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Chairman,
State Board of Medical Examiners,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am calling to your attention The St. Louis Star's expose of the traffic in medical diplomas, together with an exposition in The Star of how fraud is practiced in connection with examinations conducted by state examining boards.

We are greatly interested to know whether you sympathise with this disclosure, and what steps, if any, you will order made to guard against such fraud in connection with the issuance of licenses and diplomas to medical graduates in your state.

I would appreciate an answer in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

Frank W. Taylor Jr
Managing Editor.

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The Colorado
State Board of Medical Examiners
DENVER, COLORADO

October 23, 1923.

St. Louis Star,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:-

In looking over the note which we mailed you on the 20th, I notice that I failed to state that I had in mind relative to the work which you are doing and to commend ~~you~~ ^{you} in undertaking the same. I hope that you will be entirely successful in your prosecutions of any guilty of the offense charged.

We have been aware for a considerable time that diplomas have been bought from different institutions both in Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City.

We are rather peculiarly situated in the State of Colorado in that anyone of good moral character is permitted to take the examination for a license to practice medicine and if successful in passing the same is given a license. Under this provision of our law it is possible for a man who has never been in a medical college but who has had good coaching to be able to pass the examination and receive a license. He may or may not ~~have~~ ^{have} a diploma and the diploma may or may not be genuine. In other words the Board may have no opportunity to look into the question of the genuineness of a document which is not required by law to be presented to us. Graduates of the schools mentioned by you thus far in your paper have not been accepted by our Board for licensure on credentials, and hence, if any of them are licensed in this State they must have been licensed after having passed an examination. If we learn that they presented to us a fraudulent diploma even though the school is not recognized by the state for licensure on credentials, and we can have evidence that they so presented the same, it would be sufficient for us to revoke the license. We are, therefore, exceedingly ^{desirous} to know whether your investigators ~~are~~ ^{are} prepared to name individuals licensed in the State of Colorado who are in possession of such fraudulent diplomas. Any other service which you may be able to render us in the interest of the people of the State of Colorado will be greatly appreciated by our office. As President of State Medical Boards of the United States I think I can say with authority that every state in the Union would be glad to have similar information bearing on the individual state.

Can you give us any information relative to how Harmon J. Rossiter graduate of the Eclectic of Kansas City, Mo., received his diploma? Thanking you for further information, I am,

AVERAGE OF 75% REQUIRED FOR PASSING.

LIST OF COLORADO APPLICANTS WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, ST. LOUIS, SINCE JANUARY 1920 TO JANUARY 1934, AND GRADES MADE BY LAST EXAMINATIONS TAKEN BEFORE THE COLORADO BOARD.

McGrath-----	68-58.1-59.1-57.	Rowe-----	75
Pellett-----	59.4	Florey-----	83.3 ✓
Neade-----	68.8-68-75.3 <i>Desk</i>	Friedman-----	83.1
Savory-----	67	Charney-----	79.7 ✓
Strupler-----	56.6-48.5-50.5	Arbini-----	69.7-75.5 ✓
Lawless-----	58.5	Fliel-----	Dismissed
MacKenzie-----	80.6	Underwood-----	76.5
Cahochis-----	52.3	Thorn-----	79.3
Lewis-----	53.5	Young-----	Cheated
Chaiken-Cheated in Ex.		Atlas-----	34.3-59.8-79 ✓
Brownson-----	58	Magourney-----	64-60.5
Davis-----	Cheated in Ex. 62.1	Rosett-----	78.1
Lawn-----	47.7	Wulbault-----	Cheated
Boe-----	43	Mades-----	87.5
Rollins-----	48.3-66.4	Handles-----	67.9-75.1
Kemp-----	31.6	Price-----	75
Wernick-----	54.3-70.3/4-76.2	Co. hlan-----	72.7-84.2
Schoenkerman-----	64.6-76.4	Harrison-----	66.1
Duncan-----	85	Poe-----	4.7-42
McSmith-----	Dismissed	Lantil-----	89.2
Bennett-----	82.6	Deposito-Did not finish first ex. ✓	
		but returned later and made average	
Lang-----	77.3	grade of-----	78.6
Levine-----	79.4	Picelay-----	Did not finish ex.
Papazean-----	63.5-64.4	Glass-----	Did not finish ex.
Greenfield-----	82.5	Sitton-----	62.3-78 ✓
Glenn-----	64.5-62.9-82.1 ✓	Baron-----	Did not appear for ex
Glyman-----	64-59.3/4-79.7 ✓	Plakes-----	Did not appear for ex
Brownfield-----	70.1	Ferri-----	72-86.4
Golden-----	75.5 ✓	Friedman-----	71.7-82.4
Menzi-----	60.3-66.3	Logan-----	87.5 ✓
Crism-----	57.1-55.7-75.4	Shank-----	68.8
Nowell-----	54.6-54.	Koplowitz-----	77.6 ✓
Coineen-----	71.4	Tait-----	72.9
Millenthal-----	83.4 ✓	Kleinwachter-----	70-Dismissed on
Rhodes-----	79.7	Gurewitch-----	50.8
McClelland-----	83.6	Bronstein-----	41.9
Cassidy-----	82.6	Wepfer-----	69
Welfo-----	64.8-69-60.6-76.7	Leitz-----	57
Stack-----	80.5 ✓	Desaumer-----	47.6
Howler-----	79.3 ✓	Lucksdorf-----	68.3
Duffy-----	75.1 ✓	Clater-----	76 <i>Desk</i>
		Singleton-----	75.1
Ferris-----	60	Hays-----	82.1
Montgomery-----	71.2-81.1 <i>Desk</i>	Todd-----	72.3-71
Becker-----	74-61.3-78.5	Pellett-----	39.4
Butcliffe-----	85.6-Revoked.	Ferris-----	Dismissed. Failure to
Bogner-----	70.8		appear for examination
Huntor-----	65.3-71.1		
Evans-----	80.8		
Diaz-----	54.3-75.2		
Bertant-----	63.7		
Frank-----	79.5		
Warturton-----	76.1		
Blanchard-----	73.6		

38 took examination. 32 passed, some after four attempts.