



POLLY of the CIRCUS

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(Continued.)

Synopsis Chapter I—Polly, a child of the circus, is brought up by Toby, a clown, and by a boss canvasman called "Muvver Jim." She learns to ride Bingo, a circus horse, and grows to womanhood knowing no life except that of the circus. Chapter II—A church near the circus lot interests Polly. Jim reproves her for her reckless riding. Chapter III—Polly urges Bingo to unprecedented speed and falls. Toby and Jim carry the injured girl to the parsonage nearby. Chapter IV—The Rev. John Douglas, much to Deacon Elverson's disgust, takes Polly into the parsonage. Toby and "Muvver Jim" are received kindly by Douglas, who has placed Polly in charge of his colored servant, Mandy. Douglas promises to care for the girl until she is well. Chapter V—When Polly becomes conscious she declares that she must rejoin the circus at once. "Are you a sky pilot?" she asks the minister. Her mother was killed riding a circus horse, and her father "got his'n in a lion's cage." The minister reads to her about Ruth and Naomi, and Polly says "I guess I'd like to hear you spiel." Chapter VI—Douglas offends Deacon Strong by defending boys who play baseball on Sunday. Chapter VII—Polly recovers her health, but is saddened by the death of Toby. Jim sends the news and promises to keep in touch with her. Chapter VIII—Polly recovers from the blow death her by Toby's death. She has ceased using slang and is educating herself under Douglas' guidance. She endeavors to improve Mandy's grammar.

CHAPTER IX.

DOUGLAS was turning toward the house when the Widow Willoughby came through the wicker gate to the left of the parsonage, carrying a basket on her arm. She was followed by Miss Perkins with a bucket of pickles, which Mandy promptly placed on top of Mrs. Elverson's ice cream. The women explained that they had come to put the finishing touches to the decorations. If anything was needed to increase Mandy's dislike of the widow it was this announcement. Mrs. Willoughby was greatly worried because her children had not been home since the afternoon school session. Upon hearing that they were with Polly she plainly showed her displeasure, and Douglas dispatched Mandy for them. She saw that her implied distrust of Polly had annoyed him, and she was about to apologize when two of the deacons arrived on the scene, also carrying baskets and parcels for the social. Strong led the way. He always led the way and always told Elverson what to think. They had been talking excitedly as they neared the parsonage, for Strong disapproved of the recent changes which the pastor had made in the church service. He and Douglas had clashed more than once since the baseball argument, and the deacon had realized more and more that he had met a will quite as strong as his own. His failure to bend the parson to his way of thinking was making him irritable and taking his mind from his business. "Can you beat that?" he would exclaim as he turned away from some disagreement with Douglas, his temper ruffled for the day. Polly was utterly unconscious of the unfriendly glances cast in her direction as she came running into the garden leading the widow's two children. She nodded gayly to Julia Strong, who was coming through the gate, then hurried to Mrs. Willoughby, begging that the children be allowed to remain a little longer. She was making up a new game, she said, and needed Willie and Jennie for the set. "My children do not play in promiscuous games," said the widow icily. "Oh, but this isn't pro-pro-pro!" Polly stammered. "It's a new game. You put two here, and two here, and—" "I don't care to know." The widow turned away and pretended to talk to Julia. "Oh!" gasped Polly, stunned by the widow's rebuff. She stood with bowed head in the center of the circle. The blood flew

from her cheeks; then she turned to go. Douglas stepped quickly to her side. "Wait a minute," he said. She paused. All eyes were turned upon them. "Is this a game that grownups can play?" "Why, yes, of course." "Good! Then I'll make up your set. I need a little amusement just now. Excuse me," he added, turning to the deacons. Then he ran with her out through the trees. The deacons and the women stared at each other, aghast. "Well, what do you think of that?" said Mrs. Willoughby as the flying skirts of the girl and the black figure of the man disappeared up the path. "I think it's scandalous, if you are talking to me," said Miss Perkins. "The idea of a full grown parson a-runnin' off to play children's games with a circus ridin' girl!" "She isn't such a child," sneered Julia. "It's enough to make folks talk," put in Mrs. Willoughby, with a sly look at the deacons. "An' me awaitin' to discuss the new church service," bellowed Strong. "And me awaitin' to give him Mrs. Elverson's message," piped Elverson. "The church bore all this in silence so long as that girl was sick," snapped Miss Perkins. "But now she's perfectly well and still a-hangin' on. No wonder folks are talking." "Who's talkin'?" thundered Strong. "Didn't you know?" simpered Mrs. Willoughby, not knowing herself nor caring so long as the suspicion grew. "Know what?" yelled the excited deacon. Mrs. Willoughby floundered. Miss Perkins rushed into the breach. "Well, if I was deacon of this church it seems to me I'd know something about what's goin' on in it." "What is goin' on?" shrieked the now desperate deacon. The women looked at him pityingly, exchanged knowing glances, then



shook their heads at his hopeless stupidity. Strong was not accustomed to criticism. He prided himself upon his acuteness and was, above all, vain about his connection with the church. He looked from one woman to the other. He was seething with helpless rage. The little deacon at his side coughed nervously. Strong's pent-up wrath exploded. "Why didn't you tell me, Elverson, that people was a-talkin'?" he roared in the frightened man's ear. Elverson sputtered and stammered, but nothing definite came of the sounds; so Strong again turned to Miss Perkins. "What is goin' on?" he demanded. The spinster shrugged her shoulders and lifted her eyes heavenward, knowing that nothing could so madden the deacon as this mysterious inference of things too terrible to mention. She was right. Strong uttered a desperate "Bah!" and began pacing up and down the garden with reckless strides. Mrs. Willoughby watched him with secret delight, and when he came to a halt she wriggled to his side with stammering sweetness. "What could folks say?" she asked. "A minister and a young circus girl livin' here like this with no one to—" She found no words at this point, and Strong, now thoroughly roused, declared that the congregation should have no further cause for gossip and went out quickly in search of Douglas. When Strong was gone Elverson looked at the set faces of the women and attempted a weak apology for the pastor. "I dare say the young man was very lonely—very—before she came." "Lonely!" snapped Miss Perkins. "Well, if he was lonely I didn't know it."

(To be continued.)

ORDINANCE NO. 222.

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$54,250 of the Improvement Bonds of the city of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, directing the advertising of the same for sale in accordance with Chapter V of Title XXVII of Bellinger & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of the State of Oregon. The city of Medford doth ordain as follows: Section 1. Whereas the city of Medford has heretofore caused certain streets of said city to be improved, and has duly assessed the cost thereof to the property benefited thereby in accordance with the charter of said city; And whereas certain owners of sundry pieces of property each assessed for such improvement in a sum exceeding twenty-five dollars have duly made and filed application to pay said several assessments in installments in accordance with section 2727 of said Bellinger & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes; And whereas an assessment and bond lien docket has been duly made up in accordance with the provision of said section and of section 2728 of said codes and statutes, and the total amount of unpaid assessments for such street improvements and for which application to pay under the provisions of said sections above cited has been made and filed, as aforesaid is the sum of \$54,348.80 dollars, as shown by said bond lien docket: Now, therefore, said city of Medford doth ordain as aforesaid that there is hereby authorized to be issued the bonds of said city in total amount of \$54,250 dollars, in denominations of two hundred and fifty and five hundred dollars each, as may be convenient. Section 2. Said bonds shall be in the following form: No. City of Medford Jackson County State of Oregon Improvement Bond KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the city of Medford in the county of Jackson, state of Oregon, for value received, hereby agrees and promises to pay the bearer the sum of dollars in gold coin of the United States of America, on the presentation and surrender of this obligation on the 15th day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen, with interest thereon from the date hereof until redeemed as and in the line of the semi-annual interest payment next ensuing the publication of notice by the city of Medford that this bond will be taken up and cancelled and that interest thereon will cease at the interest payment period next following such publication, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually in like coin on the fifteenth day of March and September of each year, on the presentation and surrender of the proper coupons thereto annexed. Principal and interest payable at the office of the treasurer of the city of Medford. This bond is one of a series authorized by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the state of Oregon, entitled, "An act to provide for the issuance of bonds for the improvement of streets and the laying of sewers in incorporated cities and for the payment of the cost of such improvements and laying sewers by installments," filed in the office of secretary of state February 22nd, 1893, as amended by an act entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of an Act entitled 'An Act to provide for the issuance of bonds for the improvement of streets and the laying of sewers in incorporated cities, and for the payment of the cost of such improvements and laying sewers by installments,' filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 22nd, 1893," approved February 28th, 1901, and is an obligation of the city of Medford aforesaid, and is not deemed or taken to be within any part of the limitation by law as to the indebtedness of said city, and it is further certified that all requirements of laws have been fully complied with by the proper officers in the issuing of this bond, and that the total amount of this issue does not exceed the limit prescribed by said act. This bond is redeemable at the of-

file of said treasurer at the option of the city of Medford upon payment of the face value thereof with accrued interest to the date of payment at any semi-annual coupon period at or after one year from the date hereof, as provided in said act.

For the fulfillment of the conditions of this obligation, the faith and credit of the city of Medford are hereby pledged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Bond has been signed by the mayor and attested by the recorder of said city of Medford and the corporate seal of the city of Medford hereto affixed this fifteenth day of September, A. D. 1909. Mayor

Attest: Recorder of the city of Medford. Section 3. Each of said bonds shall have attached thereto twenty coupons, each of which shall be in the following form: CITY OF MEDFORD State of Oregon will pay to the bearer dollars in gold coin of the United States of America, at the office of the treasurer of said city, on the 15th day of being six months interest on improvement bond, No. unless said bond is sooner redeemed as therein provided, which redemption will render this coupon void. Attest: Recorder of the city of Medford.

MAYOR Said coupons shall be numbered from one to twenty respectively. Section 4. The mayor of said city is hereby authorized and directed to sign said bonds and the city recorder to countersign the same by attaching thereto the seal of said city, all on behalf of said city.

Section 5. The recorder of said city is hereby directed to register said bonds and number the same on blank provided therefor in the foregoing form in accordance with Section 2730 of said code and statutes of the state of Oregon.

Section 6. The recorder of the city of Medford is hereby directed to advertise said bonds for sale and that the same will be sold for the highest price obtainable, not less than par and accrued interest, and in said advertisement he shall announce that he will receive sealed proposals for the purchase of said bonds or any portion thereof at his office at any time before 4:30 p. m. on the 30th day of September, 1909. He shall publish said advertisement three times in a daily newspaper published and printed in said city, and shall submit the sealed proposals received in accordance with said advertisement to the council at its next meeting thereafter. The foregoing ordinance was passed by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon on the 14th day of September, 1909 by the following vote, to-wit: Welch ave, Merrick ave, Emerick absent, Wortman ave, Demmer ave, Ebert ave.

Approved September 15th, 1909. Attest: HEATEL M. LEECH Recorder W. H. CANON Mayor

NOTICE TO CEMENT AND PAVING CONTRACTORS. Notice is hereby given that the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, will receive sealed proposals for the paving of Orange street from Main street to Fourth street, and West Tenth street from Oakdale avenue to Hamilton street, with bitulithic pavement, and for the placing of concrete or cement curbing on both sides of said streets.

All bids must be submitted on forms to be furnished by the city engineer, and filed with the city recorder on or before 4:30 p. m. on the 27th day of September, 1909. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the city treasurer equal to 10 per cent of the estimated amount bid for, to assure good faith to enter into contract, and to be forfeited to the city of Medford if the successful bidder defaults in contracting.

Plans and specifications may be had by calling on the city engineer. Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 15th day of September, 1909. 1909. ROBT. W. TELFER.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Notice is hereby given that the city council will receive bids for the construction of a five-foot cement sidewalk on the east side of Oakdale avenue from Seventh to Eighth streets, same being three hundred (300) feet in length; and also for a five-foot cement sidewalk on the south side of Sixth street from the corner of d'Anjou street to a point 140 feet east.

Bids may be filed with or mailed to the city recorder up to 4 o'clock p. m. September 21st, 1909. Dated September 15, 1909. ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

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