

## A Column for Card Players and Question Box—

Conducted by Hoyle, Jr.

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**AUCTION ARTICLE No. 32.**  
 "If you the modern game of Auction would know,  
 From this great principle its precepts flow:  
 Treat your hand as your partner's joined  
 And play not one alone, but both combined."

Among the first iron-clad rules given to the student is: "Always assist your partner if he has in any way shown or indicated a make of suit, either by raising his bid or leading high from a short suit, even when not knowing the suit to be your partner's, but knowing that your short holding cannot be made good, and trusting that your high card of the short holding may make a support." Example: A very perplexing hand is given with one No-trump the only bid. Original leader is absolutely without an indication of partner's hand, save that he has no holding worth a bid.

**Original leader holds:**  
 Spades—Jack, 6, 0  
 Hearts—K, J, 0, 0  
 Diamonds—A, Q, 0, 0  
 Clubs—6, 0

With a minor tenace in Hearts and a major tenace in Diamonds, he must avoid opening from either. What should he choose? He should lead Spades and open with Jack. Again original leader holds:

Spades—Q, 0, 0  
 Hearts—K, 0, 0  
 Diamonds—Ten, 9, 0, 0  
 Clubs—A, 9, 0

The only lead in the above holding is the fourth best diamond, which surely looks hopeless, but the other suits must come up to both hands. Hands similar to this often are called "sawing" or "jockeying" hands. When not holding sufficient strength to play an aggressive game, then is the time to assist partner by the useless high card in your own short suit, but be sure to lead high from the suit.

Then, under the same conditions—no knowledge of partner's suit and no good holding of one's own—select the shown weak suit known in the right opponent's hand, under this valuable rule: Lead through strength and up to weakness, which is very easy to do after dummy is down, but must be done by deduction on an original or opening lead. When dummy lays to your right with weak holding of the trump suit and the declarer has re-

morning was postponed on account of rain.  
 An excellent program of races has been arranged for tomorrow afternoon at the Grande Ronde valley track.  
**Married:** At the residence of Mr. McIntosh, La Grande, May 23, 1922, J. K. Fitzgerald and Miss Mintie Go-forth, Rev. G. O. Richardson officiating.  
**Married:** At the residence of J. Hughes in La Grande, May 27, 1922, Forrest S. Gure and Miss Lillie Go-forth, J. W. Kavelas, J. P. officiating.  
**Died:** Near La Grande, Friday, May 27, 1922, Ada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McAllister, aged five years and eight months.  
**Died:** In Union, Oregon, May 30, 1892, Mrs. Cromwell, wife of Dr. I. N. Cromwell.  
**Born:** At Island City, May 26, 1892, to the wife of Dr. S. Brooks, a daughter.

## CATERPILLARS STOP RAILROAD

GROVELAND, Cal., June 2. — A plague of caterpillars is threatening to interrupt operations of the Hatch-Hatch railroad. The caterpillars crawl along the rails, covering them sometimes for a distance of a mile, making them so slippery that the engines cannot pull the trains up the grades. Many times the crews have had to cut the engine from the train and run over the caterpillar-covered rails to coat them with sand before the train could be pulled through.

**Pursue Happiness Too Strangely**  
 We all seek happiness so eagerly that in the pursuit we often lose that joyous sense of existence and those quiet daily pleasures, the value of which our pride alone prevents us from acknowledging.

**LA GRANDE MAN IS ON FACULTY**  
 Gooding College Will Have "Rural Life School" During Coming Fall.  
 The regular fall term at Gooding College will begin September 11, while the date for the Rural Life School has been fixed October 23 to November 4. Professor Valentine Deich will act as dean of this school. Dr. Ralph A. Polton, educational secretary of the board of home missions will teach the class in The Social Program of the Church; Professor Ora S. Miner of the Hiff School of Theology at Denver, Pastoral Theology; Professor Albert Z. Mann, of Hamline University at St. Paul, Community Engineering; Miss Florence Hutchinson, of the Methodist Board of Sunday Schools, Religious Education; Superintendent Ira R. Aldrich of La Grande, Wm. Ewing of Boise and J. E. Baker of Gooding have been asked to take charge of the work relating to local pastors' problems, which will give a strong practical help to the preachers, preachers' wives and interested laymen who will be present.

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## Poor Boys Who Became Great

By Frederick Houk Law

**John Massfield, the Cabin Boy, the Great Poet.**  
 The little cabin boy on the sailing vessel did not have an easy life. He endured all the hardships and all the monotony of long days at sea. He had run away from home and so he did not murmur. He did his work and became a sailor before the mast. Then, tiring of the rough, hard life at sea he wandered from country to country. Finally, in New York City, he worked in a Greenwich village hotel, where the bar-room was one of the chief attractions. There he drifted to employment in a carpet factory.  
 The many people who saw John Massfield, whether on ships at sea doing humble work, or wandering in strange places, or working in Greenwich Village, did not realize that he was at school in the greatest university in the world, that of "Hard Knocks." He was gaining that rich experience with life and the world that has made his poems the delight of every reader.

## Just Thirty Years Ago in the Grande Ronde Valley

June 2, 1892.

At the spring meeting of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Association held in Portland Monday, the two La Grande boys, J. H. Peare and Jay Van Buren, who were entered in the contests came away with honors. The results of the contests in which they were participants is given in the Oregonian as follows:

120 yard hurdles, won by J. H. Peare, in Grande, three yards handicap, time 29.1-5; L. K. Fletcher, of Griffin, second.

Running broad jump, five inches handicap, won by J. H. Peare, distance 29 feet 1.4 inches; Merle Johnson, Portland, second.

Running high jump, five inches handicap, won by J. H. Peare, height 5 feet, 6 inches; D. E. Fletcher, second.

Two-mile upright bicycle race, won by C. R. Frazier, B. S. A., time, minutes 25.1-5 seconds; Jay Van Buren, La Grande, second.

Both the two mile bicycle races were very close and the finishes were rather pretty. Hewitt, who handicapped the safety riders 220 yards, was ill and dropped out in the sixth lap. The upright bicycle race was neck and neck between Frazier and Van Buren for eight laps. Frazier passed his opponent in the ninth lap, and won

by a quarter of a lap. The track was rough and poor time was made in both races.  
 Congressional candidates are in hard luck. J. H. Slater is kept at home on account of poor health. John C. Love has an abscess on his tongue and W. R. Ellis has a broken leg and the only gentleman in the outfit who can wave his flag or carry a jar is the prohibition candidate from Sherman county.  
 Miss Margaret Anson and E. W. Missinger attended the Memorial exercises at Portland.  
 Hon. J. A. Wright, one of the Republican candidates for the legislature, is in town this week.  
 Mrs. McKenna, who recently arrived from the east on a visit to her children in La Grande, was suddenly called home Monday by the death of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. M. McKenna.  
 La Grande lost a game of baseball to Baker last Sunday by the overwhelming score of 20 to 12. Only two of La Grande's last year men were on the team.  
 The formal opening of the Foley Hotel took place Wednesday evening. Fitting observances were held.  
 The grand jury found indictments against Harris, Gale, Hartley, Wells, Comstock and Hart on the charge of robbery. The Harris trial has not yet come up. Comstock turned state's evidence and Wells was discharged, but a verdict of guilty was turned in against Gale and Hartley. The jury also acted on Hart's case. Gale and Hartley were sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude.  
 The band excursion to Elgin, which was to have taken place Saturday

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