2 well bred Holstein Bulls about 15 months old and 2 hogs, horses and harness and Oats, Hay, Corn and Hay and miscellaneous farm implements.

Ray Cramer, Administrator. Edwards, Clerk.

auction on the Mey farm, one and Helstein Bull also Sheep and Hogs Sea Soldiers. besides miscellaneous farm implement. Henry Lauing, Proprietor.

Grey & Dieter, Auctioneers, W. H. Edwards, Clerk.

SEWING MACHINES NOW BOW TO LIMOUSINES



The buss of electric sewing and knitting machines no longer sound in the ears of Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, wife of the Montana senstor. Instead, the hum of big town car motors, as the social season at the big Washington mansion gets undar way. Mrs. Walsh turned over the second floor of her home and installed equipment for extensive ... TAT work-now completed.

KNICKERS AND HOBBLE SLOWS UP WORLD



The world is slowing up. Traffic men say so-especially in territories where trains, street cars and litneys attempt to run on last year's schedules. -Sh-hh! The women are to blame. It's the new jersey silk "knickers" which have ofned with the new long tight skirts on the new spring styles. Knickers had to be. The skirts are so tight that the old full petticoat was impossible—so the forest silk knickers are being wors. Here is the skirt—and the

CORP. McWILLIAMS DEVIL DOG, TOLD OF HARD FIGHTING

ships and horrors, was presented Sunday evening at St. Andrew's Episcothrough the Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood Battles, was wounded and invalided home. He said he was one of five survivors of his company's original strength of 250 and was the luckiest or the five.

he explained with a regretful smile, "is that I can't run. I like to play caught a Boche sergeant, in Red Cross base ball. I may be able to bat but uniform, who was sneaking about a Jos. V. Dicter, Auctioneer, W. H. if I hit one I'll have to have some one run for me,"

Corporal McWilliams ihad no set The undersigned will sell at Public talk. He was introduced by the Rev. Hugh McWhorter, priest in charge of one half miles northeast of Lisle, 1 the mission, who explained that the mile northwest of Belmont, 4 miles Marine would prefer to answer quessouth of Glen Ellyn on the Warran- tions. Prompted by Mr. McWhorter ville road on Tuesday, March 11, 1919, and members of the audience who filcommencing at 1 o'clock p. m. 3 led the Sunday School room of the TWO AFTERNOON horses, 8 h ad of Cattle consisting of church, the corporal sketched vividly 1 Durham cow, 5 yearling Durham the tremendous tasks which the army heifers. I Durham Bull unu I reg. high command set for the American

rage fell on the Marine's front line place last Tuesday under the auspiinstead of hitting the Boche positions. ces of the Catholic Woman's League He said a sergeant was sent back to one at the home of Mrs. Adam Dieter the artillery to ask them to correct which was attended by the members the range but the major in command of the league living in Lisle and Belrefused. Returning to his company mont. There was a large attendance the sergeant reported this to his com- and the affair was a decided success pany commander, who, according to from a business as well as a social

sergeant.

"A few words served to show that the major was a German spy", said The somber side of war, with in- McWilliams. "The sergeant shot him tialled as a matter of course but was program. There were thirty-two and financially. released when the proof of the mapal Church by Corporal John McWil- jor's treason was brought out. That liams of the 6th Marines. He went spy had enlisted in our regular army seven years ago."

The corporal also explained why the Marines took few prisoners.

"Red Cross men are supposed to be non-combatants," he said. "Our own Red Cross men are not allowed "The only trouble with me now," to carry as much as a pocket knife in the way of weapons. But we battle field shooting American wounded with an automatic pistol. When he was searched four pistols, all load were found on him. He didn't get a chance to fire any of them again and after that we took prisoners only when ordered to for the intelligence

SOCIALS GREATLY ENJOYED BY C. W. L

One time, he said, a protective bar-! Two splendid afternoon socials took

Corporal McWilliams, went back again standpoint. The hostesses were Mrs. guests and a royal, good time was ento the batteries, accompanied by the Adam Dieter and Miss Louise Ory. joyed. Many beautiful souvenirs and

gives notice nat he will sell at pub- timate glimpses of some of its hard- in his tracks. He was court mar this section of the league's working affair was most successful, socially

Mrs. Bahrs, as a member of the favors were carried away by the lucky philanthropic department, held a func- ones in the different pastimes that tion at her home in the interest of were indulged in by the ladies. The



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In you want that to be said of your town? Of course you don't, for you wish, as a matter of local pride, if for no other reason, to have your town stand high in the estimation of the world. But are you sure that you are doing everything in your power to place your town in the position which you wish to occupy? That is the question that every person should ask himself or herself at frequent inter-

When things are running smoothly. when times are good, and when it is fairly easy to make a good living for the wife and kiddles, it is so easy for a man to forget that these things do not come to a town as a matter of course, but are the result of the right kind of effort on the part of the citizens of the community. It is so easy for a man to grow carcless and hink that because this condition existed it will continue to exist without any effort on his part or that of the other residents of the community. That is why it is important for every one to stop and think seriously once in a while about what it would mean to him if the prosperity that makes life worth living for him should take wings and fly away.

Nobody Loves a Dead Town.

Nobody likes to live in a dead town. No one even likes to visit a dead town. That is why you sometimes hear that warning. "Stay away from that town It's a dead one." The town which has the reputation of being a dead one suffers as if from a pestilence. Business men seeking new locations will have none of it. The live traveling salesman, even, will give it a wide berth. Those who live in it will get away if they can.

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robbery and fire and good schools are maintained for the education of the children. When a town is dead, there is little money in circulation, store buildings stand empty with "For Sale" sign hanging on the front door, there is little employment for the laboring man, the streets are dark, the schools are crippled.

What sort of town do you want to live in? There is only one answer to that question. You want to live in the live town and enjoy all the good things that come to the residents of such a community.

Answer Easily Found.

The only question then is as to how these prosperous conditions can be created or maintained and it is the easiest thing in the world to find the answer to that question.

If the people of a community will keep their money at home and keep it in circulation among themselves, they need have no fear of ever being compelled to live in a dead town. If the people will patronize their own bustness men instead of sending their dollars to the mail order houses, the prosperity of the community will take care of itself.

The local stores, to a very large extent, make every town. The taxes said by the husiness men of the comnumity are the principal support of the schools and public institutions. It is the taxes paid by the storekeepers. to a large extent, that make possible the public improvements, the fire protection, the street lighting and the many other things which make a town worth living in. The mail order house there not pay any taxes in the town from which it gets its money. It does not bely to support the schools or the churches. It does not help light the streets or maintain the fire department. It is the aim of the mail order houses to drive small town mer chants out of business, so that the people will be compelled to send to the cities for their merchandise and they are spending thousands of dollars every month to accomplish this purpose. If they should succeed, who would pay the taxes that are now paid by the local merchants? It's certainty that the mail order house would not pay them.

Issue la Clear Cut.

Every dollar spent at home helps to make the town a live one. Every dollar sent away from home

to the mail order house helps to make

the town a dead one.

The issue is a clear-cut one and is squarely up to every resident of the community, whether a resident of the town itself or of the country surrounding it. The man who does not care whether he lives in a live or a dead town, if there is such a man, need waste no thought on the subject, but the man who wants to live in a live

town cannot get away from it. It is

up to him to make his town a live one

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