right," Kellogg added, smiling.

this is Miss Lockwood."

Mr. Kellogg."

glumiy.

wan't you?"

little while."

"Goodby."

"Yes-sure."

that'll make you happy."

my dearest friend, Mr. Kelloug; Harry,

Josie gave Kellogg her hand. "I-I."

"I'm charmed. I've beard a great

Nat's letters, and I shall hope to know

"I've got some news for you, too,

"Never mind about that; it'll keep

till supper, Mr. Graham." Kellogg

laughed, taking the old man's arm.

back to Nat when they were alone

"I'M A DOG, ALL BIGHT," SAID NAT.

way," she simpered. "Somebody else

"Yes," agreed the young man, half

"Never mind. We can wait." Josie

"Yes, that'll be nice," be agreed, but

Fortunately for bim, in his temper

"Scuse me," be muttered huskily.

He reeled and almost fell-would

have fallen had not Duncan enught

his arm and guided him to a chair.

"M' wife," Pete explained thickly.

CHAPTER XX.

Duncan followed her a pace or two.

to be in the way. I'll telephone from

home. Good night, dearest!" On tip-

toes she drew his face down to hers

Half dazed, Nat stared after her un-

ed at the hands of that militant per-

son. Mrs. Willing. "Great Scott!"

Duncan exclaimed as he examined the

bunkily. "Sh' threw side 'r th' house

"Wife, ch?" The coincidence smote

Duncan with redoubled force. He

shivered. "Well, she certainly gave it

to you good." He went behind the

counter to prepare a dressing for the wound, which, if wide, was neither

deep nor serious and gave him little

The latter ruminated on the event.

breathing stertorously, while Duncan

was fixing up a wash of peroxide

"She'll kill me some day," be announc-

ed suddenly, with intense conviction

Opposition roused Pete to a fury of

assertion. "Yes she will, sure!" he

bawled. Then his emotion quieted.

"But I'd 'bout as soon be dead's live

(To be Continued.)

and kissed him. "I'm so happy."

ERHAPS I'd better go." Jo-

"Great Scott, Petel" he cried. "What's

Kin I see you a minute, doc?"

distracted, "but of course I daren't

might 've seen.'

turn them off again."

happened to you?"

the door.

turned back to Pete.

bird, Pete."

at me, I think."

oncern for Pere.

"Oh, don't say that."

with her, angway."

in his tone

you much better before long."

# THE **FORTUNE** HUNTER

Novelized by LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE From the Play of the Same Name by WINCHELL SMITH

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Emmunous (Continued from Tuesday.)

"I suppose I must. But I can't belp R. I can't make you see how the thing looks to me. You know-I've written you all about everything-Until I came here I never realized it was in me to make good at anything. But here I have. I'm doing so well that I'd actually have some self respect if I wasn't bound to play this low down trick on Josle Lockwood. I've worked and succeeded and been of some service to people who were worth it"-

"Who? Sam Graham?" "He and his daughter"-"Oh, his daughter!"

"Now, get that foolish fdea out of your head. There's nothing in it. Betty's just a simple, sweet little girl who's had a pretty hard time and never a real chance in life-until I managed to give it to her. And I'd feel pretty good about that if- Ob, there's no use talking to you!" "No; go on. You're very entertain-

ing." Kellogg laughed mockingly. "Well, I have tried to keep to the terms of our understanding. 1 singled. out this Lockwood girl and worked all the degrees-didn't say much, you know-no lovemaking-just let ber catch me looking sadly at her once in

"That's the way to work it." "Yes, that's the way," Nat assented gloomily.

Kellogg laughed with delight, "Nat." he cried, "my poor crazy friend, listen to me. This working and church going and belping old Graham is all very noble and fine, and I'm glad you've done it. This drug store is a monument to the business ability that I always knew was latent in you. And clean living hasn't done you any harm. But now you're due to come down to earth. This place pays you a neat profit. Well and good. That's all it'll ever do. It's new to you now, and you like the novelty, and you're having the time of your life finding out you're good for something. But pretty soon it'll begin to stale on you, and before long you'll find yourself hating it and the town, and then you'll ed to see you-to talk to you alone." be back where you started. Now, I'm | He bit his lip in his annoyance, shivyour own sake, If you're stuck on about Josie?" the town and the work you can keep right on just as well after you're married, but when you do begin to tire of | me? it you'll want that fortune to fall back



"OH, I KNOW HOW YOU FREL, MAT."

the salnia."

You needn't mention our agreement, however. Then if she wants to drop | mered and fell still,

you I'll have nothing to say."

"Thank you for nothing," said Duncan bitterly. "A bargain's a bargain. I gave you my word of honor I'd go through with this thing, and I'll stick to it. But I tell you I don't like it." "Oh. I know how you feel, Nat. But

I know that some day you'll come to me and say, 'Harry, if you bad let me back out I'd never have forgiven

"All right," said Nat impatiently. "I presuree you know best."

CHAPTER XIX. CUSTOMER came and went after Kellogg had gone upstairs to meet Sam Graham, and then Nat noticed that twilight was beginning to darken the store.

Tracey returned to look after the store during the supper hour, but was delighted to hear that he need not remain, but could go back to his beloved

Now Nat moved to the windows and switched on the buibs behind the huge glass jars filled with tinted water. Returning, he was about to connect up the remainder of the Illuminating system when Josle, entering, stayed him. Later he was glad of this. "Nat."

He knew that voice. "Why, Josie!" be exclaimed in surprise, swinging what this place has meant to me. about to discover her standing on the threshold, very dainty and fetching-



indeed, in one of the summery frocks she had brought back from New York. She moved over to him, holding out her hand. He took it with disguised reluctance. "I'm so glad." She sighed. "I want-

ering

"About Wednesday night, after prayer meeting. Why didn't you walt for

"Why-sh-I had to get back to the store, you know. There were some checks to be made out and sent off. and I'd forgotten them. Besides," he added on inspiration, "you were talking with Roland, and I didn't want to

"So you left me to go home with him?"

interrupt you."

"Why, what else"-"You're making me awful' unhappy." Her voice trembled. "You knew I didn't want to walk home with Roland."

"How could I know that?" "I should think you ought to know it, Nat, unless you're blind. Besides, I told you once."

"True," he fenced desperately, "but that was a long time ago, and how could I be sure you hadn't changed your mind? Besides, you know, 1 musta't monopolize you. If I do"-"Well?" "Why, if I do-ah"-

"If you're afraid people will talk about us, seeing us so much together, you needn't worry. They're doing that now." "Why, Josle"

"Yes, they are. We've been going together so long. And even now you don't seem glad to see me." "You should know I am."

"You don't act like it." "It's so unexpected," he muttered wretchedly. "You didn't really think I wanted

Roland Barnette to go home with me Wednesday night, did you, Nat?" "It seemed so, but that's all right. Why shouldn't you?"

She turned to him, trembling a little, "Must I tell you, Nat?" "Oh, no!" he cried in dismay. "Please don't!"

"I see I must," she persisted. "You're so blind. It"-"Josie, don't say anything you'll be

sorry for," he entreated wildly. "I can't help it; I've got to. It was -it was because I wanted to be with you, There!" she gasped, frightened by her own forwardness. "Now I've

sald it!" Duncan grasped frantically at straws. "But you don't really mean it, Josle. You know you don't," he floundered. "You're just saying that because you-you have such a kind heart and-sh-don't want to hurt me of doom.

-ah-because"-"Nat," she said gently, looking up into his face, "would it make you hap-"Why-ah-why shouldn't it, Josie?"

"But I do believe it. I"- He stam-

Because I do like you, Nat, very much, and-and it's very hard for me | ward the guilty pair. Why, Nat!" to know that folks think I'm pursuing you and that you're trying to avoid

It to, do you?"

"Then why don't you stop it?" She watched his face, her manner coy and yielding. "Nat," she said in a softer

He moved away a pace or two. "Ah, child," he said, with a feeling that the term was not misapplied "you don't know what somehow. you're saying!" "Yes, I do," she pouted. "I don't I'm sure,"

"Oh, Josie, please"-"Well, anyway you've never told me

to him.

"How could 17"

"an only daughter," he repeated-"ah. not only your father's only daughter, but your mother's only daughter. Your father-nh-is my friend. How Mr. Kellogg up to the house, Nat.

sion. "But papa wants you to. He told me so."

stand. "But consider, Josie. You are rich, an heiress. I'm a poor man. Would you like it to be said I was after your money?" "No one would dare say such a

conviction.

know the world as I do. And for all you know they might be right. How

wife than any"-"Josie!"

The interjection was so imperative

"You must know the truth." "Ob. Nat!"

"I'm not what you think me," he continued dramatically.

thinks me. I'm not a regular Chrisanything about a church till I came here. I smoke, and I drink, and I them all out in order to trick you into caring for me!"

"Oh, Nat, I don't believe it!" "Alas, Josie," he protested violently, "It's true, only too true!"

Nat?"

had made a fatal mistake. "Then, Nat, I will be your wife in spite of alt."

He found himself suddenly caught about the neck by the girl's nrms. His head was drawn down until her check caressed his and he felt her lips warm woon his own.

"Josie!" he gusped:

With a supreme effort he pulled himself together and embraced the girl. "Josie," he said earnestly, "I-I'm going to try to be a good husband to you. And that," he concluded, sotto into the shop two-thirds drunk, with voce, "wasn't in the agreement." his face smeared with blood from a She held him to her passionately. cut on his torehead.

"Dearest, I'm so glad!" "It makes me very happy to know you are, Josie," he murmured miser-

ably, and to himself while she still trembled in his embrace: "What a cur



ARMS. you are! But I won't renege now.

I'll play my hand out on the square rith her." Upon this tableau there came a sudden latrusion. The back door opened. and Graham came in, Kellogg at his heels. & was the voice of the latter that told the two they were discovered, a hearty "Hello! What's this?"

that rang in Nat's ears like the trump In a flash the girl disengaged herself, and they were a yard apart by the time that Graham, blundering in his surprise, managed to turn on the lights at the switchboard. But even "Then please believe me when I say in the full glare of them he seemed unable to credit his sight. "Why, Nat!" he quavered, coming out to-

OBDINANCE NO. 650. An ordinance assessing the property adjacent to and benefited by the u-inch interal sewer constructed along alley through block 20 from Main street to Eighth street, for the east of constructing the same and providing the manner of carrying said assessment into full effect. Old Sam recovered sufficiently to take the girl's hand and put it. "I'm

mighty glad, my dear," he told her. "I congratulate you both with all my

"And so will I when I have the "Ob, I forgot!" Nat hastened to remedy his oversight. "Josie, this is she giggled-"I'm pleased to meet you, deal of you, Miss Lockwood, from

ordered.

The City of Medford doth ordain as follows:

Section 1. Whereas, the Council did heretofore provide by ordinance for serving the owners of property adjacent to and benefited by the construction of the lateral sewer hereinafter described to appear before and Council and show cause, if any, why said property should not be assessed for the construction of said sower, and did fix a time and place for hearing any protessus, which notice was given in accordance with said ordinance more than ten days before the beginning of the construction of said sewer, that no protessa against said constructed.

And, whereas, the cost thereof was made by assessment of the cost thereof was made by anyone and said sewer was, hy said council ordered constructed.

And, whereas, the cost of the cost thereof was made by anyone and said sewer was, hy said several to be the sain of 18-49-12.

Now therefore, said city doth ordain and declare that such parset of property described below is adjacent to and hence fitted by that sextain hare sewer a factor of said parceing of land should bear based on the benefits derived respectively and protest, furtified and constructed of said parceing of land should bear based on the benefits derived respectively and the decorder is hereby accepted, and the Angor and Recorder are hereby authorized to enter its and sign a contract in the form and manner hereinafter set forth, and such action by such Mayor and Recorder is hereby authorized. Fulfied and constituently the constructed on aley through block 20 from Main street to Sighth street, and that the proposition of the cost of said parcein follows:

This agreement, made not entered in the amount set opposite its description below for the cost of said parcein follows and the contractor, and the compared by the contractor and the compared by high and the said parcein follows and coverants to furnish and contraction bearing the contractor and the contractor, and the contractor and the contractor and the contractor and the contractor and the contrac "It's awful nice of you to say so, "And Nat, old man"-Kellogg threw an arm round Dencan's shoulder-"! congratulate you! You're a lucky "I'm a dog, all right," said Nat "But we mustn't disturb these young cople, Mr. Kellogg," Graham broke n nervously. "They'll-they'll have a lot to say to one another, I'm sure, so we'll just run along. I'm taking You'll follow us as soon as you can,

"Goodby, both of you-goodby for a "Wasn't that terrible?" Josle turned

ham to turn on all the lights that

said alley, as described in Vol. 31, mag. 233, of the county coronder specular of Jackson county, Oregon? 22 feet; rate per foot, \$1.95, amount, \$2.70.00.

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Assessment No. 12.—Alettu and Myr. Assessment No. 14.01. Assessment No. 15. Assessment No. 17. Assessment No. 17. Assessment No. 17. Assessment No. 18. Assessment N sic, futtering with alarm and a little pale, went quickly to 'I can't leave just now," he stammered. "I don't mind one bit. I don't want til her lightly moving figure merged with the shadows beneath the trees and was lost. Then, with a sigh, he The sheriff had undoubtedly suffertwo inch gash in his head. "That's a "M' wife done it." Willing muttered

therein.

Section 2. It is further ordered that the notice above provided for be published three times in the Daily Mail Tribune, a newspaper published and of general circulation in said city, in the manner provided by ordinance No. 250 of said city.

The foregoing ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Medford, Oregon, on the 2nd day of January, 1912, by the following vote:

Merrick, absent; Watt, aye; Wortman, aye; Emerick, aye; Eifert, aye, and Millar, aye.

Several Medford people have

Approved January 3rd, 1912. W. H. CANON, ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

To the owner, or reputed owner, of each parcel of property described in the daregoing ordinance, as named therein and in the Ben declared by said ordinance, as recorded in the docket of city liens?

liens:
You are hereby notified that the asseasment declared by the foregoing ordinance has been made and the lien therefor entered in the city lien dicket, and
that the same is due and you are hereby
remained to pay the same to the city recorder within ten days from the service

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of this notice, which service is made by publication of the foregoing ordinance and this notice three times in the Medford Mail Tribune, pushing to an order of the city council of said, city.

HORT, W. TELFER,

City Recorder.

ORDINANCE NO. 658.

Several Medford people have

employed us to appraise Scattle real estate. Such appraisal is usually worth more than it costs, Ira J. Dodge of Medford was formerly connected with this office. . Other Seattle and Medford

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on the P. R. & N. Further particulars

from the city ticket agent or agent

Fourth and Yambill streets. John M. Scott,

General Passenger Agent,

Portland, Oregon,



on and do what you like with. Don't let this chance slip-not on your life!" "But," Nat argued feebly, "think of the injustice to the girl. From the was I've behaved since I struck this burg she thinks I'm closely related to

"Very well, then; I'll concede a point. If you really think you're taking a py to know I really meant it?" mean advantage of her, when she proposes to you tell her all about yourself -just the sort of chap you've been, it."

"Josie!" he exclaimed reproachfully. "Well, that's the way it looks," she

affirmed plaintively. "You don't want

Why, no; of course I don't."

voice, "if you like me as well as I like

believe you care anything about me."

so." She turned an indignant shoulder

"Why couldn't you?" "But don't you see that I shouldn't, Josle?" He turned back to her side. tooked down at her, pleaded his defense with the fire of desperation. "Just think, you are an only daughter"-just what this had to do with the case was not plain even to him-

unfair it would be to him to"-But the girl interrupted with deel-

He could only pretend not to under-

thing," she asserted, with profound "Oh, yes, they would! You don't

do you know that"-"Nat!" A catch in her voice stopped him. "Don't say such borrid things! I could tell-a woman always can. 1 know you would be incapable of such a thing. Papa knows it too. No one has ever got ahead of papa, and he says you are a fine, stendy, Christian man and he would rather see me your

that she was silenced. "Why, what, Nat?' she asked, rising. "The time has come," he declared.

"Oh, Nat!" "Nor what your father thinks me, nor what anybody else in this town tian-it's aft a bluff. I didn't know swear, and I gamble, and I only cut

"But you did it to win my love, "Ye-es." He saw suddenly that be

blushed. "I'll just sit here and walt. We can talk till Tracey comes, and "Nat, my darlingf" then you can walk home with me." without absolute ecstasy. of that moment, Pete Willing recled



FOUND HIMSELF CAUGHT BY THE GIRL'S

Duncan took a long breath and Josie's hand at one and the same time. "Mr. Graham," he said coolly, "I'm glad you're the first to know it. Josie" has just ask-agreed to be my wife,"