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## Wood In The Philippines

If the rumor is true that Major General Wood is to be appointed governor general of the Philippines when Mr. Harding assumes the duties of the presidential office, there are many people who will be most, thoroughly pleased. General Wood has lacked just a little of being the popular idol that his life-time friend, Theodore Roosevelt, managed to achieve. His choice for a position of the importance that attaches to the management of affairs in the Philippines will seem to his friends as a sort of compensation for his defeat in the campaign for presidential nomination. And incidentally the Philippines will have the advantage of a government directed by one who understands the delicate business of administering the affairs of a people totally unlike those who have assumed control over them. It is a big responsibility that will be placed upon General Wood, but at the same time its placing is in the way of a compliment to his talents in a department of the public life of the nation which is not to be very generally found.

Not everybody in the United States agrees that there should be a continued supervision over Philippine affairs by the United States. These, remembering that this country has promised independence to the natives of the islands as soon as there should be demonstration of an ability to use it properly, believe that that time has come and are disposed to urge the performance of the promise which has been accepted in good faith by the Filipinos its fulfillment awaited with patience until there should be developed native ability and experience to warrant the removal of foreign control over their affairs. This portion of the American public will be glad if General Wood is to be given jurisdiction over the affairs of the Philippines because they are assured that with his high sense of honesty and right feeling there would be immediate recognition of the fact when the time comes for us to withdraw from interference in the government of the islands and to grant the independence in accordance with our pledge.

## Puttering

The putterer is the apparently busy person who never gets anything done. His name is Legion and his tribe increases amazingly. The putterer habit is one of the easiest to acquire, one of the hardest to break and it is thoroughly inimical to achievement in any department of life.

There are many phases of the ordinary American life that contribute to this habit of puttering. The "busy work" that women find for themselves to do, the work that children in the schools are given to fill in moments when there is nothing else for them to do, the many, needless tasks that every housewife sets herself, the habits that are acquired in business houses by clerks uninterested in the welfare of their firm, and any number of other instances which readily come to mind—all these develop the habit of puttering. We grow in puttering as we should grow in grace, showing an aptitude for it should advance us anywhere if

it were applied to any legitimate part of our activities.

Puttering is the greatest sin to be charged to the national congress. The members have puttered with this, that and the other matter, getting nowhere and never knowing, apparently, that they are wasting time. The love of puttering may be counted upon by those who wish to block any progress, and has been counted upon by the leaders in the two houses of congress to keep the members sitting in their seats quarreling and bickering, all the time thinking that they are conducting the business which has been entrusted to them.

In the early days of American history the people were not much given to puttering. They had too little leisure to permit any such indulgence even had they so desired. Today if we are to continue to be a nation devoted to achievement, we must forsake the easy puttering ways into which we have fallen, and learn to make our movements count for advancement somewhere, and a somewhere that we really wish to be.

## Woman's Club

A regular meeting of the Winnetka Woman's club was held on Thursday, February 24, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Porter presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Leon H. Winne, the corresponding secretary, and after two minor additions, were approved. The following announcements were made:

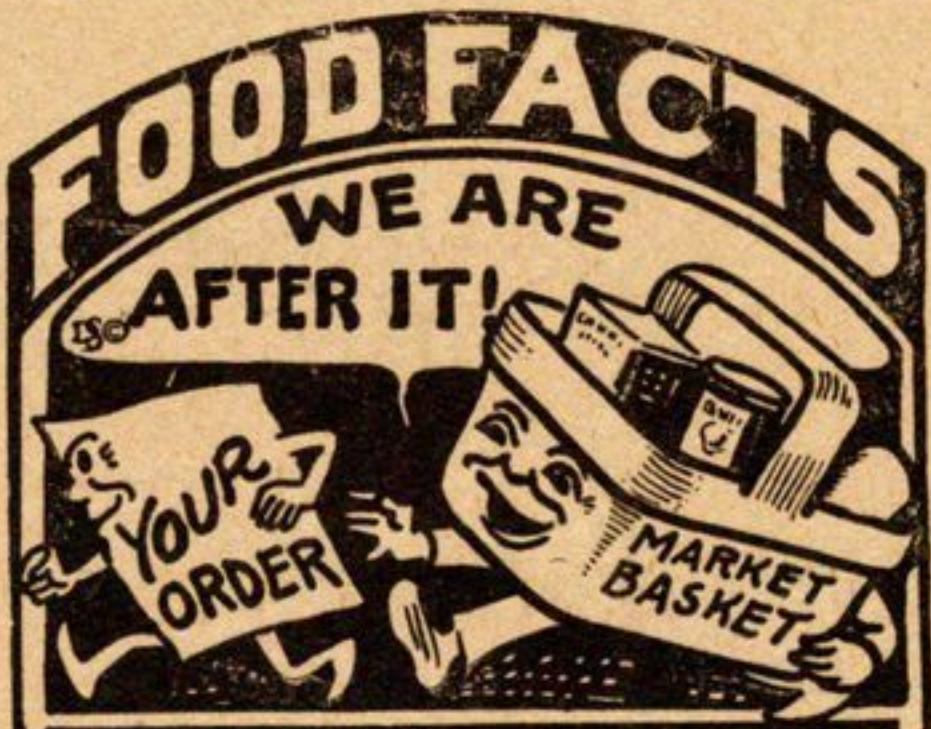
Prof. William E. Dodd, of the University of Chicago, will lecture on "Thomas Jefferson" on Friday evening, March 4, at 8 o'clock, in the club parlors. Mr. Dodd is giving this lecture as a very gracious appreciation of the enjoyment which his audience expressed of his course of lectures last fall. No admission will be charged, and it is hoped many persons may avail themselves of this opportunity.

Dr. Watson, former rector of the American church in Paris, will speak on "The Meaning of France" at Community House, on Sunday evening, March 6. The proceeds of the talk will be devoted to the relief work in France.

Mr. William A. Otis will speak on "Track Depression" Monday evening, February 28, at 8 o'clock, at the club. His lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon. Everyone is welcome.

The Drama study class will meet next Monday afternoon at the club. There will be a business meeting at 2:30 o'clock. At 3 o'clock the regular program will be given. It consists of a paper by Mrs. Laird Bell on "Bernard Shaw." Mrs. B. V. L. Brown will read selections from his works.

The Chicago Woman's club has opened a "Womans' Work Room" in Rooms 1301-1302, Venetian building, 15 East Washington street, Chicago. Its object is to provide employment for aged or handicapped women, who must support themselves or others, and to create a market for their products. This central office provides a place for registration, advice, information, and instruction. The wom-



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The first session of the Legislative Forum, held under the auspices of the Illinois Woman's Legislative Congress, took place on last Thursday and Friday. The club has reason to feel very proud of the telling speech made by Mrs. Maurice H. Lieber on the \$20,000,000 Distributive fund in connection with educational legislation.

Just preceding the program of the afternoon Miss Stoughton, of the National Child Labor committee of New York, gave a ten-minute talk on "Children in Industry." She appealed for the moral as well as the financial support of the members of the club.

Miss Elizabeth Gemell chairman of the Civics and Philanthropy committee, introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Prof. James A. Breasted, of the University of Chicago. His talk, "On the Trail of our Earliest Ancestors," was illustrated by slides, a number of them colored, made from photographs which Prof. Breasted took on the recent archaeological expedition of the University of Chicago to Egypt and Asia Minor. One photograph in particular was most interesting. It showed the recently excavated audience hall of a palace. If Prof. Breasted deductions are correct it was in this very hall that the famous arguments between Moses and Pharaoh in regard to the Children of Israel took place.

After the program tea was served by the following hostesses, Mrs. Louis M. Beale, Mrs. Edward P. Farwell, Mrs. Willard F. Hopkins, and Mrs. Chester Sargent.

The next regular club meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10. Mr. Perry Dunlap Smith, Headmaster of the North Shore Country Day school, will speak. The program is in charge of the Education committee.

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