

## Letter from Hareland

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A monument would be a fine thing but a memorial like this hospital would be something of utility as well as a memorial. Griggs county needs a hospital, and now is the time to plan it, and be ready for its construction after the war. It would provide work for returned soldiers, and would provide a place near home for the care of those who return crippled.

We who remain at home must take abold and do our part. To buy Liberty Bonds is no sacrifice, rather, a pleasure to loan money for such a good cause. Thus, in reality, we have done nothing to date.

A hospital of this kind would be a great help to rich and poor. When completed it could be turned over to the county and be managed by the county commissioners, or by a board selected in some manner or other. What a hospital of this kind would cost, I do not know but \$100,000 ought to be easily collected in the county for such a cause. This sum would perhaps not all be expended for the building itself, but might also provide a reserve fund. Treatment at the hospital would not be free, except to those not able to pay, and charges should be proportionate to what the patient is able to pay. That it should be a financial success is not necessary, or that it should pay interest on the capital invested. It should be in the nature of a public building, like a courthouse.

To start the thing I am willing to give a \$50.00 Liberty Bond and the yield from two acres of my farm for three years.

There should be no dispute as to where it should be built. Everyone should be sufficiently loyal to disregard his own interest. The county seat is the place where it belongs—but they should provide the best location they have.

Property rights in Griggs county would not have been worth the paper they are written on if Bill Brute had been permitted to crush France, England and Italy. Even though there are some in Griggs county who have none of their own relatives on the battle-fields, they should be willing to aid this cause, if for no other reason than for what our soldiers have saved us from. The debt we owe the soldiers cannot be paid direct—so every one should be willing to pay it by supporting a noble cause like this.

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