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UNJUSTIFIED ATTEMPT.

The attempt to retire Congressman McArthur of the Third congressional district by members of his own party is not justified.

Whether Republicans agree with the congressman entirely or not should not enter into the case at this time, for he is serving his first term which is always conceded to be a "get acquainted" period and not a great deal is expected from a new congressman. But McArthur has been showing well for a brand new congressman. He has been able to get a hearing among older members, and reports from Washington actually place him well along in the list of acceptable ones even with an opposition political party in control.

As a matter of fairness the Republicans of Multnomah county should not consider a change at the primaries, for in doing so they lay open the possibility of a Lafferty nomination which would mean the election of a Democrat from the Third.

Congressman McArthur, as we have followed his career, is entitled to his party support and re-nomination. Give him a chance to show what is in him and after the second term if there is dissatisfaction among Republicans over his record then it is time enough to wage a war upon him.

We believe lack of fairness in the proposition of seeking to retire him at the end of his first term will re-nominate him. It is certain this one thing would do it in the Second, for the people here are positive in their opinion that to have a useful congressman he must serve for some time at Washington.

IT'S LA GRANDE'S BAND.

The new band, or rather the old players recently reorganized into a new organization, is a La Grande institution.

While it is fathered and mothered, too, by the Elks lodge it is nevertheless a city institution and therefore is entitled to support of every person who is sufficiently public spirited to wish for a brass band in the community.

Experience has taught that a band must have some backing besides mere-

ly the "let George do it" kind. An attempt to support the band by public tax fell down, and as the Elks lodge is one of the chief factors in the city it was but natural for it to take over the band and reorganize it along proper lines, establishing business principles and methods to the work of the organization.

But it must not be understood that it is entirely for the Elks. Not at all. It is for everyone. The music the band will make this summer will sound just as sweetly to the man out of the Elks lodge as to the one who is in the lodge. It will be a joy and a comfort to the old and the young and there will be no patent or copyright on the music it discourses—it will be as free as the air one breathes.

However, should you feel inclined to do something to assist this most worthy organization, keep a few nickels on ice until the band makes its appearance in concert and manage to find some way to reach the treasury. Everyone will feel better if he supports the band.

ONE STEP, AND ONLY ONE.

Just now ultra prohibitionists are sending out letters to candidates for legislative offices demanding answers to a lot of foolish questions.

There is but one more step, and only one, to Oregon prohibition, and that is to prohibit liquors within the state's borders.

Why engage in all these preliminaries? Let us go straight to the point and make it a felony to have liquor in your possession and provide proper punishment for the same. Cut it out of all drug stores, and in fact abolish it entirely from the state as Idaho has done.

Why worry along with questions and answers?

Story of Woman Orchardist.

(The following article, written by L. B. Ellis, appears in April Sunset.)

Mrs. Marion MacRae, the owner of Larkspur apple orchards, in the Hood River valley, Oregon, is a horticulturist whose experience is worth weighing, considered from whatsoever point of view. With a capital insufficient for the present day Easter bonnet, she went to this scenic fruit region in the heart of the Cascades, a few years ago, and secured an option on 25 acres of uncleared bench land. She paid for her little tract by doing reportorial work on a Portland daily newspaper, later taking up the sale of fruit lands in the valley which was fast becoming known in the big markets of the world for its fine strawberries and apples.

Gradually, as she could earn the extra money for improvement, Mrs. MacRae got her land cleared and set to commercial orchard. For the first three years the devoted orchardist pruned her young trees herself, having lessons and supervision in the earlier days from a scientific horticulturist.

The happy little ranch mistress talks entertainingly as well as logically of the qualities that go to make success in horticulture out there.

"A steady head and active brain are even more necessary," she emphasizes "in farming or fruit raising, than are willing hands and strong back. Mere physical labor won't accomplish anything without good headwork to direct it."

When the question was up as to other women ranchers and orchardists

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in her section, she replied that there were many who, to her own knowledge, were coming out successfully in the work.

"On the other hand," she said after deliberation, "I know other women who have put their capital in property without exercising any judgment in selection of land, and without knowing anything about the business. And then they are unreasonable enough to expect large harvest returns while they sit on the veranda, doing embroidery or tatting, or perhaps reading the best sellers. It's a system that won't work in this any more than in other lines of business."

With some impatience over this type of orchardist, the Larkspur enthusiast, went on, with emphasis: "I tell you, when the colt gets a nail in his foot, or the spraying machine breaks down, or a main limb tears loose from the parent stock, the woman fruit raiser has got to know what to do just as much as a man in the same situation would, and do it just as quick. She must be able to detect the presence of any disease or pest at the earliest moment. In Oregon, you know, it costs a fine of \$20 to have San Jose scale discovered on one of your apples, and the fruit inspector has full authority to come and cut the infected trees. The woman orchardist must know, also, how to prune, spray, thin, prop and tie, how to bud and graft. Above all, she must understand cultivation, which means far more than making the ground look pretty on top. Then there is the

problem of irrigation which has to be solved by actual experience."

Domestic Machinery.

The Chicago Tribune, commenting upon the scarcity of domestic servants, particularly in the east, where many employment bureaus have gone out of business and others have taken to advertising for workers, professes a certain satisfaction.

"This is a desperate situation for the daughters of American families to find themselves in," says the Tribune. "Imagine having to wash the dishes before going to the theatre or the cabaret! Imagine the pain of having to learn how to sweep and iron and help with the dusting in the morning. We suspect that a good many girls have adopted feminism because it seemed to justify their neglect of the dinner dishes. Apparently dish washing is in for a revival. We confess we are not particularly sorry."

If the women who have been delegating their housework to other women while they exercise their wits at occupations requiring apparently more skill than housework should come back now to "a revival of dish washing" in the old, cumbersome, wasteful, backbreaking fashion, it would be a great pity. But if the necessity for doing the work themselves will bring them back to it with an open-minded attitude towards housework, that will be a different matter. Housework has been the last

of occupations to utilize machinery, to adopt efficiency methods. The women who do it are usually so busy with one duty after another that they cannot see their work as a whole in perspective. They cannot see the forest for the trees. They are hampered by habit and tradition. They do not take readily to new ways of doing their work.

This is where the servant scarcity may help. If women who have not been accustomed to housework, but who have trained minds, are suddenly forced to do their own work, they will not tolerate the ancient drudgery which the intelligent use of machinery and conservation of ideas has made unnecessary. They will bring mental power to bear upon this job as upon any other new task, with the result that methods of attacking it may be greatly improved all along the line. Anything which will help to modernize these immemorial labors is to be welcomed.

GLOOM DISPELLERS

The boy stood on the burning deck, Whence all but him had fled, An auto hit him in the back. But not a word he said. He pulled the bell cord seven times, The airship kept on flying; I guess I'd better end this rhyme Or you may think I'm lying.

The Secret

"What is an amateur?" is still one of the raging queries of the hour. But,

in spite of all the recent discussion, we haven't changed the answer we evolved two years ago, viz: "Any one who can get away with it."—New York Tribune.

Good Rule

In advertising always be as honest as you can. Be sure it's merchandise you sell And nit your fellowman

Has To

"How is this, Jones? They tell me your son is in one of the big cities hitting all the high places." "So he is. He is a steeplejack."—Detroit Free Press.

Edith—"I think Jack is horrid. I asked him if he had to choose between me and a million, which he would take, and he told me a million."

Marie—"That is all right. He knew if he had a million you would be easy."

The Easiest Way

Hub—"I borrowed another \$100 of your father today." Wife—"What for?" Hub—"I am trying to get out of debt."

The Road's Name

There is a little railroad town in south Georgia bearing the impressive title of "L. K. & W." Just what the initials originally stood for no one recalls, and the road is known locally as the "Look, Kuss & Wait" and the "Lord Knows When."—Harpers.

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