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SOCIETY

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THE presence in the city of Mrs. Ida Umbach of Lakeview, Or., worthy grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, was the signal for a number of pleasant social courtesies by members of Chadwick chapter. Arriving Sunday and remaining until Wednesday, Mrs. Umbach was entertained as the house guest of Mrs. Gertrude J. M. Page Monday night in honor of the prominent visitor, Mrs. Page entertained with a prettily appointed Valentine dinner, bidding as additional guests Mrs. Paul H. Hauser, Mrs. Ida Niles, Mrs. V. E. Kuhn, Mrs. David Wright, Mrs. F. E. Shafer, Mrs. George H. Burnett, Mrs. John R. Sites and Mrs. W. V. Johnson. Following the dinner all motored to Woodburn where Mrs. Umbach was received in her official capacity.

Before coming to Salem, Mrs. Umbach made an official visit to Venus chapter, Donald, where Mrs. Page and Mrs. Hauser were invited to join her. An elaborate banquet marked the meeting, and during their stay in the city Mrs. J. C. Moore, worthy matron, and Mrs. Fred Sexsmith were joint hostesses for Mrs. Umbach at the residence of Mrs. Earl Carver, Mrs. Page also being a guest. Mrs. Page accompanied Mrs. Umbach on her trip to Canby.

Pleasing incidents of Mrs. Umbach's visit in Salem was a call from Miss Ethel Fitecher, president of Oregon Rebekah assembly, a courtesy that had been shown the latter when she was a visitor in Mrs. Umbach's home; also the arrival in Salem Tuesday of Mrs. Alberta McMurphy, worthy grand matron last year, who came up from Eugene, remaining over until Wednesday. Previous to the departure of the latter and Mrs. Umbach, Mrs. Page entertained with a breakfast, bidding besides, Mrs. James E. Godfrey and Mrs. George H. Burnett.

Mrs. Umbach planned to meet Mr. Umbach in Sacramento, both to go on to their home. On her way south she is to visit Roseburg and Riddle. She will return to Salem again in April, when she will make her headquarters here, while visiting the various adjacent towns.

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Letters received from Mrs. W. P. Lord and Miss Elizabeth Lord states that Mrs. Lord is spending this week with Mrs. Florence Hockenberry in New Jersey, after which she will again return to Baltimore to be with the Judge Harry Stockbridge family. Miss Lord will spend a month with friends in Boston, later to join her mother in Baltimore, from which place they will leave for their return trip home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilbert, who went south about a fortnight ago, are not expected home for another two weeks. Last word from them reached Salem friends from San Francisco.

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Mrs. A. T. Woolpert left yesterday afternoon for Boise, Idaho, where she goes to be the house guest of her sister, Mrs. T. A. Fugate. She will also join her mother, Mrs. E. N. Fugate, and her sister Miss Grace Fugate, who have been spending the winter in Boise. Mrs. Woolpert will be away about a month.

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Friends of Mrs. W. Al Jones will be glad to know that both she and her young daughter, Rosalie, and her sister, Miss Mabel Creighton of Portland, are expected to be out of quarantine this week, after their prolonged illness.

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Miss Lillian Holdane, who has been spending several months in Salem left yesterday for Alberta, Canada, where she has accepted a position. Previous to her departure Mrs. C. W. Laflar entertained with a dinner for her pleasure, arranging the affair for Tuesday night.

Covers were laid for Miss Holdane, Mr. and Mrs. Western Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Laflar, Mr. and Mrs. Victor McKenzie, Archie Holt and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Laflar.

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Mrs. Ellen Aspinwall of Brooks is spending the week in Salem as a guest at the home of Senator A. M. La Follett.

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Mrs. Olive Metcalf Hand, formerly an instructor in the Salem high school, arrived the first of the week from Berkeley, Cal., where she has been visiting her son, Ray Metcalf, who is employed as a research chemist. Mrs. Hand is being entertained for a few days as the guest of Mrs. P. J. Kuntz. Since leaving Salem she has made her home in Astoria, where she is social secretary to Rev. Mr. Heist, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church.

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The Philodorians of Willamette university will hold an open meeting this afternoon in their hall, inviting as guests all the alumni in the city.

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The Capital Business college announces another number on their series of dancing parties, the affair to be given in Cotillian hall Friday night. This is the third dance this winter, and is for students, faculty, alumni and friends.

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At the annual election of officers of the Woman's Mission circle of the First Baptist church, held the last of the week, the following were chosen: Mrs. O. B. Neptune, president; Mrs. W. T. Milliken, vice president; Miss Mina Gile, treasurer, and Mrs. H. E. Hewitt secretary.

The official church year does not begin until April, the end of the year being marked by an open meeting March 11, which will be in the nature of a mission play put on in the evening by the Bearan chapter of the World Wide guild.

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Mrs. F. E. Jackson of Portland returned to her home in Portland yesterday after visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles F. Elgin.

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Mrs. Everett Craven went to Portland today to meet Mr. Craven, who is returning from a several weeks' tour in eastern Oregon and Washington with the Willamette University Glee club. Mr. and Mrs. Craven will visit in Portland for a few days before returning to Salem.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Prunk spent the mid-week with Mrs. Prunk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Cooder, at Concomley.

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Mrs. H. Fordyce returned the first of the week to her home in Portland after visiting at the home of Mrs. H. L. Clark. She came from Corvallis where she had been the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Clark, who accompanied her to Salem, remaining until Sunday night.

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Miss Florence Witham of Everett, Wash., is the guest of Mrs. L. H. Compton and Mrs. H. V. Compton.

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Donald Allison, Leonard Chadwick and Miss Olive Barnard, accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Allison spent Friday and Saturday in Corvallis, going as delegates to the annual Christian Endeavor convention.

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The girls of the T. M. T. M. class of the Jason Lee M. E. church gave a delightful Valentine farewell party in honor of one of their members, Miss Georgia Albee, at the home of Miss Beulah Fanning, 1090 Leslie street, Friday evening. The rooms were beautifully decorated with red and green streamers, valentines and red hearts. During the evening games and music were enjoyed by a large number of guests. At a late hour refreshments were served. A basket of holly with red hearts formed a pretty centerpiece. Those present were the Misses Georgia Albee, Marion Roberts, Esther Davis, Josephine Seymour, Doris Miller, Vera Kezer, Adille Persons, Blanche Sutton, Beulah Fanning, Grace Tyler, Catherine Pemberton, Edith Hawley, Leah Fanning, Inez Tyler, Martha Hawley, Lois Tyler, Sybil Smith, Irma Fanning, Marna Auman, and the Messrs Cecil Shortwell, Harry Scott, Alvin Rookstool, Ed Warren, Carl Miller, Vernon Tyler, Albert Warren, Lyle Perrine, Sherwood Auman, Edgar Brock, Keith Lyman, Virgil Perrine, Edwin Edwards and James Reed.

REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

The Story of a Honeymoon

A Wonderful Romance of Married Life Wonderfully Told by ADELE GARRISON

CHAPTER 824

WHY ALLEN DRAKE SAID TO MADGE "IT'S UP TO YOU."

"Well, I think you're letter perfect now. Are you ready for the burnt offering?"

Allen Drake leaned back in his chair, and his keen eyes from beneath their long, womanish eyelashes played over us quizzically. Lillian, my father, Dr. Pettit and I were seated before him like so many pupils in a school room, and I, for one, was as glad as the average schoolboy is supposed to be that the task of the evening was done.

We had committed to memory the seemingly meaningless code, which yet held so much of moment to the nation. I, because of the unusual trained memory I happened to possess, had mastered it upon the first reading, but I had—through courtesy and necessity—waited for the others. Mr. Drake calling upon me frequently to confirm or to correct the other recitations. Ostensibly this was to help them, but in reality I was sure it was intended to test my memory again and again for his own assurance.

"Not only ready, but eager to see the last of that bit of paper," my father replied. "The fear of its falling into the enemy hands has obsessed me for many months."

Mr. Drake twisted the bit of rice paper. Then he took a match from his pocket.

"Pardon me," Lillian interposed, "but I thought you had planned to plant a decoy paper in the other house. Shouldn't it look as nearly like this one as possible?"

"By Jove!" Allen Drake exclaimed ruefully, dropping the match and smoothing out the bit of paper. "I actually forgot all about that. Any rice paper similar to this around?" He turned to my father with the query.

A Recipe for Chop Suey.

"Got the identical thing right here," my father answered promptly. "When my friend handed me that written sheet just before his death it was wrapped in a number of similar pieces, which I have always preserved."

He took from the key ring he always keeps upon his person a curiously shaped key, and crossing the room he unlocked a heavily-bound iron box, and from a smaller box took the pieces of rice paper and handed them to Mr. Drake.

"Good!" that gentleman responded promptly, and then as he spread them out upon the little table before him a smile like that of a mischievous boy overspread his face.

"I'd like to see their faces when they realize what this is," he said.

Then for a few moments there was silence in the room while we watched his sure, skillful, almost womanish fingers transcribing minute characters upon a blank piece of rice paper.

"There!" he said, when he had finished. "There's the best recipe for genuine Chinese chop suey I ever knew, and the directions for making it are described to the minutest detail. And the cipher is an old one of their own, so they won't have any difficulty in making it out."

The Secret In Madge's Keeping.

"But will they have time to look at the thing carefully?" Dr. Pettit queried practically. "I thought you meant to trap them when they come for the paper."

We all looked at Lillian inquiringly.

"There are two women that I mean to account for," she said grimly, "but I think it will be wise to let one at least of the others—provided there are more than the two women come—imagine he gets away clear. Of coure, he will be followed, and it is highly desirable that he take this pretended copy along with him. Whichever of them gets this will, of course, watch the chance to slip it to some accomplice, and I, for one, shall be sure the chance is given, whether it be the night we trap them or later."

"I see," Mr. Drake's eyes gleamed, and I knew that he approved Lillian's scheme for leading to plotters higher in authority, more securely concealed than Grace Draper. But he made no further comment, simply saying as he held up the original paper once more:

"Now for the wind-up."

He struck the match, lighted the paper, and, dropping it into a small ash receiver, watched it burn, stirring the ashes that no fragment of writing should remain.

"Now, Mrs. Graham"—he bowed to me half-mockingly, half-seriously—"it is distinctly up to you."

"But," I protested, startled, there are four of you who have memorized the original formula."

"Yes, with no disparagement to any of us, I wouldn't be afraid to wager that no one of us can give the absolutely correct rendition—with no fgure nor character omitted or transposed—in a week's time. We've done all we humanly can do to safeguard it in the case of any accident to you, but please take care of yourself, for this momentous secret rests almost entirely upon that fortunately uncanny memory of yours."

We were all silent—I awed to breathlessness by the responsibility thus thrust upon me. But as he had silenced us, so Allen Drake roused us with his next words.

"Where did you pick up that Malay half-caste of yours, Gordon?" he asked with seeming carelessness—yet we all realized there was a purpose behind the apparently aimless question.

(To be continued)

Governor Returns Many Bills With Approval

Governor Olcott has signed the following bills:

H. B. 101, McFarland—Creating a state game commission.

H. B. 7, Allen—Relating to petitions for citation in sale of property by executors and administrators.

H. B. 11, Childs—Relating to collection of taxes against certain personal property.

H. B. 20, Hyatt—Relating to power of court to obtain additional jurors.

H. B. 87, Sloan—Granting certain powers to drainage districts and declaring an emergency.

S. B. 35, Hare—Relating to obtaining money or goods by false pretenses.

S. B. 117, Patterson—Defining elementary school and elementary teachers' training courses.

S. B. 14, Moser—Relating and defining the powers and duties of the state board of control and declaring an emergency.

S. B. 181, Lachmund and Strayer—Making the state land board custodian of securities in which its funds are invested.

S. B. 168, Hare—Authorizing the warden of the state penitentiary under the direction of the governor, to employ paroled convicts at the prison wood camp.

S. B. 200, Upton—Relating to tax levy for school purposes.

S. B. 203, Edwards—Relating to powers and duties of public library boards.

S. B. 94, Joseph—Fixing salaries of Multnomah county officials.

S. B. 167, Moser—Relating to attachments.

S. B. 211, Norblad—Providing for capturing and killing seals and sea lions.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN