

# HIGH COURAGE

by Jeanne Bowman

**SYNOPSIS:** Anne Farnsworth lost parents, fortune and home in one grand catastrophe when Luke and Lucinda Farnsworth died with out leaving formally adopted her. She is driven from home by her "relatives" and takes shelter with Teelo Sorvi, her old nurse, and others of the Finnish settlement of Union Town. Now she and "Aunt Lila," Teelo's sister-in-law, are about to rent a small house from Teelo and put it into shape for a home. They are exploring the empty place, now dilapidated and dirty.

## Chapter 22 NEWS FROM PORTLAND

"AND we could have a fireplace," Anne's interest was awakened; she walked into the kitchen. "Lila, the view, I can see the bar and every ship that comes into the river from here."

"Can't eat view," came the practical rejoinder. They continued their tour, found two bedrooms on the south side. Each gravitated to their choice, and chattering like magpies, made way to the front of the house. Anne slipped easily through the window, stood on the front veranda and looked up the short flight of steps to the street, thence to a forest of young fir emerald green under the beat of the spring sun, thrusting their tips into the deep blue of the sky.

She could live here. She could work about the house, wear herself out physically and perhaps find some peace for her spirit in the relaxation which must follow. She had always thought she'd like to garden, she'd even tried a little. But the gardener at her home had objected to her "messing" among his conventional plots and she had given up. "I'll take soap and water, lye and disinfectant," Lila was saying from behind her. "Then we can start thinking of paint and lumber and wall paper. And then there'll be furniture to buy and . . . Nikki!" her voice arose to a screech.

Anne turned quickly. Lila was half way out of the window, her feet on the front veranda, her head, with its top knot pitched forward over one eye, staring out of a broken window pane. Anne looked at the feet, high button shoes ending in black cotton stockings, then at the face. "Not at me, you owl," she cried as Anne fought to keep from shrieking with laughter, "there in front of you."

Anne wheeled to the side and found herself face to face with John Neuman.

"HOW do you do, I—ah—" Anne laughed at the expression on Neuman's face, as she turned to him. She knew he was seeing a girl in a faded house dress, a tangle of curls, whirled about by a tricky wind, and that he had expected to see a smartly gowned young woman with long smooth braids.

"The young lady's name is Nikki Nielsen," said Lila, sharply. Anne saw the blue eyes twinkle. "Of course," she apologized, "nice to meet you, Miss Nielsen, you resemble a girl I once met. Perhaps you'd be willing to listen to a message I have for that girl."

"I . . . I'd be delighted," answered Anne, but the laughter had disappeared from her face.

"My friend drove your car on to Portland, after I had telephoned Judge Kellogg. He arrived just as the draymen were leaving your things at the Judge's house, so as soon as they had left, Kellogg hired a truck and had Clem take them on back with him. I brought them along with me."

"You mean they are here, now?" asked Anne in surprise.

"Judge Kellogg seemed to think you'd have less trouble taking them now than later. No one knows yet that you are not in Portland."

"I convinced him over the telephone that you'd be staying on here for a few months," Neuman went on to explain. "You will be, won't you?"

"She will be," stated Lila, positively. "We're going to take this shanty and make a home of it."

Anne looked at the ramshackle house, looked out on the water, out to the curving arm of Cape Disappointment. Did she really want to settle here?

She looked at John Neuman; tall, sturdy, dependable, he too stood looking on the water. She studied the sun-browned, lean face, the immobility of his expression, and then she turned towards her and she caught the full force of his personality in the direct gaze of his sailor-blue eyes.

"Yes," she agreed, disturbed at the feeling of excitement which awakened her from the lethargy of the past few days. "Yes," she repeated. "I am going to stay."

HAVING made her decision, Anne joined Lila in telling John of their plans for the house. He listened intently, then suggested they have an old country house-raising. "Closed season is due in, next week, and most of us will have time on our hands. We'll all pitch in, tear out and build in, and by the time the season's over you'll be settled in your home."

Anne also discussed buying a girl-netter for the Sorvi boys. Again John listened, then after a few moments of thought he spoke. "That would rob you of too much of your money. You're so accustomed to having all you need, you may not appreciate its value. Remember, there may be no more coming, except for your monthly allowance, and then they may be able to



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stop that at the final settling of the will.

"However," he paused and looked out on the water to where the feet was coming in from the morning drift, "you might risk the five hundred on it. You may have better luck with the boys, too. You can tell them you'd like to invest it in something, so that should you lose everything else, you'd still have the right to a share of their catch."

"I'd like that," and now Anne's eyes were shining, "and sometimes I could go out with them, couldn't I?" "I'm sure you could, they might even hire you as boat puller."

"Whatever that is," murmured Anne.

"You'll learn," observed Lila, "and now let's get down to the house and find the keys. I'd like to start working on the place right away."

"We'll wait here," said Neuman, and Lila, after giving him a straight, hard look, stalked away.

"I've a letter here for you, from Judge Kellogg," John said as soon as he heard a bang of a door, indicating Lila's arrival at the other house, "and if you'll excuse me, I'll try that window Lila stuck in, and if I get through, take a look at the house."

Anne took the letter he handed her, and hurried down the hill to her wind-sheltered nook.

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Anne realizes, tomorrow, the meaning of the word "friend."

## PRESIDENT FAVORS CUTTING INTEREST BELOW 6 PER CENT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The opinion that interest rates on borrowed money should be slashed below 6 per cent came today from President Roosevelt.

He remarked at a press conference that banks now have huge excess reserves and that any use of them would greatly stimulate recovery.

In Georgia, he pointed out, money borrowed for home construction used to cost 8, 9 and 10 per cent. Asked if he had any specific rate in mind, the president said he certainly wanted to see it below 6 per cent.

There was no direct intimation that he expected to do anything to force lower charges, but his hearers gained the distinct impression he thought the rates used by government agencies should bring a further reduction.

The Reconstruction corporation has been lending money at charges varying from 3 1/2 to 5 per cent; the Home Owners Loan corporation charged 5 per cent and the federal housing administration guarantees no loan that bears more than 5 per cent.

## PUT STEELHEAD PRICE AT FIVE CENTS POUND

REEDSPORT, Ore., Nov. 14.—(AP)—The Reedspport fishermen's union asked buyers for five cents a pound for steelheads which will start running soon.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

## STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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**POEMS FROM THE GRAVE** WERE PUBLISHED BY DANTE GABRIEL ROSSETTI—WHO HAD ALL HIS MANUSCRIPTS BURIED IN HIS WIFE'S GRAVE... 8 YEARS LATER HE CONSENTED TO THEIR BEING EXHUMED AND PUBLISHED



KEY WEST, Florida, IS CLOSER TO CUBA THAN TO THE MAINLAND OF THE UNITED STATES...



CARLO BORROMEO SOLD 2 ITALIAN CITIES FOR 40,000 OUNCES OF GOLD, AND GAVE IT ALL TO THE POOR IN A SINGLE DAY...



3 OUT OF EVERY 4 RACE HORSES NEVER EARN THEIR KEEP!

Key West, Florida, is 12 miles off the mainland of the state, joined to it, however, by a railroad line that spans the distance on pilings connecting a series of islands that follow an arc shape southwest off the lower tip of the Atlantic coast. Cuba lies less than 100 miles away from Key West across open water.

For eight years the manuscripts remained in his wife's grave. Then, at the insistence of friends, he consented to have the poems exhumed and published. These poems, together with a book of ballads and sonnets, and some translations of Italian poets, constitute his entire poetic works.

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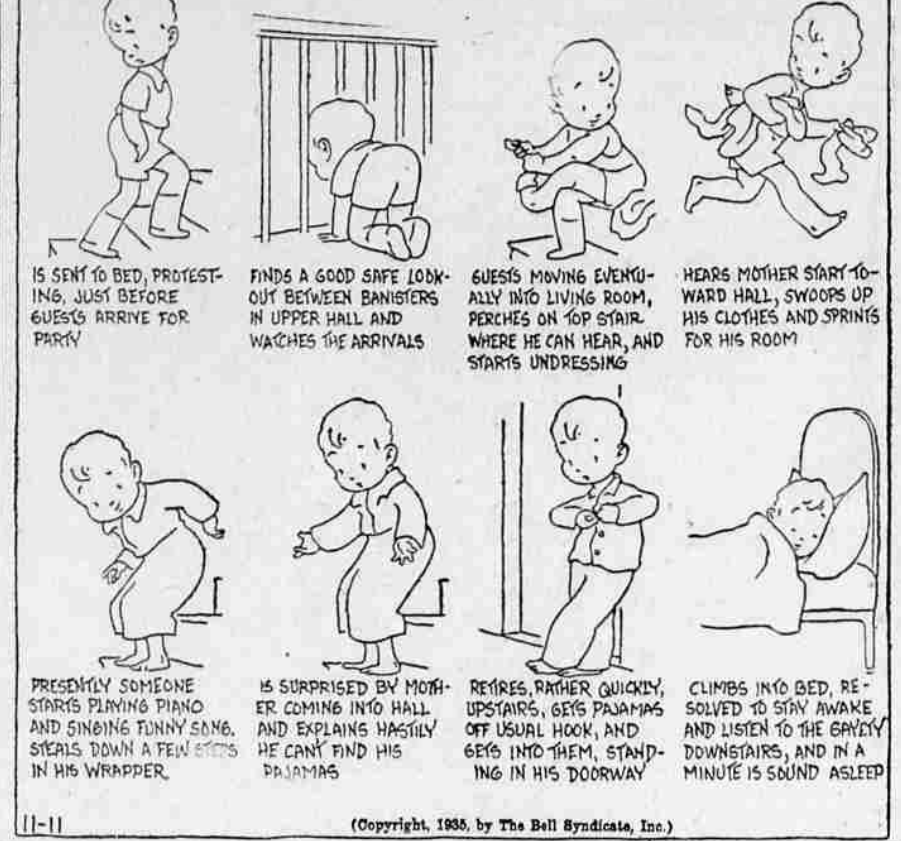
sett married in 1850 at the age of 32. Two years later his wife died, and in his grief the poet-painter put all his unpublished works in his wife's coffin and had them buried with her.

The "Share-the-Wealth" idea was practiced on an ancient plan by Carl Borromeo, 16th century political boss in Italy. He sold two cities, Oris and Francavilla, for cash—collected 40,000 ounces of gold and scattered it among the poor in a single day.

Tomorrow: The Purifying Poison.

## COMPANY DOWNSTAIRS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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By C. M. PAYNE



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## BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—The Visitor



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## THE NEEDS—All is Forgiven



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## SALES TAX VETO URGED ON MARTIN

SALEM, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The executive offices announced numerous telegrams and letters urging veto of the sales tax measure were sent Governor Martin by individuals and business firms of Portland, Bend and other Oregon cities.

The two per cent sales tax bill, the revenue to be used for payment of old age pensions, was passed by the special session of the legislature with the provision it be referred to the people at the special election called for January 31.

The executive office announced, however, that under provisions of Article 4, Section 1, of the constitution, the veto power of the governor does not extend to measures referred to the people. The proposal as passed will not come to the executive's office for examination. It becomes effective automatically.

## DEPUTY SHERIFF SHOT ON HIGHWAY

SEATTLE, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff Thomas Meahan, who has been working on two safe robbery cases near Renton, was found shot to death beside his automobile on the old valley highway 15 miles south of here shortly after daybreak today.

Tony Marty, a Kent farmer, living across the road, discovered the body. He saw the machine when he arose at 5 a. m., but did not investigate until an hour and a half later.

Kent Criminal Deputy Sheriff O. K. Bodin hurried to the scene. He said he believed Meahan may have met death at the hands of safe crackers.

OTTAWA, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The Dominion bureau of statistics estimated Canada's 1935 wheat crop today at 273,971,000 bushels, about 2,000,000 bushels less than that of 1934.

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