



A Column for Card Players and Question Box—

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"Double or Nothing, Nothing Won"

There is no move in Auction

more hazardous than the double.

If your double never fails, then

you are a doublet often enough.

Often, with a doubtful hand, it

is advisable to double to prevent

your partner from continuing with

your partner. Again, with a

doubtful hand, it is often advis-

able to double when there seems

a chance that the adversary will

change to a declaration which your

hand will surely defeat.

All game going contracts should

be doubled, even with a doubtful

hand.

When your adversary has been

redoubled, be cautious, for often

there is no avenue of escape, and

you are cornered and left the

to hold—in other words, the pen-

alties to pay.

Never double with a certainty in

hand which you know will defeat

the contract unless you feel sure

there is no avenue of escape for

your adversary.

With a choice of winning the

game or doubling, take game, un-

less the double offers a prospect

of more than 200 points over and

above the count for honors which

the adversary will win with cer-

tainity.

Another move which must be

made with the utmost caution is

the over-bidding of a partner when

he has been doubled. It is rarely

good bidding to take your partner

out of his declaration when he has

been doubled. If your partner has

been doubled, and you have a

strong hand, your strength will help

to defeat the double. Should your

hand be weak, the chances are that

any change will only make matters

worse. If the doubler has a reckless

bidding, it is probable that the con-

tract will pull through. Should the

doubler be a sound bidder, it is safe

to assume that he is prepared to

double the rescue or take-out which

would make matters just that much

worse for the bidder.

It is the unusual which always

occurs in Auction, however, and

there are some hands with which

a rescue is effective, and it is im-

portant that the bidder who is

prone to interfere with a doubled

partner should thoroughly under-

stand their value, so that with any

other holding he should not fail.

The only times when one should

take out a partner who has been

doubled is when one holds an un-

usual hand, which cannot help the

partner's bid but which will great-

ly aid the take-out declaration.

Mr. Milton Work has given one

of the best examples of this, which

is as follows:

Dealer bids one No-trump;

Second hand, two Hearts;

Third hand, pass;

Fourth hand, two Spades;

Dealer, three Diamonds;

Second hand doubles;

Third hand, holds (10 means

cards lower than the Ten).

Spades—0, 0, 0, 0;

Hearts—0, 0, 0, 0;

Diamonds—0, 0, 0, 0;

Clubs—J, Ten, 0, 0, 0, 0.

and would make a sound bid to

take partner out with four Clubs.

The hand is trickless in Diamonds,

but of material assistance in Clubs,

and the bidding would indicate that

dealer has some strength in Clubs.

In such case, although it increases

the contract, the take-out is just-

ified.

"If, however, the hand be

Spades—none;

Hearts—0, 0, 0, 0;

Diamonds—0, 0, 0, 0;

Clubs—J, Ten, 0, 0, 0, 0.

the take-out would be unwise, as

the hand will probably aid partner

by its ability to ruff Spades."

To sum up the whole, do not

change partner's bid unless it will

materially advance the value of the

make.

Questions and Answers.

Q. What is "Renounce?"

A. Renounce, Revoke—Holding

a card or cards of a suit led, to

play a card of another suit. (The

old term, revoke is obsolete).

Q. What is meant by "Holding

Up?"

A. Refusing to win the trick

when holding the best card of the

suit, is called "Holding Up," and

is known as playing a backward

game.

The ex-crown prince of Germany

says, "My personal view that for many

reasons monarchy does most for the

interests of the people, cuts no ice."

Melba not, Willie, but those same

views cost the German people quite a

little coal.

RAGS Wanted at The Observer.

"Kill-the-Blues Cope," King of Humorists, Really Preaches Religion of Laughter

Herbert Leon Cope, Who Thrilled and Inspired Two Million Doughboys During War, to Talk Here Soon.



Herbert Leon Cope is coming! The same Cope who thrilled 2,000,000 doughboys with his eloquence during the late war and the same Cope who has talked to almost as many civilians before and since the war. He is popularly known as the "King of Humorists." The army called him "Kill-the-Blues Cope."

Cope has been one of the sensations of the Lyceum and Chautauque world for the past three years. He is better than ever on his present tour, and the enthusiastic press notices which have chased him around the country on his present Lyceum trip are said to be the most flattering ever received by an American lecturer.

Cope is not only a humorist, but he is a great preacher. Not an orthodox, ordained minister you understand, but a man who preaches through inspiration and through the grasp he gets on his hearers by means of his wonderful humor.

Cope's personal story is an interesting one. Fifteen years ago he was a very popular lecturer just coming into fame. A few years later, through loose companionships he fell—and fell hard. For several years he was in the depths and the world forgot Herbert Leon Cope. Then came the war, and with it came an awakened manhood. The years had left their cruel markings, but something whispered that still he might do some good—for someone. He came back—just as hard as he fell. He talked "right living" in the army camps—for Uncle Sam could not use him as a soldier. His work was a big hit, and before the armistice he had addressed more than 2,000,000 soldiers. Cope's work was one of the sensations in the morale program during the war. He is better than ever now, and still preaching the doctrine of successful and clean living.

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Monday, February 27, 8 O'clock
General Admission 25c

Just Thirty Years Ago in the Grande Ronde Valley

(February 25, 1892)

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. of La Grande a statistical committee was appointed to report upon the membership, attendance at rooms, etc., for the six months ending December 31, 1921. The following is a summary of the report: Visits to rooms, 12,883; membership, 127; letters written from rooms, 1,002; books drawn from library, 500; and number of baths, 2,339.

The second entertainment given by the pupils of the La Grande schools for the benefit of a library fund was given at Steward's opera house on Friday evening. The order of events were: Part first, Overture, orchestra; drama, "The Fairy Child," with the following cast of characters: Elmer, Sade Snodgrass; Fairy Queen, Nellie Finn; Moonbeam, Edna Scott; Puck, Rufus Eaton; Fairy, little girls; and Elves, little boys. Second part, overture, orchestra; drama, "Red Riding Hood," with the following cast of characters: Red Riding Hood, Beattie Wardell; Mamma, Ruth Myrick; Grandma, Mertie Aldrich; Wolf, Allan Eaton; Buttercup, Ora Mason; Rose, Sadie Snodgrass; Blue Bell Chorus, Edna Scott, Grace Kirtley and Judith Snodgrass.

The organization of the German fire company of La Grande was recently perfected by the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: J. L. Heidenreich, president; John Shilling, captain; Adam Rehr, assistant; John Myer, first assistant foreman; Charles Wright, second assistant foreman; William Rothlage, third assistant foreman; Julius Roesch, treasurer; John Anthony, secretary. A hose cart, fire engine, and other necessary equipment will be purchased by this company, which is an independent organization, at a cost of about \$600. Half of this sum has already been raised. The company is composed entirely of Germans and has a membership of 41.

The Whist club met at the Hon.

G. W. Webb's residence Tuesday evening.

The Italian Pacific pay car remained in La Grande several hours Monday scattering seeds of kindness.

An error occurred in the report of the election of the officers of the La Grande National bank last week. The name of Jay Brooks should have appeared as vice president.

Jasper H. Stevens and Co. have the frame of their building raised and will be ready in a few days to put the soda factory in operation, all the machinery for the same having arrived.

J. D. McKennon is putting up a new residence on Grandy's addition and not on Sixth street as was reported last week.

The ball given by the machinists at Steward's opera house Monday night, was a very entertaining affair, there being a large attendance and a spirit of gaiety that laid dull care completely in the shade. The members of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 47, I. A. O. M., under whose auspices the dance was given are to be congratulated upon their success on this occasion.

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BOYCOTT HAS BEEN DECLARED

(By Associated Press)

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Feb. 25.

In declaring a boycott against

all foods of English manufacture,

the Egyptians have adopted the

tactics of the Nationalists of India.

They have heard that the Indians

have been successful in their at-

tempt to boycott British goods and

are endeavoring to use the same

means to bring the British govern-

ment to terms.

As yet the extent of the boycott

is not clear. However, many Eryp-

tion merchants are now refusing to

buy English goods and salesmen

calling on Egyptian customers are

promptly told that he wishes no

quotations on such merchandise.

But the great majority of im-

porters and exporters are foreign-

ers who desire to continue to buy

and sell in the best markets.

If the Egyptians are able to hold

together on the boycott program

and force the importers to no longer

deal in English cotton, piece

goods, iron and steel products, the

result may be serious for English

factories in Lancashire and Bir-

mingham.

British banks are included in the

boycott. It is stated that consider-

able sums of money have been with-

drawn from English banks in Egypt

and placed in other foreign banks.

School boys have boycotted the

schools and the native bar associa-

tion voted to suspend all work.

It has been proposed also to re-

strict the cultivation of Egyptian

cotton, which would be of interest

to the cotton growers of the United

States. It has been suggested that

the Egyptians should refuse to ex-

port onions to England which now

takes 50 percent of the Egyptian

onion crop.

Certain members of the Effendi

class, Egyptians of Islamic, have an-

nounced that they would cease to

drink English whiskey and refuse

to wear short-cropped mustaches as

the English do. Various other boy-

cotting plans have been proposed.

USE WARE SYSTEM

(By Associated Press)

MOSCOW, Feb. 25.—Soviet Rus-

sia manufactured 1,207,000 scythes

and imported 4,300,000 last year.

Grain-raising is carried on in such

a primitive way by the majority

of peasants that the scythe is in

general use for harvesting, especial-

ly since the shortage of labor-sav-

ing machinery began.

Ten pounds of lard \$1.50 at People's

Market. Phone Main 747.

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