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MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adèle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE
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CHAPTER 174
 THE QUESTION LILLIAN ASKED OF MADGE.

Katie was closeted with Lillian for over half an hour, while Mother Graham fumed and sizzled because the breakfast dishes had not been removed from the table. It was only my hint, dropped as a last resort, that Lillian was questioning Katie concerning the events of the memorable night when Jim had left us, which finally quieted her. Nevertheless, she fired a grumbling last shot to the effect that Lillian might have waited until the breakfast dishes were done before taking Katie away.

I had hard work to keep from echoing her irritability—not, however, from my concern for the kitchen work, but because, aside from the interest I had in Katie's revelation, I was so filled with amazement that my little maid should have chosen Lillian instead of me as the recipient of her momentous confidence. It was an astonishment which, to my self-scorn, held distinct traces of piqued resentment. I suppose it was a feminine application of the old saying which deals with a man's being a hero to his valet. I had been wrapped for so long in Katie's funny but sincere adoration, that it jolted me a little to have her take so important a secret to Lillian, ignoring me altogether.

At the end of the half-hour, Lillian came in search of me. There was a look upon her face which surprised me, as if she had just undergone some unexpected emotional experience, and there were the distinct traces of tears in her eyes—tears from Lillian, who almost never indulged in them.

Quietly Mrs. Graham.
 "I have sent Katie to her room," she said abruptly. "I knew you wouldn't mind, for she is all in. I told her I'd see to the breakfast dishes—she knew Mother Graham would be on the warpath about them—and I must confess I'd like some kind of absorbing work for a little while. I don't know when I've been so stirred by anything—come along to the kitchen—we'll get Mother Graham quieted down first—and then I can talk while we work."

We did not need to look long for Mother Graham. She was moving around the kitchen, guarding her bandaged arm from knocking against anything, and trying with her uninjured hand to pile up the breakfast dishes.
 "Oh, Mother! You mustn't do this!" I exclaimed, genuinely afraid that she might hurt herself.

"Somebody's got to do it," she retorted tartly, "and I haven't seen anybody else breaking any bones to do it."

"Now, Mother Graham," Lillian laid a privileged and affectionate hand upon the elder woman's shoulder. "Madge and I are just waiting the chance to break our bones out here. And we'll promise to rinse every dish properly with hot water, and polish them until we can see our faces in them, if you'll only go upstairs and rest."
 My mother-in-law grinned reluct-

tantly and glanced at us shrewdly. "You won't see anything very cheerful," she observed acridly. "Judging from the looks of both of you now. Where's that ape of a girl?"
 "Have You Guessed?"

"I sent her to her room," Lillian said. "I've had a session with her"—she lowered her voice portentously—"Questioning on that business—you understand."
 She might have been the chief figure in the third act of a melodrama in the gravity and emphasis of her words and manner. But Mother Graham swallowed everything eagerly, and without suspicion shook her head sagely.

"Ah, yes, of course," she said. "Well, I suppose she will have to rest a while. She'll bear watching, that girl, not that I think there's any real harm in her, but she's just the footless kind to be made a fool and a fool of. She'll not put anything over on me, though."
 She swept with stately mien out of the kitchen, while Lillian closed the door to keep my half-hysterical laughter from reaching Mother Graham's ears.

"I—I can't help it, Lillian," I said apologetically when I had pulled myself together and had observed that she was unsmiling, though not disapproving. "I—I seem to want to laugh at everything today."

"You're unstrung, hysterical," Lillian diagnosed coolly. "What you need is a jolt, and I'm going to give you one. Have you guessed yet why Katie chose to 'break her swear' to me instead of to you?"

"Why, I suppose she thought you knew more about the thing, were the leader, and—"
 "What utter rot!" Lillian retorted emphatically. "You know that in Katie's estimation there is no one in the world so wise as you. No, you'll have to guess again, and when you find out the real reason, as I just did, you'll feel like standing uncovered before that girl's grit and sacrifice."

CHAPTER NO. 175
 THE REASON KATIE TOLD LILLIAN AND NOT MADGE

There was such emotional earnestness in Lillian's tone as she spoke of Katie's "grit and sacrifice" that I began to have a dim comprehension of the reason for my little maid's choice of a confidant.

"You mean—" I questioned, hesitating.
 "I mean," Lillian answered, "that Katie fully expects to have the most awful things happen to her because she 'broke her swear,' and that the reason she wouldn't confide in you, but chose me instead, is because the abysmal brute who made her take the oath extended his maledictions to include the person whom she should tell. And I really believe the old melodramaspiel is true in Katie's case. She would die before she would let harm come to you. But I never saw such abject fear, such certainty of evil to come, as that poor girl displayed just now."

I sat down quickly in the nearest chair, shaken, aghast at this revelation of suffering and sacrifice upon the part of my devoted little maid.

"It gets you, too, doesn't it?" she commented. "I don't mind telling you that she pretty nearly bowled me over, and you know I'm not very strong on the teary-lash thing. But there was something mighty-admirable and pitiful in the way she came through with the things I wanted to know, and all the time patiently expecting to have flames appear out of the air and consume her, or to undergo some other equally pleasant fate."

"But—but," I stammered, "when I talked to her before you took her in hand, she told me that it wasn't either fear of the law or her religion that made her afraid not to keep the oath she was forced to take. I was trying to impress upon her, you know, that it wasn't binding."
 "There's a Link—"
 "Yes, I know," Lillian returned.

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BETTER


FINE NEW TRAIN TO BE DISPLAYED
 All-Steel Equipment for Limited Offered By Great Northern May 30

When on May 30, the Great Northern's brand new solid steel train, the "New Oriental Limited," goes into service between the Pacific Northwest and Chicago this section of the country will have the advantage of passenger train equipment unsurpassed anywhere.
 It will mark an epoch not only in passenger transportation but in the development of the Pacific Northwest in train architecture. This train is the latest and most advanced creation and appointments, with all the newest designs and improvements in sleeping car equipment by the Pullman company.
 Many unique features will be available, including shower baths,

both for man and women, a commodious lounge room exclusively for women, ladies maid, hair-dresser, manicuring barber and valet. The observation cars are specially designed for mountain travel with unusually deeply recessed ends and especially wide windows to enhance the enjoyment of mountain scenery along the route.
 In constructing these new cars the comfort of the women traveler has been of particular concern. Provision has been made for enlarged women's dressing rooms, each of which will be equipped with a full length vanity table, an additional large mirror, three wash stands, and additional space for four chairs.
 A new feature in sleeping car construction are the fixed head boards to afford greater privacy during the day and to speed up the work of making up and taking down the berths, which will cause less inconvenience to passengers.
 One train will be on exhibition in Portland, 10th and Hoyt St., station May 25 and 26.
 The "Wm. Crooks," Engine No. 1, coach No. 1 and 2 will also be on exhibition. This was the first train operated on the St. Paul and

MULTIPLE LISTING REMAINS POPULAR
 Ten New Listings are Received During Week—Total Now 247

Ten listings representing property valued at \$80,500 were received this week by Miss Martha Leavenworth, executive secretary of the multiple listing bureau of the Marion-Polk County Realty association. With the exception of three, all were for city property.
 Since the multiple listing bureau has been in existence, there have been a total of 247 listings made. With more than 20 members in the bureau, each piece of property has as many agents as there are members in the bureau.

GARDNER PLACE IS SOLD TO NEEDHAM
 Property Acquired at \$10,000 and Is Being Held as an Investment

C. N. Needham has purchased some close in property on North Cottage from A. B. Gardner for \$10,000. This is being held for an investment. The property lies a half-block north of the postoffice and has a frontage of 79 1/2 feet. There is a single and one double house on the property, both of which are rented.
 Mr. Needham does not expect to make any changes in the property at present, as he purchased it merely as an investment. Mr. Gardner plans to remain in Salem during the summer and then to go to Long Beach, Cal., where he and Mrs. Gardner will make their home in the future.
 The deal was handled through the agency of Childs & Bechtel, local realtors.

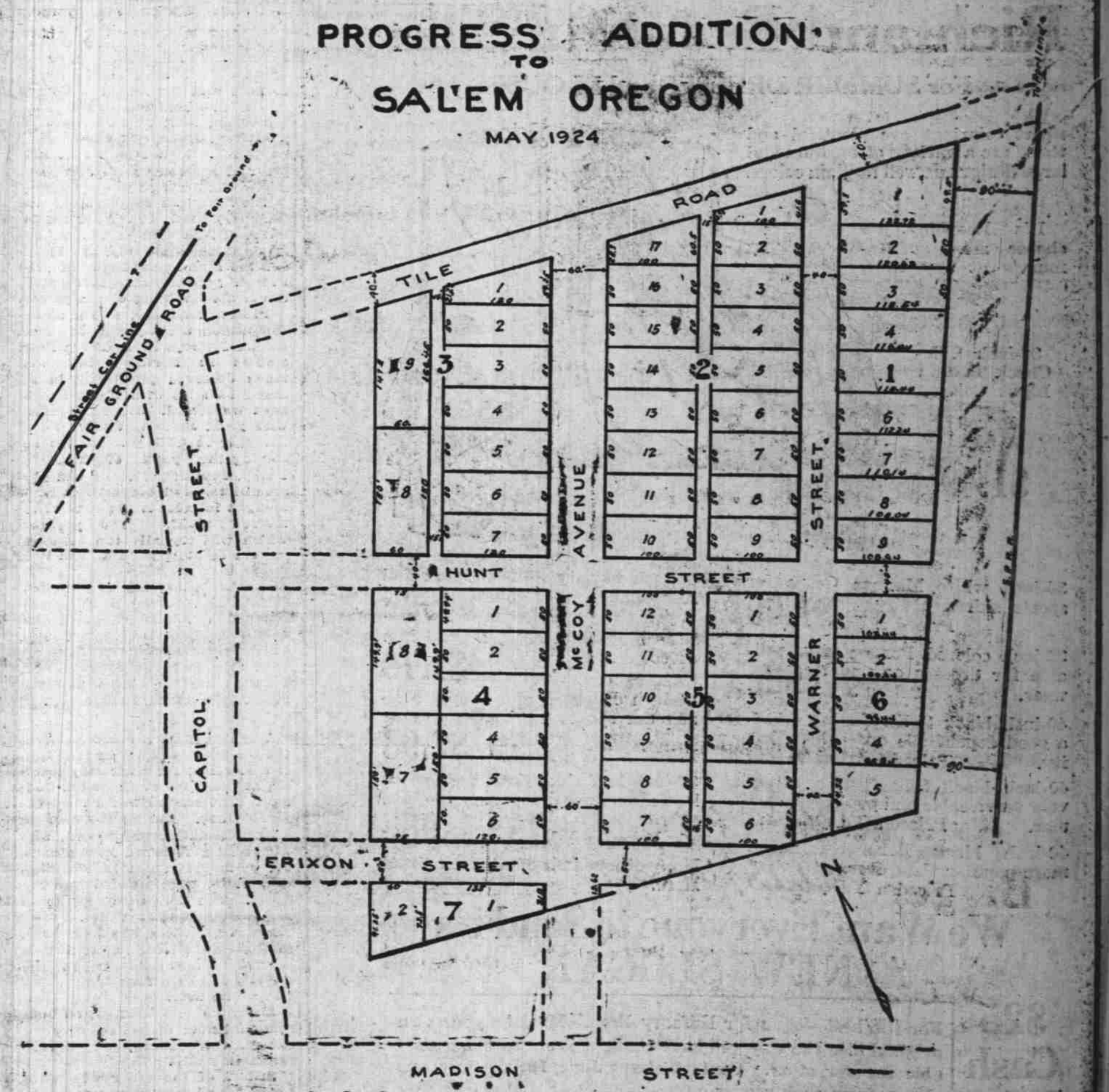
NEW APARTMENTS WILL BE BUILT
 Bonding to Cost \$12,000 Will Rise at 1140 Center in Near Future
 Erection of an 8 apartment building at a cost of \$12,000 will begin at once, it was announced this week by Joseph McAlpine, a newcomer to Salem from Canada.

When One Pint of Water Wastes Two Pounds of Cement!
 It is now known that excess mixing water, not only weakens concrete, but that it is actually wasteful of cement. One pint of water more than necessary in a one-bag batch decreases the strength and resistance to wear as much as though two pounds of cement were left out.
 Wouldn't you like to have, right at hand for quick reference, a practical manual which tells how the quantity of mixing water can be closely controlled, so as to give your concrete greater strength without using more cement? This information is yours for the asking.
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Auction Sale of Choice Lots
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 MAY 1924

 Lots in this choice addition will be placed on sale at public auction at 7 p. m., Tuesday, May 27. The sale will continue from evening to evening as long as necessary.
 Terms, ten per cent down and \$10 a month on each lot.
 Sale will be conducted on the ground where buyers may see the lots.
 Each lot will contain a building restriction requiring houses costing not less than \$1500, fixing uniform front and side lines and keeping out features of an objectionable nature; but buyers of limited means will be permitted to occupy the premises in tents or garages on the extreme rear of their lots for a reasonable time pending construction of their houses.
 This tract was fortunately purchased. It is in a region of rapid growth and advancing values. It is the belief of the owners that the opportunity to secure really good lots, well located, at low prices and easy terms, will be improved by many who would thus be enabled to use rent money in building and improving their own homes.
 Builders will find here a rare opportunity to secure lots on which to build for their customers. Much of this tract is covered with large bearing cherry trees and many of the lots have trees that buyers will value highly. Remember the date. Bring money enough to meet the ten per cent payment. Consult the plat for location. Come to Erixa street entrance.
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