

THE DISAPPEARING EYE

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"Did you know who this person was?"

Gertrude hesitated. "I could answer you that frankly," she said, after a pause, "as I caught sight of this person through the half-open shop door. The mere sight of this person sent me away, as I did not wish to meet—" Here she hesitated.

"Him or her?" I asked inquisitively.

"I would rather not say just now," she replied with reserve.

"But you must say," I insisted. "Don't you see that this person, whether man or woman, may have been the one who murdered Mrs. Caldershaw?"

"She grew pale. 'I have thought of that myself,' she said hurriedly, 'therefore I refuse to tell you the person was. If a certain contingency happens I shall speak out.'

"You won't tell me now?" I said, somewhat wounded.

"No. Don't ask me to. Perhaps later on." She seemed greatly distressed. "You see it's a terrible thing for me to give the name of a person who might be accused of the crime. If this person were hanged, even if guilty, I should not be able to rest in my bed." She shuddered and burst into tears. "My position is very hard," she wailed.

"But I can assist you if you will speak plainly."

She shook her head. "I cannot speak plainer than I am doing. Later on, yes, later on, I may tell you, but just now I dare not—I dare not," and again she began to weep.

As it was evident that she had some strong reason to conceal the name of this mysterious person I did not press her farther, although I was most anxious to learn all about the matter. Instead, I asked another question in soothing tones. "How did you leave?"

"By the back door," said Gertrude, drying her eyes. "In that way I escaped coming face to face with the person in question."

"But there is no gate out of the back yard by which you could escape. I examined the fence myself."

"You did not examine it carefully enough. The gate is at the side of the house, and is exactly like the fence. When it is closed no one could tell that there was a gate. I expect that is why you overlooked it. Outside the gate a path led amongst those elm trees some little distance down the slope. I went along the path, and on gaining the road I walked to Manchester, where I caught the half past six train. So you see that I had nothing to do with the murder. I was horrified when I heard of it, and seeing the danger I was in of being suspected, I held my peace. I even denied to Aunt Julia that I had been to Mootley at all, saying that I had changed my mind."

"I recalled the conversation with Miss Destiny, and recognized that Gertrude was speaking the exact truth. 'Mrs. Caldershaw was alive and well when you left her?' I asked, rising to drag out my portmanteau.

"Quite well. What are you doing?"

"To show you in one moment. Mrs. Caldershaw did not appear to be afraid of being killed?"

"No; she was quite her usual self."

"Did you take your cloak with you?"

"My cloak?" she rose, much agitated. "How do you know that I wore a cloak?"

"You must have had one to take such a journey," I said evasively.

"Yes," replied Gertrude, somewhat reassured; but—"oh!" she gasped, as I displayed the garment I had produced from the portmanteau.

"Yes," I said, unfolding it, "this is the cloak worn by the lady who took my motor car. I found it concealed in the field. And it is your cloak?"

"Yes," she admitted with white lips. "It is my cloak."

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STATEMENT BY MR. DYER.

President of the National Phonograph Company, Orange, N. J. My attention has been called to a recent article in a New York daily newspaper which has been widely copied, and wherein it stated that the future of the phonograph was not

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very bright. This article is entirely misleading and does not accord in any way with the views of myself or anyone connected with the Edison companies. The future of the phonograph was never so bright as at the present time; in fact I feel that the surface has hardly been scratched. Orders are coming in so rapidly at the present time that we are not able to fill them promptly and the sales are entirely satisfactory. The fact we are just starting in with the Amberola and a full line of Grand-Opera records is certainly an indication that so far as we are concerned the future does not have to be questioned. If any one of us had the slightest doubt as to the future of the business, why should we be spending hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in advertising and a corresponding amount in the development of new lines and in experimental work?

In connection with the very article under consideration, it is interesting to inquire why, if Mr. Edison has any doubt as to the future of the business, he should be willing to spend \$155,000.00 in cash to acquire a minority stock interest. The whole transaction was simply this, that in the early days of the phonograph business this particular minority block of stock of the Edison Phonograph Works was acquired by outside interest, and was later put up as collateral to secure the issue of bonds of another independent company (not controlled by Mr. Edison) having rights in certain foreign countries, and on which the interest payments were defaulted. These bondholders were anxious to realize something from their investment and Mr. Edison was willing to buy the stock, so that the transaction was consummated.

The Edison Phonograph Works, as persons familiar with the business know is a separate company located at Orange and engaged only in the manufacture of machines, which are turned over to and are distributed by the National Phonograph company. The National company manufactures all Edison records and sells directly to the trade. The National company in assets, property and amount of business done is immeasurably larger than Edison Phonograph Works.

The purchase of this block of stock by Mr. Edison was a personal matter and has no direct bearing on the future of the phonograph business, other than showing his confidence and a desire to withdraw the stock from litigation.

President Helps Orphans.
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Newspaper Changes.
Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 17.—John Wilkinson, assistant superintendent, who recently established a new school paper here, under the title of the Southwestern Schoolmen's Journal, announces its consolidation with the Oklahoma Herald of Oklahoma City. It will hereafter be published in that city, with Prof. W. P. Stewart as manager and editor.

Arch H. McGill has been forced, on account of ill health to turn his Wapanucka Press, for a time, over to the management of J. M. Whitlow. Mr. McGill will go to Phoenix, Ariz., hoping that he may recuperate.

Volume I, No. 1 of the Terral Weekly Times is out this week, with H. D. Banner as publisher.

The Cornish Times is a new venture at Cornish, with John Corey as editor.

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Fire Damage at Wynnewood.

Wynnewood, Okla., Feb. 17.—The mercantile establishment of Moore & Rollow, one of the largest firms in the city, was almost wiped out Tuesday night by fire. Cause of the fire unknown. Loss will run into the thousands, practically covered by insurance. The wind was blowing a terrific gale from the north and it was with a mighty effort that the fire company saved the entire business section from Main street south.

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PROGRAM AND RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS OF APPLICANTS FOR COMMON SCHOOL DIPLOMAS.

1st Period—April 14th and 15th.
2nd Period—May 20th and 27th.
3rd Period—June 23rd and 24th, 1910.

State Board of Education,
Hon. E. D. Cameron, president;
Hon. Bill Cross, secretary; Hon. Charles West, attorney general; Hon. Charles N. Haskell, governor.

Common School Diplomas.

During the past year we have used the new course of study written especially for the needs of the Oklahoma public schools. Copies of this may be had of your book dealer or from the Oklahoma Book company at Oklahoma City.

All pupils who complete the eighth grade work as laid down in this course of study and are able to pass a successful examination in the required branches will be given a common school diploma which will admit them without examination to any city or county high school, the State University, the A. & M. College, the State Normal Schools, the Schools of Mines, Girls' Industrial School and all other state institutions of higher learning.

General Rules.

1. All applicants for common school diplomas must be examined in the following branches: Reading, orthography, penmanship, grammar, composition, arithmetic, geography, physiology, United States history, civics and Oklahoma Constitution, Oklahoma history, domestic science, agriculture and horticulture, and music.

2. Pupils may take examination in a part of the subjects one year and finish the remaining subjects the next year.

3. The examining committee in each county shall consist of the county superintendent, as chairman, and teachers holding valid first grade certificates appointed by the county superintendent.

4. It shall be the duty of the examining committee, under the direction of the county superintendent, to conduct the examination at such places as may be designated by the county superintendent. The examination in each county shall not be held at a greater number of places than there are members on the examining committee, including the county superintendent. This is necessary that all examinations in each county may be under the direct supervision of the committee. The member or members in charge at each place of holding the examination, shall submit the questions in accordance with the rules given in this circular. No teacher shall be permitted to examine or to grade the papers of his own pupils.

5. The State Board renews its recommendation of last year that all applicants be charged a uniform fee not to exceed 50 cents each; provided, that, in the judgment of the county superintendent, so large a fee be necessary to bear the expenses of the examination. It is respectfully requested that a full report of all receipts and expenditures on this account be made to the State Board of Education for its information.

6. At a date after the examination set by county superintendent, the committee shall convene, examine and mark the papers, and certify to the State Board of Education, the name, age, post office address, grade in each subject and average of the grades of each pupil.

7. The examination papers should be kept on file for twelve months in the county superintendent's office, and at the end of this time should be burned. A full report of the examinations should be made promptly to the state superintendent, showing the names of both successful and unsuccessful candidates and the grades made in each subject. Blanks for this purpose may be obtained from the state superintendent.

8. The Board of Education will issue a diploma to each successful pupil, signed by the president and secretary of the State Board of Education, and to be countersigned by the county superintendent or city superintendent, under whom the pupil completed the course of study.

9. These diplomas shall be presented to the graduates at a commencement which shall be held at a time and place designated by the county superintendent. This commencement is usually held in June or July.

Examination Program for 1910.

Spelling, physiology, composition, civics, United States history, Oklahoma history, grammar.

Second Day.
Arithmetic, reading, agriculture and horticulture, etc., geography, penmanship, music, domestic science.

Conditions.
1. To receive a common school diploma the pupil must make a general average of 75 per cent with no branch below 60 per cent. Pupils failing to make the required average, may retain grades of 85 per cent and above, and complete the branches upon which they failed in the following year.

2. The examiners shall take every precaution to avoid any criticism or suspicion that pupils have been assisted or in any way favored in the examination.

3. In grading answers due weight must be given to the care of manuscripts in regard to penmanship and neatness of work.

Rules to be Followed in Conducting the Examination.
1. During the examination applicants must be seated as far apart as possible and must not be allowed to communicate with anyone except the examiner.

2. The examination in each branch must begin and end promptly at the time indicated in the program.

3. The questions must be kept sealed until the moment to begin the examination.

4. The questions in each branch are to be given to the applicants at the beginning of the time allotted to the examination in that branch, and at the expiration of that time written answers are to be promptly collected.

5. Answers should be brief, but must be complete in logical exposition and grammatical structure. The answers in mathematics must show the process as well as the result in each case.

6. Examiners are instructed to be liberal in grading papers on all new subjects added to the course of study since statehood.

7. Report all grades on our regular blank forms and arrange the names alphabetically.

8. Any applicant who may be found guilty of attempting dishonest means in the examination must at once be given notice by the examiners that he is disqualified to receive a diploma.

9. The standing of candidates in spelling, composition and penmanship will be determined, in part, by the manuscript.

10. The examiners should read these rules to the applicants before beginning the examination.

By order of the State Board of Education,
BILL CROSS, Secretary.
E. D. CAMERON, President.

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COLLEGE NEWS NOTES.

From the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater.
Stillwater, Okla., Feb. 19.—The first military reception of the year was enjoyed by the commissioned officers and their lady friends, Saturday evening. This was given by the girls of the senior and junior classes. The west reading room in library building was converted into a reception hall and was beautifully decorated in military fashion with flags, arms, etc. The evening was spent most pleasantly, flag guessing and heart throwing being notable features of entertainment. Refreshments were served in two courses and were most excellent. Before their departure, the guests were led in a grand march by Miss Mary Connel. All congratulated the senior and junior girls upon the excellent manner in which they entertained.

"Cleve" Hartshower, a student of this college, has returned from Peru where he has been employed in the government agricultural college and has accepted a position of professor of agriculture in the city schools at Pilot Point, Texas.

M. J. Oley of the class of 1902, who has for some years held the position of financial secretary of the college, has accepted the position of cashier of the First State bank of Franklin, Osage county, Oklahoma. Mr. Oley leaves for his new position in a few days. Mr. McKeown, who has been recently employed as agricultural sta-

tionist at Guthrie, will take up the duties of financial secretary.

Professor Pittuck has gone to Wichita, Kansas, where he will be joined by Mr. Beard of the board of regents. Their purpose is to purchase pure bred mares for the new district agricultural schools.

Professor Jeffords is conducting a farmers institute at Fairview in Major county. Professor Linklater is engaged in similar work this week a Sapulpa with Mr. Elliott and will participate in institutes at other points before his return.

The Varsity basketball team played the Chillicothe Indiana last Thursday. The game resulted in a score of 19 to 25 in favor of Chillicothe.

The ends are having company target practice every Monday. Some good shooting is being done but owing to the unfavorable weather no fancy scores have been made. Range practice will begin as soon as spring opens.

The April number of the New Education will be devoted to the work and play of our A. & M. College girls. The mid-term grades have been sent to the parents and are also posted on the bulletin board. These grades show record of good work on the part of the vast majority of the students.

A half holiday was observed Saturday in honor of Lincoln's birthday and on Thursday special chapel exercises were devoted to Lincoln and his services.

The ditch for the concrete tunnels is being rapidly excavated. Materials are daily arriving and it is expected that a full force will soon be at work. A full force of men are now working on the women's building and an excellent showing is being made.

A number of steel framework material samples have been received by the departments of Civil Engineering. A special class in gas engine work is being organized among the juniors and will be taught by Professor Burleson.

R. O. Watrous of the senior class has invented an automatic sparkler for a gas engine which eliminates the usual sparkler gearing. The device promises to meet with success as soon as perfected.

Harold Cook of the sophomore engineering class has been elected captain of the Varsity base ball team. We have some good material and hope for a successful season.

A joint session was held by the Omega and Philomathean literary societies on Saturday.

The Y. M. C. A. has chosen an advisory board of five members: Dr. Connel, chairman; Professor Moorehouse, Dr. Wise, Dr. Bowers and May or Rogers. Under the supervision of these directors a local secretary will probably be employed next year.

Despite the blizzard nearly all class work went forward at college according to schedule, though a few classes were inconvenienced.

Southwestern State Normal School.

Durant, Okla., Feb. 19.—The classification committee is busy, at present straightening out the credentials of every student in school. This is a very commendable undertaking, since each student, as soon as his credits have been approved will receive a certificate from the committee outlining the work already completed, and stating just what remains to be done before graduation. This certificate will be final, and will avoid a difficulty into which several of the older normals have gotten; namely a discrepancy between the records kept personally by the student, and those kept by the registrar.

Vice President Hushaw, in a very interesting talk in chapel Wednesday congratulated the Southerners on the spirit of absolute harmony, which exists among the faculty.

Prof. Laird returned Wednesday from a trip to Huzzo and Boswell in the interest of the Southwestern State High School track meet. A great deal of interest is being shown in this undertaking throughout the high schools in this section of the state, and it bids fair to be a great success.

The second session of the Southwestern State Teachers' Cooperative Association will take place at Ardmore next Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25 and 26. The first session, at Hugo, Nov. 25 and 26, 1909, conducted under the direction of Prof. Demand and Prof. Morris of the Southwestern was one of the largest and most successful district conventions ever held in the state. The coming session promises to be not less successful. It will be attended by the entire faculty of the Southwestern, while a large exhibit, representing every department of the school, a basket ball game in which the Southwestern will be engaged, and the heartiest support of the school will go to help make the meeting a success.

Choctaw county has signified its intention of conducting its summer institute in conjunction with the summer term of the Southwestern, thereby swelling the number of counties that have joined in this undertaking to eight. The advantages offered by

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