

## A PUZZLING CASE

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training in this respect, but why should she have lied as to the school where she had studied?

I made no progress after nailing the lie upon Mrs. Pixley and at last determined to make her acquaintance and by pretending as a friend, or to be smitten with her, to get the secret from her. Under pretense of being a bank examiner I became familiar with the employees, she among the number. I treated her with deference and sympathy. One day when she was leaving the bank after business hours I joined her and walked with her. Passing a restaurant, I told her that I was going in to take a lonely dinner. Would she help me out with her company? She consented, and, selecting a table in a corner where we could converse without being overheard by others, we dined together.

I commiserated with her at having such a husband, expressing wonder that any man should desert so charming a woman. She seemed to feel very bitterly toward him, but, of course, if she were a thief as well as he, it might be a part of her game to feign this. I asked her if she suspected who was the woman with whom her husband had gone away, and she said she felt sure of the person. I got nothing out of her, but was impressed with the belief that there was a good deal in her, whether for good or for evil, though I did not feel that it was for evil. After dinner I escorted her to her home and left her at the door, at the same time receiving an invitation to call upon her.

Despite all my efforts I found nothing to implicate Mrs. Pixley, and there was no evidence at the bank to prove that she was purloining its funds, though the president had put Carter on the watch for this. After a time Carter said that, whatever was her way of taking money, it was so subtle that it was beyond his penetration. However, the cash on hand was constantly deficient, and Carter suggested that Mrs. Pixley be simply discharged without any reason being given her. The president communicated this to me, and I suggested that he put the matter off. I had become convinced that Mrs. Pixley had a secret. I was steadily gaining her confidence, and I hoped in time she would let out something. To this he assented.

A couple of days after this I received a note from Mrs. Pixley, as follows:

Dear Mr. Detective—You are on the wrong track in shadowing me. Conceal yourself under the steps leading up to the bank tomorrow night (or, rather, the next morning) at 1 o'clock and wait till I come. M. D. P.

I cannot tell why, but I was not so much astonished at this as might be

expected. I was certainly rejoiced, because I knew important developments were to come. At the appointed time I went to the bank and waited in the shadow of the steps. Ten minutes later Mrs. Pixley went up the steps. I joined her. She tapped at the door, and it was opened by the watchman. We went in behind the counters. Mrs. Pixley opened a safe, took out some heavy account book, which I laid on a high desk for her.

"How is it that you can come here at such a time and open this safe?" I asked her.

"The watchman is in my secret. I am allowed the combination of this safe, which contains only books."

And here began the revelation. I am something of an accountant, this being one reason why I was put on the job. Mrs. Pixley spent two hours with me over a set of books, showing me that Carter had manipulated them to conceal certain peculations. And the entries bearing upon them were so dovetailed into certain entries in a set of books that had been kept by her husband as to make it appear that Pixley was the defaulter. And I could not see how Pixley could have shown that he was innocent in the matter. I looked aside at Mrs. Pixley and asked:

"How about the woman with whom your husband decamped?"

"I was the veiled woman who went with him to collect the money owed him, but I didn't go away with him. One day he discovered how Mr. Carter, to conceal his peculations, had manipulated these books. He came home so broken down that I, fearing he would make a poor showing under an investigation, concocted this plan whereby I might have an opportunity to study out the problem for him. The watchman, Callahan, has always been my husband's friend and at the risk of losing his job has admitted me here at dead of night. I have had an expert accountant with me at times, and together we have unraveled this conspiracy and can make a showing such as I have given you."

"Where did you get your knowledge of bookkeeping?"

"I studied it after my husband left. The person you sent to find out about that caught me unawares. But at the time I did not know she came from you."

"Mrs. Pixley," I said admiringly, taking from under my coat my badge of office and handing it to her, "I resign in your favor. If I am worth \$10 a day as a detective you are worth a hundred."

As we left the bank I handed a twenty dollar bill to Callahan, but he declined to accept it. The next morning I called on the bank's president and was obliged to confess that my work had been done by the woman he had sent me to watch. Carter's books were examined without his knowledge. Pixley was summoned home by his wife and put in Carter's place. Mrs. Pixley was given five shares of the stock of the bank, worth \$8,500, and her husband is as chipper as before he was lugubrious.

No, sir, I don't believe that a woman is any more liable to divulge a secret than a man, especially when it becomes her interest to keep it. At any rate, such is my experience.

### His Line.

A charming young member of a woman's literary club, who adds the distinction of being a bride to successful authorship, recently met a gushing stranger at a club reception.

"Oh, Mrs. Blank, I am so glad to meet you. I enjoy your stories so much, and your husband's too." Then adding as an afterthought, "He is literary, too, isn't he?"

"Thank heaven, no!" replied the bride. "He's in the coal business."—New York Press.

# 308 X YES IS A VOTE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

## ONE NORMAL NOT ENOUGH

Oregon has but one Normal School. This school is located at Monmouth. Excellent as is the work of this school it is utterly unable to supply but a small part of the need for trained teachers for the State.

Of more than 6,000 school teachers in the public schools of Oregon, but 13 per cent have been trained for their profession of teaching in Normal Schools.

It is a well established fact that our one Normal School cannot supply the needs of the entire state. That is why we ask for your work and vote for the proposed Eastern Oregon State Normal School at Pendleton, Oregon.

## GIVE EASTERN OREGON SQUARE DEAL

Eight counties in the Willamette Valley have employed during the past five years, 203 teachers who have graduated from the Monmouth Normal as against 39 Monmouth Normal School graduates for the eight leading counties of Eastern Oregon.

During the past five years the attendance of students from nine Willamette Valley counties was 877 students as against 91 students from nine of the leading counties of Eastern Oregon.

Owing to the crowded condition of our one Normal at Monmouth and also the distance and expense of attending, students from Eastern Oregon are compelled to go to neighboring states to secure their training as teachers.

## ONLY COSTS 4 CENTS PER \$1,000

The annual maintenance cost of the proposed State Normal School in Eastern Oregon amounts to but one 25th of a mill or 4 cents on a thousand dollars of taxable property. Isn't it worth this to have your children trained to become useful and productive citizens?

## STRONG ENDORSEMENTS

Among those who strongly endorse the establishment of the proposed Eastern Oregon Normal School are Governor Withycombe, J. H. Ackerman, President of the Monmouth State Normal; W. J. Kerr, President of the Oregon Agricultural College; P. L. Campbell, President of the State University; Robert C. French, former President of the Weston Normal, and practically all of the leading educators of the State. J. A. Churchill, Superintendent of Public Instruction, voices the sentiments of those who are most familiar with the need of more adequate Normal facilities when he says:

"Oregon's greatest need for its rural schools is the teacher who has had full preparation to do her work. Such preparation can best come through Normal School training."

"I trust that the voters of the state will assist in raising the standard of our schools by establishing a State Normal School at Pendleton. The location is central, the interest of the people of Pendleton in education most excellent, and the large number of pupils in the public schools will give ample opportunity to students to get the amount of teaching practice required in a standard normal school."

All the above educators insist that a Standard Normal School must be located in a town of 5000 or more population and having enough grade pupils for teaching practice.

## VOTE RIGHT

By voting YES for No. 308 you will help to give to the school children of Oregon the same advantages enjoyed by the school children of our neighboring states. Vote YES for No. 308.

Eastern Oregon State Normal School Committee

By J. H. Gwinn, Secy., Pendleton, Ore.

(Paid advertisement)

### Notice of Board of Equalization Meeting.

Notice is hereby given, that on Monday, September 11th, 1916, the County Board of Equalization will meet at the Court House, in Tillamook City, Oregon, and public examine the assessment roll for said year, and correct any error in valuations, description of land, lot, or other property. Said board will continue in session from day to day until the examination, correction and equalization of the assessment shall be completed. All persons who may be interested in the assessment of their property should appear at said time and place, as no changes can be made after the adjournment. All protests must be filed with the board the first week.

Dated at Tillamook City, Oregon, August 8th, 1916.

C. A. Johnson, County Assessor.

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