



"THE MASTER KEY"

CAST

Harry Wilkerson Harry Carter
 James Gallon Wilbur Higby
 Ruth Gallon Ella Hall
 John Dore Robert Leonard
 Story by John Fleming Wilson

The police detective is a stubborn individual and one whose mind runs along channels which have been dug by hundreds of predecessors of the same type. One of his cardinal principles is to arrest some one for every crime which has been committed. That is one way to show duty performed. So, after a night of sleuthing around for another person who could

possibly be accused of the crime, John Dore is arrested for the murder of Pell, much to the consternation of Ruth he is dragged off to jail. But she has old Tom Kane, and while Everett is hurrying about to secure bail for Dore, Old Tom sits down and tells Ruth all about the mine and the way Tubbs, Wilkerson's man, had been running things since her departure. He told her of the starving condition of the miners, out of work so long of the pitiful attempts of the wives to work on the sympathy of Tubbs, and of his own resolve to open the cook house to the starving people. Then the engineer interfered with this plan and the angry miners mobbed him. Old Tom saved the engineer's hide and helped him to get out of the camp alive. But Kane's position with Tubbs was now doubly difficult, and he resolved to leave to try to raise money to assuage the sufferings of the poor miners. In this pious resolve he is materially aided by Tubbs, who fired him.

While Tom is telling of his escape, Wilkerson and Mrs. Darnell learn of the death of Pell and the arrest of Dore. They at once scheme to get Ruth in their possession while Dore is in jail. They decide to write a note to Ruth, purporting to come from Dore, asking Ruth to visit him in the prison. Drake, disguised as a chauffeur takes the note to the hotel and delivers it to Ruth. It does not look quite genuine to her and she shows it to old Tom. To him it looks decidedly suspicious and he accompanies Ruth to the taxicab and in it.

Drake takes them to a deserted spot and when the cab stops Wilkerson jumps to the door and threatens Ruth. But he is foiled in his purpose for Old Tom has Drake arrested and sent to the station house for attempted abduction. Wilkerson, however, escapes.

But the deeds. They have been reposing all the time in the bottom of the ash barrel where they were thrown by Pell. The barrel is emptied the next morning and the ashman is astonished to find a package of deeds which look very valuable to him. He determines to advertise in the newspapers. Wilkerson sees the advertising and sends the maid in disguise to answer it. The ashman is suspicious of the maid, but she secures the missing deeds by offering him a large sum of money and loses no time in taking them to the gloating Wilkerson, who thus secures the key to the dead partners property after years and years of endeavor and plotting.

Everett, after some difficulty secures bail for Dore and they both hasten to the hotel. The clerk tells them that Ruth and Tom have gone away with a strange chauffeur and they soon find the note and realize that another trick has been played. As they are planning to follow, Ruth and the old miner return and tell Dore of their experiences. Dore is about to go after Wilkerson and try to have him arrested and put in jail with the chauffeur when Ruth calls his attention to the advertisement of the lost deeds in the paper. They rush up to Ruth's room and search in vain for missing deeds. Then they hasten to the address mentioned in the advertisement, only to find that a claimant had been there before them and recovered the deeds.

The shock is too much for Ruth and she breaks down. A doctor is called in and advises that she be taken to the southern part of California and kept quiet for a few weeks. So with mingled feelings they go on board the boat intending to go to Los Angeles. But fate has played another trick on them. On the same boat are Wilkerson and Mrs. Darnell, though they are disguised and Ruth and John do not dream that the lost deeds are so near to them again.

Wilkerson and Mrs. Darnell are effectually disguised, for at the dining salon of the steamship neither Dore nor any of his party recognize them.

Ruth imagines that there is something familiar about a party at a near by table but knowing that the doctor has said that she must rest her brain she secretly fears that it is a mental delusion that she entertains, and besides to tell Dore of her suspicions.

It was indeed a strange coincidence that brought Wilkerson and Dore together on the same boat and a circumstance fraught with future sinister significance both for Ruth Gallon and the young mining engineer.

RAILROAD FROM GRANT'S PASS TO CRESCENT CITY

Completion of the California and Oregon Coast Railroad from Grant's Pass to Crescent City, Cal. at a cost approximating \$5,000,000 was assured Monday when Twoby Bros., railroad contractors of Portland, arranged with the city officials of Grant's Pass to finance the project and perform the work.

The people of Grant's Pass already have bonded themselves for \$200,000 to pay for the first ten miles of the work. This portion of the work from Grants Pass to Wilderville, has been built. The remaining portion from Wilderville to Crescent City is approximately 81 miles long. It is estimated that the work can be completed this summer. Twoby Bros. are prepared to put a large force of men to work there within the next few weeks.—Oregonian

The new road will be an important factor in the development of Grant's Pass and the territory in the southwestern corner of the state.

It is understood that Twoby Bros. are acting for the Southern Pacific. They have done much work for that company in the past and are not likely to engage in railroad building on their own account.

Victor Breuer is very busy these days, figuring with the contractors and carpenters for a house this coming summer. We have suspected as much for a long time.

A. C. Allard lost his hand Wednesday in the C. A. Smith mill at Marsfield while tending a shingle bolter.

New Postmaster at Marshfield
 Wm. B. Curtis, well known to the people of Coos county, and who was postmaster at Marshfield for a period of sixteen and a half years has surrendered the office to Hugh McLain who received his commission from President Wilson on the 9th inst, and who took charge on the 10th. Mr. Curtis was appointed first by President McKinley and his faithful service will long be remembered by the citizens, not only of Marshfield but of Coos county, generally.

A Special Word for Special Meetings
 The special meetings at the M. E. church, south, continue with good interest. Another word to the people of Bandon. You all consent that men should be honest, truthful, sober minded, moral, intelligent, obliging and helpful to each other. There is nothing so conducive to this end as the religion of Jesus Christ.

The church is putting forth its best endeavor to promote this end. Why not then rally to make the results the very best possible. At the close of these meetings some one will be guilty of wilful neglect. Will it be you? Some one's opportunity will have passed forever. Will that be yours? "Come, now and let us reason together," saith the Lord. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." "If ye hear his voice, harden not your hearts." W. B. SMITH

LOUISVILLE, KY., April 7.—A stockholders meeting of the Southern Pacific railway was held here today to elect 15 directors and consider the purchase outright of properties of six railroad and steamship companies that the Southern Pacific has been operating. Nearly \$300,000,000 of the company's stock was represented.

The companies to be taken over are the Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern Railroad & Navigation Co. the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad & Navigation Company, the Portland Eugene & Eastern Railroad Company, the Salem, Falls City & Western Railroad, and the Willamette Pacific Railroad Company. It was indicated that there would be no change in the directorship of the Southern Pacific.

MATCHMAKING IN INDIA.

One Scheme That Gave a Missionary the Surprise of His Life.

Almost every one who has friends in mission work in India knows that one very important function of the missionary is to play the part of matchmaker to his flock. But few if any have heard of the conditions being reversed and the flock turning matchmaker for their missionary. That does occur, however as the letter written by a missionary who lives at Tuticorin, south India, tells:

On New Year's day, 1911, as I was seated in my little mud cottage at Tuticorin a number of people entered the veranda and ceremoniously came into my room, bearing trays of flowers, fruits, raisins and sugar, which they placed at my feet like supplicants who desire to gain the hearing of a petitioner. After all due ceremonial etiquette had been observed and I had indicated my willingness to hear their petition Brother Gunnus Dreyman, a prominent lawyer in Tuticorin, began reading in Tamil an address to which the others gave strict attention. It ran like this:

"Reverend Sir—You have now for nearly two years bestowed great care and labor upon us, ministering to our spiritual welfare and striving for the

health of our souls to such an extent that you have greatly impaired your own physical health, and we feel that you need some one to care for you, since you do not care for yourself. We fear lest your zeal in our behalf may deprive us at once of your life and services. Therefore, with profound humility and sincere respect, we venture to request you to marry a good woman who will both care for you and help us."

This was naturally a confusing thing to happen, but I was bound to respond to such an eloquent appeal, and when the applause died away I rose and answered with considerable effort:

"Your affectionate regard for my welfare is so overwhelming that I have no words in which to express my appreciation," and sat down, quite fatigued from the exertion. But the novelty of the situation overcame my fatigue, and, turning to one of the elders, I asked if they had any particular person in mind as one who would be willing to become my helpmeet and be equal to all the responsibilities they had outlined. Immediately Miss W.'s name was mentioned. "But," said I, "I don't believe she would have me." This seemed to me like matchmaking with a vengeance. What a high handed net, to be sure! To order their pastor to marry and then to choose the girl besides! But the worst was still to come. "We have already seen her and told her she must have you," said Brother Rajappan.

So it was settled. I may add that my wife and I have reason to approve highly of the Indian method of match-making, but it should be combined with the western method of courting, as in our case, to secure the best results.—Exchange

Welcome Color.
 "A streak of yellow is all right sometimes."
 "How's that?"
 "In a gold mine, for instance."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Notice of Administrator's Sale

Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of an order of the Honorable John F. Hall, judge of the court of the state of Oregon, in and for Coos county, and by virtue of a supplemental order made by his successor in office, namely the Honorable James Watson, judge of said court, I the undersigned Chris Rasmussen, administrator of the estate of Hans Krap, deceased, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the premises which are hereafter described, and which are located in the city of Bandon, Coos county, state of Oregon, on Wednesday, the fifth day of May, 1915, at the hour of 11 o'clock of the forenoon of said day, on the terms following, to-wit: ten per cent at the date of sale, forty per cent on the confirmation of the sale, remainder one year after confirmation, with interest at 8 percent per annum, from the date

of confirmation of sale, said sum to be secured by a mortgage on the premises, and that from and after said date, if not then sold at public auction I shall, as such administrator proceed to sell the said real estate described in this notice at private sale, which said property and all of it is described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point of the south boundary of the Extension of First Street, (now Wall Street) in the town (now City) of Bandon, County of Coos and State of Oregon, South thirty six (36) degrees and fifteen (15) minutes East, two hundred and ninety and five tenths (290 - 5-10) feet distant from the intersection of the South boundary of the Extension of First Street and the Eastern boundary of Wharf Street (now Bandon Ave.), in the said Town of Bandon: Running thence south sixteen (16) degrees and fifteen (15) minutes west twenty six (26) feet to the Northeast corner of Second street, thence north seventy three (73) degrees and forty five (45) minutes west thirty two and five tenths (32 5-10) feet along said Second street; thence north fifty three (53) degrees ten (10) minutes east forty five and five tenths (45 - 5-10) feet to the south boundary of said extension of First street; thence south thirty six (36) degrees and fifty (50) minutes East twenty six (26) feet along the South boundary of the Extension of First Street to the place of beginning.

Dated at Bandon, Coos county, Oregon, this 5th day of April, 1915.
 CHRIS RASMUSSEN,
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