

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adelle Garrison's
New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE
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CHAPTER 217

THE HINT OF THE MENACE
MADGE'S FATHER DISCLOSED.

"Step carefully," Lillian admonished in a whisper as we neared the little jog in the old corridor behind which lay the library door. "Let me guide you."

She grasped me firmly by the arm and stopped me just before we reached the door.

"Lift each foot before you set it down as if you were stepping over an obstruction about a foot high and six inches wide," she directed. "There, that's it. All right, Allen," as Mr. Drake noiselessly swung open the library door. "We're here, and the mine is laid. Now we'll get down to business, and wait until our little submarine strikes it."

Allen Drake and my father were standing with grave faces just inside the door of the library. In my father's hand was a book, one of a cherished set of his favorite essays which had been privately bound for him. He evidently had just finished turning the leaves and his voice was grave, as he looked toward me and spoke platingly.

"There can be no mistake."

Daughter. I fastened a memorandum carefully between these two pages, so that only design, not carelessness, could remove it. And it is gone!"

"You mean," I said slowly, "that Katie must have taken it." "Unless some person from outside the house has had access to this room," he returned. "Besides, it was nothing any person would have taken unless he—or she—there was a significant pause—"had been directed just where to look."

"I Had Forgotten—"

I felt suddenly chilly, as if some evil, not fully known, were threatening me. I knew Katie's monkey-like curiosity, but I would have staked my soul upon her absolute loyalty to me and mine. But the three faces around me were stern and set.

Indeed, I fancied that there was a look of something very akin to horror in both Lillian's face and that of Allen Drake, as they gazed at my father, an expression so foreign to their usual inscrutable faces, that I feared something vague, terrifying, of unusual importance, was attached to this memorandum.

"Chief," Allen Drake began hesitatingly, "pardon me if I'm wrong, but it can't be that—the missing paper concerns the thing we were talking about—"

"Yes, my boy," my father replied gravely. "It did concern that. Indeed—"

He stopped as he saw my puzzled, stricken eyes, and came toward me, slipping his arm around me.

"I had forgotten, Daughter," he



Charles Jones in "The Vagabond Trail" at the Liberty.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

McMAHAN SPEAKS OUT

Editor Statesman:

As a probable member of the house in the next legislature I am deeply interested in the statement that my personal friend, Mr. Burdick, has been selected for speaker. Not being and never having been a candidate for that position, I fell entirely free to express myself fully and vigorously against the practice of selecting a speaker before the members of the house are elected and met in their official capacity to carry on the work of the session.

Every experienced legislator knows, and the general public ought to know, that the power of appointing the standing committees carries with it the opportunity to control all legislation, both good and bad, in a house, the members of which are divided between those who are sincere in the work of reform and those who see in the legislature only an opportunity for profit, either for themselves or for some interest they secretly represent. It is for this reason that those interested in irrigation bonds and contracts, in public corporations, promoters of schemes for making money out of the people in various ways, are always vitally interested in seeing to it that only men who may be depended upon to appoint committees favorable to their interests are selected to preside over the house and the senate. Committees so appointed can always be depended upon to cooperate in the work at hand, by making reports favorable upon the bills which, in the interest of the public welfare, should be reported adversely, by holding bills in committees until the lobby can get the situation well in hand, or so amend notorious bills that they fall of the intended purpose, or are too long delayed for consideration.

All great interests in the state likely to be affected by legislation biennially compose their differences to secure for speaker of the house and president of the senate dependable men, and in making a selection no consideration whatever is ever given to the public welfare.

The failure of the last legislature to respond to the reasonable demands of the people was largely caused by the fact that the speaker of the house was selected, as the speaker of the next house seemingly is now to be, not by due consideration of the members but by interested canvassers whose interests lie, not in the promotion of the common welfare but in legislation predatory in its general character. One would naturally suppose that if the members of the house were sincere in their promises to the people they would insist upon a general canvass of the situation at some time and place where all could be heard, and definite promises secured. The public is entitled to have the advantage of consultation among all the members upon every point affecting the public welfare and every intent of representative government is opposed to the selection of presiding officers as it is now proposed to select them and as they have heretofore usually been selected. It is not enough to say that the majority of the members have agreed upon Mr. Burdick, because such agreement if made, violates the provisions of the state constitution, the spirit of the corrupt practices act, and upon general principles contravenes public policy.

Section 11 of article 4 of the state constitution provides that "Each house, when assembled, shall choose its own officers," but it is now proposed that widely separated individuals without being assembled for consultation and long in advance of election shall irrevocably choose the speaker! Legislators are trustees of the public and are vested with authority to manage public property, not as individuals, but as an assembly, and their acts are morally justified only when they act as a board, legally assembled for the purposes for which they are elected. The people have a right to, and the intent of representative government is, that they shall have from legislators a conscientious consideration of every proposition coming before the legislature and that no matter affecting the public shall be decided except at an assembly of all the members, in which every member shall

have an opportunity for free and open discussion.

When the framers of the constitution adopted the article providing that officers shall not be chosen until the two houses shall have assembled, they attempted to provide against the identical evil of which I now complain, and no man who has pledged his support to Mr. Burdick can carry out that pledge without violating that clause of the organic law, so plainly expressed that it needs no interpretation.

If after the house has assembled and there has been given to all members opportunity for open discussion, a pledged member shall then believe that the interests of the public will be best subserved by electing Mr. Burdick, the member can legally and morally support him. But until such meeting is held, until all obtainable light is thrown upon the situation, and the members of the house are fully advised no irrevocable pledge can be made without violating the spirit, as well as the letter, of the organic law.

In the face of these obvious facts, some candidates are now and long have been trafficking for places on committees in total disregard of their duty and their actual or implied promises to the electors. They are trustees for the public, have power to take from the people millions of dollars and apply it to purposes sometimes meritorious and at other times in utter disregard of the common welfare. This great power should be placed only into the hands of men who are keenly alive to the great moral responsibility with which they are individually and collectively endowed. I feel that no man who will thus place into any man's hands the great power for evil that is a prerogative of the speaker is alive to the situation here presented and I trust that the gentlemen who have made this agreement with Mr. Burdick will reconsider their promises and wait until we can all meet and obtain exchange of ideas and plans and then do that which a conscientious regard for our duty as legislators dictates.

I am not making war upon my friend Burdick, nor attempting to prevent his selection as speaker. What I am attempting is to destroy a vicious practice that nearly always results in making the legislature a biennial disappointment to the people. As a legislator or I am appealing to the consciences of my fellow members for due regard of the law and the common decency in political life. If in making this appeal I appear to be harsh, I have the sufficient excuse that this vicious practice merits harsh treatment and until the practice is destroyed each session will prove to be costly and disappointing to those who pay taxes.

—L. H. McMAHAN.
Salem, Or., July 15, 1924.

BERRY GRADING IS NOW AT END

Quality of Remaining Logans Not High, Is Silvertown Report

SILVERTOWN, Or., July 17.—(Special to The Statesman)—Loganberries coming into the Silvertown cannery are no longer being graded as the quality is not of the best. The berries will last only a few days more. Some Hinalaya blackberries are being brought in but it is not known whether they will be very numerous. No accurate estimate of the amount grown about Silvertown has been received but should there be very many the season will probably last two or three weeks.

The Evergreen blackberry is growing rapidly and it is thought that the season for it will start in less than a month. All the blackberries that can be obtained will be put up by the Silvertown Products company this year. Some may be graded as it is said that there is a larger demand for choice blackberries than for choice loganberries.

An attempt is being made to get everyone growing the Evergreen blackberry to sell to the Silvertown cannery as stockholders are not to be given the preference as was done with other fruits. If it is possible to get them, berries will be taken from the vicinities of Canby, Marquam and Monitor as well as from Silvertown and community. The price paid will be the same as that of packers and growers associations of Salem or what is regarded as market price.

DRAINAGE SURVEY WILL BE ASKED

Mill Creek Project to Be Further Advanced at Meeting Tonight

At a meeting to be held tonight of the committee recently appointed to take active steps in the proposed Mill creek drainage district, arrangements will be made for a survey by engineers.

It is probable that the committee, which consists of Mayor John B. Giesy, J. G. Merchen and E. J. Kirkpatrick, will arrange with the engineering firm of Cupper & Simpson. The committee will ask the engineers to make an estimate of the cost of such a drainage district.

In cooperation with county officials, the committee in charge will secure from the records the

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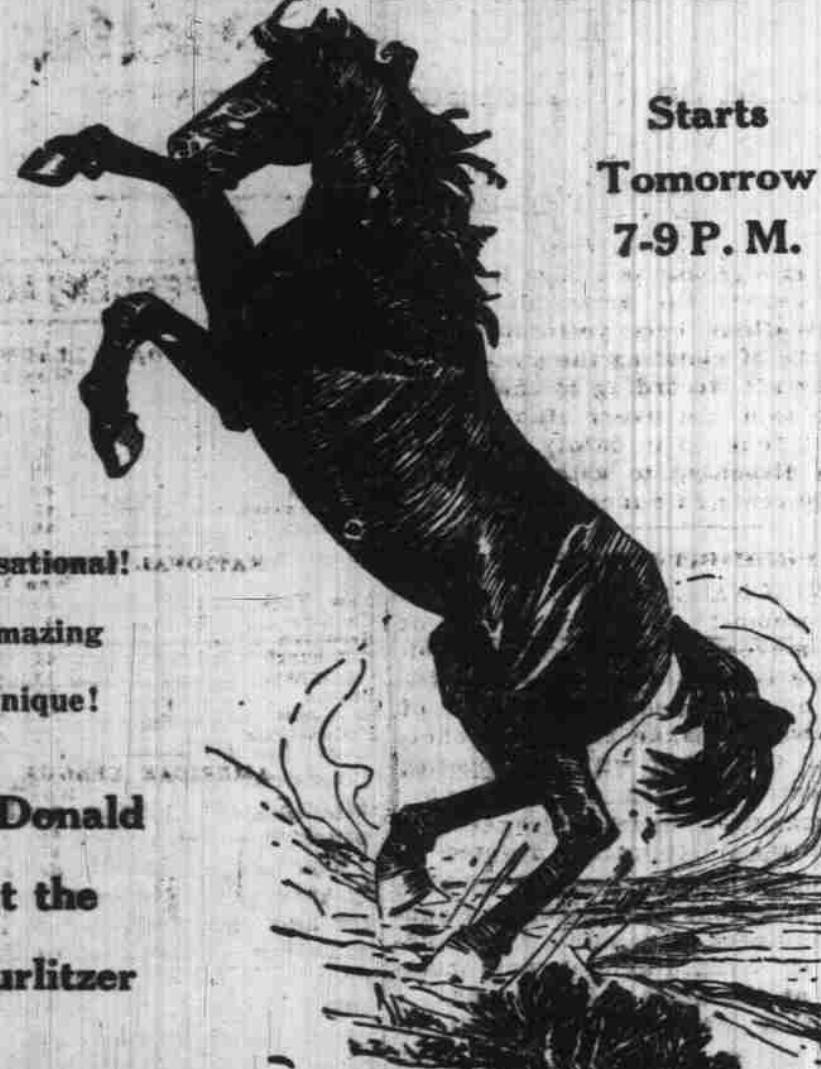
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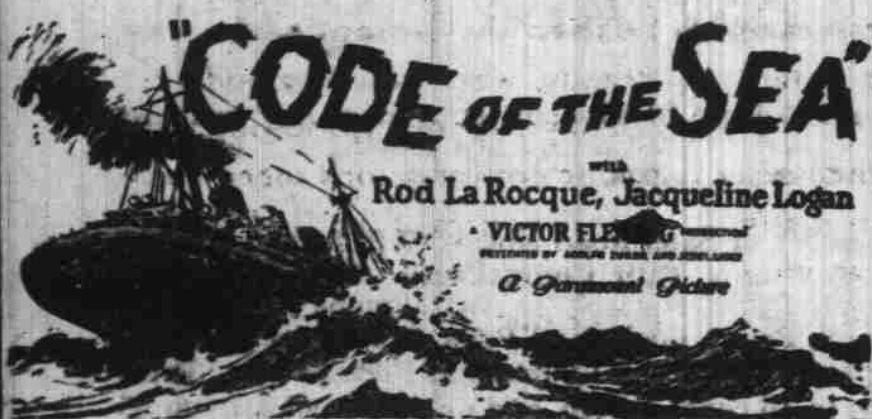
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OREGON

Oregon Showing Code of the Sea

"Code of the Sea," featuring Rod La Rocque and Jacqueline Logan, was shown for the first time at the Oregon theater yesterday.

The story is an original for the screen by Byron Morgan, author of many of Wally Reid's automobile successes. Bertram Millhauser made the adaptation.

In the picture La Rocque has the role of Bruce McDow, first mate on the lightship Barrier Reef. One night a great storm comes up, and the yacht Neroid, on which is Jenny Hayden (Miss Logan), McDow's sweetheart, goes on the rocks and is breaking up. At the same time the passenger steamer Northern, Captain Hayden, played by George Fawcett is trying to make port with 300 passengers. A wireless message from the steamer orders McDow to remain at his station so the Northern can clear the reef in safety.

The lightship springs one of her forward chains, but McDow orders his men to ride it out until they break loose. He puts out to the Neroid in a small boat, picking up a lifeline, which has been shot out from a shore station and fallen short. He just about makes the Neroid in time—sees all on board taken safely ashore in the breeches buoy—for the frail craft disappears beneath the waves with the captain and himself aboard. Is that the end of him? The picture will be on view at the Oregon today and Saturday.

Maurice Flynn, Luke Cosgrove, Lillian Leighton and Sam Appell have important supporting roles in this picture, one of the fastest moving sea stories, not to mention one of the most genuinely entertaining productions, which has come to the screen at the Oregon in many months.

To say that those Chicago boy murderers descended from the monkey would be a terrible libel on the monkey.

MALNEUR LAKE GOT A FIRE LAST MONTH

Not the Water, But the Tule and Salt Grass, Making Destructive Blaze

Robert M. Duncan, former well known Salem resident, now of the firm of McCulloch & Duncan, attorneys, Burns, writes his father, R. B. Duncan, here:

"Its still hot and dry as it was when I wrote you last. The hottest and driest year we have ever had. The great Arrowcreek dam on the Boise river is dry now and the river is flowing 500 second feet whereas 4000 second feet is the lowest it was ever known to get before. This is a fair indication of all our water supply.

"Did I ever write you that Malheur lake got afire last month and burned up about 18,000 acres of tule and salt grass? Burned thousands of ducks and geese and other birds. The flames were great and light was plainly visible in Burns, while clouds carried for miles. There was a high wind out of the southeast at the time. It burned about 2000 tons of hay and several houses and many miles of fence.

"The springs at the 60 ranch are holding out and there will be water there this fall and some in the Blitzen, but none elsewhere.

Volleyball Title Stake At Lincoln Playground

Play for the volleyball championship of the Lincoln playground is now under way, and of eight teams participating Delbert Swabbaner and Delbert Vieska emerged victors by defeating Fay Faultx and Lawrence Tussler 15-9; 15-3.

Three games must be won out of three played, if the odd number is necessary, according to Miss Danta Robbins, playground supervisor. The first team annexing 15 points is declared the winner.

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names and holdings of all those who live in the district. Then a petition will be drawn, and from the past interest taken in a proposed drainage district there is assurance that the committee will experience no difficulty in obtaining sufficient names to the petition to have the matter legally presented to the county court.

This will include a public hearing according to law. The county court has authority to authorize the formation of a drainage district if the showing is such that the cost involved is commensurate with the benefit to the district. Both the engineering firm of Cupper & Simpson and state engineers are of the opinion that such a drainage district as proposed for the Mill creek portion of the city can be constructed at a very moderate cost as compared to the benefit that will accrue to

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