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The Moment of Vision.

BY WILLIAM McLEOD RAINE.
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She held out the ring to him, smiling in rather uncertain fashion, but Esterley noticed that she was very white. He was savagely glad of it, for at the time he was cold as ice and hard as iron.
"Has the last word been said?" he asked without a trace of emotion in his voice. "Are you going to turn me away on account of a little thing like this?"
"You may call it a little thing if you like. I don't. When one finds the man she is engaged to marry flirting with—"
"I wasn't flirting. I have told you that before," he answered doggedly. "But of one thing you may be sure, Elise. If you send me away now I shall not return to you."
"You flatter yourself, sir, in thinking I shall want you back," she retorted. "Shall I lay the ring on the table, or will you take it?"
He dropped the ring into his vest pocket, bowed coldly, and turned on his heel. Next moment the street door had clanged behind him. The girl sank into a chair and covered her face with her hands. Presently deep sobs began to shake her. Meanwhile Ned Esterley, in a moody, frowning silence, strode down to the Union Depot with his suitcase in his hand. Fifteen minutes later he was on a train bound for Cripple Creek. He gazed out of the window without seeing any of the glory of the winter sunshine, which fell in a sheen of splendor on the white-blue range of peaks in the distance. He was sick at heart, and bitter against the girl who had misjudged him. What right had she to sentence him before she had heard his vindication? What right to vote him guilty of disloyalty because she had found him with Kate Sanford's hand in his, her eyes swimming in tears?
An hour passed, two hours; but Esterley took no thought of the flight of time. It might be five minutes since he had entered the train, or it might be five hours. He neither knew nor cared. His personal problem drove from his mind other considerations.
If Elise were going to believe—
There came a sudden jar, which threw Esterley forward against the seat in front of him. He did not need to be told that the engine had been reversed, and the airbrakes set. There came to him the sharp grinding of wheels on the track, and with it the gradual lessening of speed. A moment later there was a horrible crash. The floor of the car rose to meet the roof. The last that Esterley remembered was plunging forward through the air.
When he came to himself, he found about him a great pile of debris. He was deep hidden in what remained of the car—a mass of broken timbers, of torn iron and of wrenched steel rods—and some ten feet above him was the open air. A white dead face stared at him through the broken wreckage. Gingerly Esterley moved first one arm and then the other. They were free, and he went over himself coolly to estimate the damage. Except for a cut in the head he was quite unhurt, but his legs were pinned down between two great timbers beyond the hope of extrication. He tied a handkerchief around his cut head, and began his attempt to free himself. Had the timbers come two inches nearer together, his ankles would have been snapped like pipestems; had they been two inches farther apart, he would have been free.
Esterley called to a passing brakeman. The man stopped, looked around, and caught sight of him. He called to another man.
"There's a fellow pinned down in this second car, Norton. Send the gang here."
Presently Esterley could see that men were at work with axes, saws, and crowbars to rescue him. He had been conscious without thinking of it that

Then he fell quiet, saying to himself over and over again, "Keep cool, Ned Esterley. Keep cool. There must be some way out of this thing. Good God, there MUST." The sweat of agony poured from his face. How slow the rescuers were, and how fast the flames leaped toward him! He wanted to keep crying out to the men to hurry, but he bit back the words. They were doing all that mortal men could do.
Gradually it dawned upon him that he was lost. Great volumes of smoke rolled between him and the rescuers, telling him that they could not reach him in time. With the assurance—after the first frantic rush of fear—there came to Esterley a singular coolness. He drew his revolver from his hip-pocket, and laid it on the crook of a bent rod near his hand, where it would be ready for emergencies. Then he got from his coat pocket a note book, and from his vest a lead pencil. One of the brakemen above, hewing away at a cross timber, which barred their way, muttered to the engineer:
"Good Lord, Norton. He's writing."



"You, Elise? What are you doing here?"
Saying that we ain't likely going to reach him. Ain't he got the bully nerve?"
Esterley first carefully noted down the address to which he wanted his letter forwarded, then wrote his letter.
Dear Elise: Our train has just collided with another, and I am pinned down in the wreckage. The train crew are working to get me out, but they will not succeed, for the wreck is on fire, and the flames rapidly spreading this way. I write this note as my last word to you, and after writing it, I shall throw the note book to the men outside. The crew have already been driven back from rescuing me by the smoke and flames. No, they are back at it again—almost within reach of me, but the smoke and heat are fearful.
"Oh, Elise, girl, our quarrel was all a mistake. It was my fault for I should have insisted on explaining that I was interceding with Kate for young Dick Hazle. You know they were engaged, but had had a lover's quarrel. Good-bye, sweetheart. I have

Statement of Taxes Paid by the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad Company to the Various Counties in Nebraska for the Year 1901, with Some Comparisons that may Prove Interesting.

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COUNTY	VALUATION	TAX PAID
Adams	\$ 22,104 00	\$ 1,086 22
Antelope	173,448 00	7,477 36
Boone	107,640 00	4,655 30
Brown	102,924 00	4,579 83
Butter	232,488 00	11,474 19
Cherry	405,756 00	13,462 39
Clay	65,664 00	2,970 97
Colfax	81,216 00	2,749 07
Cuming	899,396 00	4,736 59
Dawes	205,884 00	8,836 03
Dodge	177,660 00	9,273 99
Douglas	122,650 00	3,788 31
Fillmore	116,892 00	6,134 09
Hamilton	35,712 00	1,435 94
Holt	206,532 00	9,720 00
Knox	51,768 00	1,865 69
Lancaster	66,708 00	2,159 56
Madison	118,116 00	4,801 16
Nuckolls	99,504 00	4,813 56
Pierce	102,096 00	3,942 64
Platte	116,244 00	4,329 03
Polk	3,204 00	119 37
Rock	83,232 00	3,625 55
Saunders	159,444 00	5,897 67
Seward	113,112 00	5,307 88
Sheridan	140,976 00	6,504 92
Sioux	118,368 00	4,691 99
Stanton	75,456 00	2,865 13
Thayer	15,876 00	908 45
Washington	32,760 00	1,402 20
York	114,120 00	6,217 56
Total	\$4,365,950 00	\$151,632 64

STATE	RAILROAD	Miles	Net Earnings per Mile	Total Tax Paid	Tax Per Mile	Per Cent. of Taxes to Net Earnings
Wisconsin	Green Bay & West'n.	225	\$ 440.79	\$ 9,896.66	\$ 43.97	9 9-10
Minnesota	Bur., Cedar Rap. & N.	1,287.99	1,048.62	145,996.90	119.57	10 9-10
Iowa						
South Dakota						
Missouri						
Kansas						
Indian Territory	M., K. & T. R. R.	2,221.96	1,872.13	291,330.18	131.11	7
Texas						
Nebraska						
South Dakota	F., E. & M. V.	1,362.84	1,050.53	181,509.74	133.25	12 7-10
Wyoming						

Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad in Nebraska, Paid \$152.95 Taxes Per Mile

never loved any but you. Forgive my obstinate anger. I can write no more. The flames are all about me. Good-bye—till—"
The smoke strangled him. Esterley handed his notebook to the conductor with the request that it be forwarded. With singed hair and eyebrows the trainmen pried at the timbers which held him. The heat was unendurable, and Esterley fell back unconscious just as grimy hands reached for him.
Esterley lay for days in a semi-comatose condition. He had an impression that Elise was hovering about the room, and he was told afterward that he called continually for her. The third morning after the accident he opened his eyes to an understanding of what was passing. Elise bent over him, smiling happily. The doctors had just told her that Ned would get well.
"You, Elise? What are you doing here?"
"Taking care of you."
"Of me? What's the matter with—Oh, there was an accident, wasn't there? How did you know of it?"
"The conductor sent me your notebook."
"And—about Kate—?"
"It's all right, Ned. She came and told me all about it after you left. Will you forgive me, dear?"
He nodded, eyes shining with joy.

AROUND THE COUNTY.

Ray.
The tent meetings closed Sunday evening.
Rollie Twyford made a flying trip to O'Neill Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Berg were visitors at Mr. Hardings Sunday.
Mrs. Anna Harding and children were in O'Neill last week.
Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Deyarman were pleasant callers at Ray Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Deyarman spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. Will Sterns.
Jas. Harding and son Loyd were O'Neill visitors Monday and Tuesday.
Sorry to say several of our neighbors are on the sick list again this week.
Bess and Myrtle Deyarman called on Miss Bea McGinnis who is visiting at Saratoga.
Mr. Thomas Glenn of Pennsylvania, has been visiting his cousin J. S. Twyford the past week.
Mrs. Ross and son Colmre took a pleasure trip to Spencer Monday returned home Friday.
Hugh Deyarman visited friends in O'Neill last week returning home Wednesday with his sisters.
James Harding has field corn that breaks the record, ten and a half feet high who says Nebraska soil won't raise corn.
Rev. Knickerdoker was a pleasant caller in this vicinity on Monday, he

is interested in Sunday school work and organizing Sunday schools.
Bess and Myrtle Deyarman returned from O'Neill Wednesday where they attended the wedding of Miss Emma Weekes which took place Tuesday evening.
Phoenix.
Mrs. Moore was an Atkinson visitor Wednesday.
Ed Smith visited at his home in Spencer last Sunday.
Peter Greeley marked a load of apples at Butte Friday.
Mr and Mrs. Ray Coburn visited at Peter Greeley's, Sunday.
Gus Clevenger is working for Wm. McCarthy at present.
Mrs. Dr. Stockwell of Butte visited Phoenix relatives last week.
Ben Deyarman of Ray was in this vicinity Monday and Tuesday.
Jess Brook and family of Atkinson spent Sunday at Peter Greeley's.
Miss Anna Reiser of Badger visited Jess Coburn Thursday afternoon.
Tom Berry of Paddock spent a few days at Louie Coburn's last week.
Mrs. Herman Damero was a caller at Mrs. F. G. Coburn's Monday last.
Jim Clevenger left for Dakota Monday where he expects to stay indefinitely.
Quite a number of Phoenix ladies attended the ball games at Celia Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Nilson and Miss Mary Bartel spent Sunday at Mr. Kinney's at Turner.
Ralph and Jess Coburn and Sophia Palmer went to Butte Monday returning the same day.
Mrs. W. E. Scott and daughter of Atkinson visited at Peter Greeley's a few days last week.
Miss Marcia Rich went to Butte Monday for a few weeks visit with friends at that place.
Mr. Rich and daughter also Mary Weston of Atkinson were visitors at Mrs. F. G. Coburn's Tuesday last.
Mrs. H. E. Palmer and daughter, who have been visiting at Mrs. F. G. Coburn's left for Hot Spring's Tuesday.
Mrs. C. E. Howe and daughters Edna and Mary of O'Neill returned home Saturday after a weeks visit at her sons.
Vern Stockwell, of Butte, who has been visiting relatives in Holt county for the past six weeks returned home last Tuesday.
Nearly all the young people at Phoenix attended the picnic and dance in Stein's grove last Saturday and report a pleasant time.

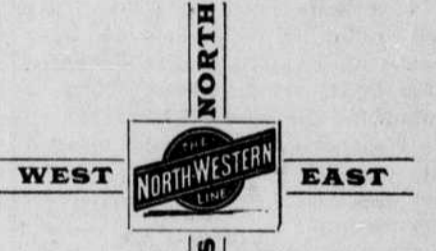
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