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No Taxation Without the Consent of Taxed Asked by Wallowa County

Opposition is being expressed in many quarters to the proposed tax for holding a fair in Portland in 1925. Blue Mountain Grange No. 345 has passed the following resolution on this matter:

"Resolved: That Blue Mountain Grange, No. 345, calls upon the Union county members of the Legislature to vote against any measure proposing a tax on the people for the so-called 1925 Fair."

The Wallowa county court believes that the opposition to the proposed tax is so great that the local option plan should be adopted and that those counties passing the tax should undertake the burden and those preferring not to donate tax money to the fair be allowed to devote their tax money to other purposes. The resolutions, signed by County Judge Edgar Marvin, and Commissioners Ernest F. Johnson and F. D. McCully, state:

"Whereas the Governor of the State of Oregon has called a special session of the legislature, to be convened the nineteenth day of December, 1921, for the purpose of formulating legislation to be submitted to the people of the State of Oregon, covering the levying of a state-wide tax to raise money to be used in support of a world's fair or exposition to be held in the city of Portland in the year

nineteen hundred twenty-five; and Whereas the majority of the voters of the State of Oregon reside in counties that would derive the greatest and most direct benefit from the proposed fair or exposition; and

"Whereas this majority of the voters would be able to carry such legislation over the opposition of those more sparsely settled and remote counties that would not derive any considerable or direct benefit from the proposed fair or exposition; therefore

"Be It Resolved, by the County Court of Wallowa County, State of Oregon, being in regular session:

"That we do hereby most respectfully urge and request that the legislature of the State of Oregon enact the proposed legislation in such form that each county shall vote whether or not it shall be taxed, thereby preventing the taxing of the people of any county without their consent; and be it further

"Resolved that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Hyatt, joint representative for Union and Wallowa Counties, and a copy to the Honorable Bruce Dennis, joint senator for Union and Wallowa Counties, for presentation to the House of Representatives and to the Senate when convened."

INDUSTRY ON COAST IS ON THE UPGRADE

Housing Construction in Coast Cities is Under Way With Lower Rents in Sight

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Portland, Oregon, hopes that the coming holiday trade will go far in establishing permanent improvement in business conditions. J. A. Kelly, San Francisco, district director of the employment service of the United States department of labor, declared in his December report on Oregon cities, made public here today.

Mr. Kelly's report covering Salem, Astoria and Portland follows: "Salem — Fifty residences under construction. Housing conditions fair. The new Salem hospital and several state buildings are employing 100 carpenters. Very few, if any, men are employed, except transients. Packing plants are closed for the season. Agricultural activities are slowing down. Lumber and allied industries working full time. Oregon Wood Products Co. has opened under new management. Retail business normal. All working full time. Overtime in woolen and paper mills. Business is good and optimistic feeling prevails.

"Portland — Houses and other buildings in large number under construction; with many sales, especially of small residences. Rentals good with few changes. Road work continues. A new \$2,000,000 freight yard, a 30-mile railroad, new dam and pipe line, with the other activities are giving employment to several thousand. There are perhaps from 5,000 to 8,000 men idle. Woolen mills, vegetable oils, paper and printing, chemicals, leather, repair shops about normal. Lumber is 50 percent normal with indications of improvement. Retail prices on many commodities remain high with buying restricted. Holiday hoped to go far in establishing permanent improvement. There is concerted effort to stimulate buying Oregon products.

"Astoria — There are sufficient houses for both buying and renting. Building construction is normal. Cauterines closed for the season. One saw mill is closed, affecting 250 men, on account of no profit. There is

some unemployment but not serious. Retail business slow. Astoria is in excellent financial condition and loans are easily secured on home building, etc. Construction of the coast Roosevelt highway is being planned upon the matching of State with federal funds."

SKELETON OF WOMAN FOUND

HILO, Island of Hawaii, T. H., Dec. 17.—The skeleton of a woman, believed to be that of the last of the priestesses of the Hawaiian fire-god, Pele, whose traditional home was in the Hilauea volcano on this island was found recently in a carefully prepared crypt not far from the smoking crater.

The tomb was found in the western sector of the main wall of the great outer crater of Kilauea, where once stood a great temple dedicated to Hilaue, the sister of the goddess Pele.

Nothing now remains of this temple. The last occasion upon which it appeared in history was when it was visited by the Princess Kapiolani, in 1824, when the royal Hawaiian-Christian journeyed to the volcano for the purpose of uttering defiance to Pele. The journey formed the motif of one of Alfred Lord Tennyson's poems. Local tradition says that the princess was met at the crater rim by a haggard priestess—the last of her line—who came from her abode in the ruined temple nearby and made out last attempt to over-awe the princess and appeal to her fear of the supernatural.

The tomb believed to be that of this priestess was discovered immediately below the site of the temple. The position of the bones indicated that she had been buried in a sitting position, with her back propped against the wall, with her head placed so that her sightless eyes were in line with a small orifice immediately in front of her and in a direct line with the mile-distant fire pit of the volcano.

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A Column for Card Players and Question Box—Conducted by Hoyle, Jr.

Address questions about any game to Hoyle, Jr., The Observer. Answers will be mailed promptly. No questions answered unless signed with name and address.

Auction Bridge—No. 9

"Stop, Look and Listen"

More hands are wrecked by blocking partner's suit, and then unblocking opponent's suit, than most any other thoughtless, heedless plays.

In a no-trumper, your partner will never open with a high card unless holding a very long or strong suit.

Having become familiar with the table of leads against a no-trump make, the player will see it is best not to be left with a single high card in his partner's suit, and will unblock as follows:

Unblock at No-Trump

When Partner Leads And You Hold Play Ace King, Queen, and one Queen Ace King and one King Ace Queen, Jack and one Jack King Ace and one Ace King Queen, Jack and one Jack Queen King and one King Jack King, Queen and one Queen

Holding four or more cards of your partner's suit, hold up the lowest card until the last round. For example, holding Jack, nine, five, and three on partner's lead of King, Ace, play five on King and nine on Ace. Holding up three, your partner can reach you with four of the suit, and you cannot block length of suit in his hand.

In other words, get rid of the command of your partner's suit, but keep the command of the opponent's suit.

Blocking the dummy, when dealer is playing a no-trump and dummy holds a long suit without re-entry, an adversary, if possible, should block it and prevent the long cards from making by holding the winning card until declarer has played what is necessarily his last card of the suit. Great care should be taken not to miss this opportunity when it occurs. In other words, saw up the suit in the hand, thereby blocking.

Avoid opening new suits. In other words, do not change suit without good reason.

When the honors of a suit are evenly divided, opening it is practically sure to cost a trick, and starting of any suit which is not headed by both Ace and King, or by a three-card sequence, is almost invariably disadvantageous.

A player should remember that the lead of his partner has been made with some object, and should therefore be returned except when the holding of dummy or some other development renders such action plainly inadvisable.

"Shifting suits is about as advantageous as swapping horses while crossing a stream," and the advice to return to the partner's suit rather than risk a new one applies with equal force whether a no-trump or suit declaration is being played, but does not refer to the situation in which the partner evidently desires that the suit he has declared be led through strength up to him.

Always play against dummy, leading through his strength. That is, lead the suit he is strong in when dummy is your left-hand adversary, thereby putting his high cards at the mercy of your partner, and to his weakness when he is your right-hand

Questions and Answers

Q. What is called the Thirty-third Degree of Auction?

A. Playing to the Score.

Q. Why are Diamonds and Clubs declared with the same strength?

A. Both declarations require the same number of tricks to make game, (five tricks over the book of six), and both declarations convey the same information to partner—that of helpful hands toward better or major makes in partner's hand.

Q. Why is it advisable to bid the hand's full worth on first round?

A. To prevent informative bids by opponents, enabling them to combine strength of their hands.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The twenty-fourth annual convention of the National Commercial Teachers' Federation will be held here December 27, 28 and 29, according to announcements by Robert Grant, president.

The organization is composed of five divisions, with five inter-organizations, each having its own officers, as follows:

A public commercial schools department; a private commercial round table; a business round table and a general federation whose officers are elected by the entire membership of all departments.

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