

RETIRING SECRETARY A "SHIRT-SLEEVE" BOY



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WASHINGTON'S BEST BELOVED
RESTARTING LIFE AT 55.

Former Cabinet Officer Before Entering the Oil Business as an Executive for the Doheny Interests Will Lend His Great Abilities to the Church Militant Organization.

Franklin K. Lane, referred to far and wide as "Washington's best loved man," is undertaking two notable innovations at an age when most men think mainly of retiring to the quiet of private life. One is to "earn enough money to support my family and keep my bills paid," and the other is "to step down from a high place to resume my place among the shirt-sleeve boys and give them a hand if I can!"

Two history making statements from a man of Mr. Lane's attainments and station in life! And the remarkable part of it all is that he puts the shirt-sleeve matter—the thing about helping his neighbors—ahead of that other thing—making more money in order the better to underwrite the Autumn of his life!

Few men reach a higher niche in the affections and confidence of the public mind than has this remarkable man from the West, who was once an editor, then a lawyer and finally a member of the President's cabinet and who withdraws from public life to "earn a better living" after rendering a service to the government the extent and value of which would be impossible to estimate. Still fewer men are called to such responsible places as Franklin K. Lane will now occupy. He will enter the oil business as an executive for the Doheny interests and will be established in New York city for that purpose by April 1. But the rosy prospect of making "a living wage" after several years spent in struggling along on the salary of a cabinet officer has not blinded Mr. Lane to another opportunity—that for striking a few powerful blows on behalf of the "man who is down, but never out!"

Franklin K. Lane has accepted an invitation from Commander Evangeline Booth to become the national chairman for the Salvation Army's annual appeal for funds in 1920. He is already on this job, although Wall Street does not greet him as an oil well executive for another month.

"It is a genuine privilege to find opportunity for encouraging a work so direct and practical and so valuable to the masses of the people as the work of the Salvation Army," said Mr. Lane at his office in Washington the other day. "When Commander Miss Booth asked me to take the responsibilities of national chairman for the 1920 appeal of that organization," continued the secretary, "the first thought that flashed across my mind was, How can I spare time for such work when I am entering upon a commercial task of great responsibility?"

"And then there flashed across my mind a vision of the things the Salvation Army does—the help it gives to men and women and little children just when and where they need it most—and I thought to myself that after all there could be no more important thing than this. So I accepted—along with the other job—and I am trusting to the generosity of my new employers to endorse my action in the matter."

"I believe every right-thinking man and woman in America owes the Salvation Army some of his or her time every year. And I am going to pay my share. I am going to get my shoulder squarely behind the movement for a man that can win the hearts and

the confidence of the common people like this Salvation Army has won them in recent years. I am going to pull off my coat and do some real work that will show where I stand when it comes to weighing the homely, unostentatious and highly practical relief methods of this amazing band of workers. I heard the call. The problems of the poor are there to be solved, and they can use my poor efforts perhaps, so I have answered the call.

"I won't do much talking in the coming drive. I will do real work, and when I do talk I don't want to talk to anyone but actual workers. There will be no speech making by me to those who might be curious to hear a former cabinet officer in action, but who are not interested in the work of the Salvation Army. I shall talk to workers and only to workers. The day for oratory in such matters has gone. We are down to brass tacks.

"I think I owe it as a citizen of America to show my understanding and appreciation of the helpful work the Salvation Army is doing in its rescue homes, maternity hospitals, free clinics, industrial homes, fresh air farms and tenement house relief work. My testimony is not needed, however, in this matter. There are 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 of young Americans who went into the recent war either unaware that the Salvation Army existed or having no use for its methods if they did know of it. So far as I can learn these men came out of that war unanimous on one subject—and that was that the Salvation Army understood the average man, knew how to deal with him and simply 'delivered the goods' on the 100 per cent basis.

"There is no division of opinion on that one subject. There could have been no greater test for the Salvation Army than the test it received in the war. So after all I am merely adding my voice to the mighty chorus I have referred to when I say that the Salvation Army has long since won the right to make an appeal to the rest of us for its maintenance, and I am sure it will not make that appeal in vain.

"The Salvation Army one year ago abandoned its old custom of begging in the streets the year around so that its workers could devote all of their time and attention to the poor. It makes an annual appeal each May. Personally I know of no greater bulwark that could be raised against the rising tide of human unrest than to strengthen the hands of this band of self-sacrificing Christian toilers who have the confidence of all men and women, regardless of race, creed, color or position in life. I think it is important for the interests of our advancing civilization that such a practical and wholesome work be stimulated and maintained to the utmost.

"They say there are no 'down and outers' any more. Personally I do not believe it, or if I did believe it I would know that the abnormal times have swung the pendulum back too far on one side—and that it will swing far to the other side directly. There will always be a bottom to society. The poor will always be with us. We owe it to our fellow men to know our neighbor and share his troubles and problems, and only by that method can we, in all fairness and righteousness, keep the scales even in this life.

"I am proud to face the problems of the poor with the Salvation Army in such a trying hour, and I hope that American men and women will stand with me in the work ahead of us. But they must be workers. I shall have no time to entertain mere observers."

Both for the organization that gives aid and relief to the poor and for the poor themselves, the high cost of living has been a troublesome factor in recent months. Money does not go far these days, but there's no one in the world who can get more worth-while work out of a dollar than can the Salvationists. In this country they gave away 3,099,767 meals in the twelve-month ending last September 30, and provided 371,334 meals besides at approximate cost. They supplied free beds for 1,181,547 night lodgings and 1,408,887 at a merely nominal charge. And in addition to all this and to all that was done for thousands in the Army institutions they gave temporary relief to 709,351 persons.

DEMOCRATS TO HOLD COUNTY CONVENTION APRIL FIFTH

To the Democrats of Wilkes County: At a meeting held in Raleigh, N. C., by the State Executive Committee the following dates were fixed to hold the important meetings:

Saturday, March 27th, 1920, be and same is hereby fixed as common day on which all Democratic township meetings shall be held for election of delegates to the county convention, and elect five members of the township executive committee.

Monday, April 5th, 1920, be and is hereby fixed as common day for holding County Democratic convention for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention, and perfecting the County organization.

Thursday, April 8th, 1920, at 12 o'clock at Raleigh, N. C., be and same is hereby fixed as time and place for holding State Democratic Convention.

Important Dates to Be Remembered

By All Democrats
March 27th, 1920.

State Board of Election meets at Raleigh, to appoint County Boards of Election.

Township meetings to be held in each township in the County to elect delegates to County Convention, and elect township committeemen.

April 5th, 1920.

County Convention at Wilkesboro at one o'clock to elect delegates to State convention, and perfect county organization.

April 1-8, 1920.
State Convention at Raleigh, N. C.

April 17, 1920.
County board of elections meet at Wilkesboro, to organize and appoint registrars and judges of election to serve in June primary and general election.

April 23, 1920.
State and district candidates other than Senator of district composed of one county must file notice of candidacy and pledge, on or before this date.

April 29, 1920.
Registration books open.

May 1, 1920.
Poll tax for previous year must be paid on or before May 1, 1920 before person can vote. In order to vote voter only has to pay \$2.00.

May 22, 1920.
Registration books close at sunset.

June 5, 1920.
General primary for nomination of candidates.

June 7, 1920.
Board of county canvassers meet at Wilkesboro at 10 a. m., at courthouse to canvass result of primary.

I hope that every Democrat of the county will remember these dates and see that we have a large attendance at all these important meetings.

FLOYD C. FORESTER,
Chm. Democratic Ex. Committee.

H. A. CRANOR, Sec'y.

Fourth-Class Postmaster Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at North Wilkesboro on April 10, 1920, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Moravian Falls, N.C., and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided, in the interests of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$999 for the last fiscal year.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first birthday on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a State where women are declared by statute to be at full age for all purposes at eighteen years, women eighteen years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the postoffice for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application blanks, Form 1753, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Application should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practical date.

NEARLY 70,000 BORN IN THE STATE DURING 1919

Raleigh, March 15.—During the year of 1919 there were 69,791 little Tar Heels ushered into the world, the mountain section of the state leading in the percentage.

Clay county claims the banner with 41.1 per hundred thousand, while Currituck is at the bottom of the list with only 11.6.

Mecklenburg shows 21.7; Cabarrus, 31.2; Davidson, 30.4; Gaston, 32.7; Union, 29.3; Cleveland, 33.3. Wake's percentage was 29.6. These figures were given out by Dr. F. M. Register, state epidemiologist. The state average was 29 per hundred thousand.

Announcement.

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