



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

Address questions about any game... will be mailed promptly. No with name and address.

#### AUCTION ARTICLE No. 35. "A Little Learning is a Dangerous Thing."

The novice, not the student of Auction, is some time in learning that skill in Auction consists not only in winning tricks with the high cards of the suits, but in using science and strategy to bring in a long suit and take tricks with deuces and treys.

The most unbelievable feature of Auction is the endless variety of hands that may arise from any deal. These infinite variations make what seems the simplest card game known—a game consisting merely of taking tricks, according to certain rules and conditions which seem simple enough for any child to learn in a few times at play—a study that has occupied the minds of scholars and statesmen for the past centuries.

Some time since a folder made its appearance in the card world bearing the title, "Simple Whist" learned in an Evening." It was about five and was found to have emanated from a firm as an advertising scheme. Beware of such teachings as this, as they will be most confusing. Do not attempt to master the game without a reliable guide in the way of one of the numerous well-known treatises on the game, with the study and practice of which one may become an expert and surely a devotee of Auction.

The novice plays without any rhyme or reason. Not so the expert, for he studies his own thirteen cards, and from them and the bids or passes from the other three players plans his campaign. The desire, of course, always is to play an aggressive, brilliant game, not a defensive one. However, the choice is not our own but is invested in our cards.

Holding the following:  
Spades—A, K, Q, 9, 4  
Hearts—K, 8, 3  
Diamonds—Q, J, 10  
Clubs—A, 5

one has a wonderful hand, most safe apparently going at Spades, even though partner's hand be devoid of assistance.

But, holding  
Spades—J, 10, 6, 2  
Hearts—K, 8, 5  
Diamonds—10, 4  
Clubs—Q, J, 7, 5

one has no possible bid either on first or second round and very little, high in a case like this, all one can do is to trail—not a desirable role, but one of great importance.

Many writers advocate the following rule: "An original bid of a minor suit means an invitation to partner to declare No-trump if his cards will permit."

At any rate, a minor suit bid as original is of great assistance to Third Hand and will enable him to combine the strength of his own and his partner's holding.

An excellent rule is given by a well-known writer: "Remember that proper bidding is infinitely more important than clever playing. It is only by proper bidding that you give your partner the accurate information that enables the partnership to combine the hands to the best advantage."

Questions and Answers.  
Q. Why may a player bid with a weaker holding on the second round than on the first?  
A. For an original bid, a player should hold an Ace or King at head of the suit bid, as Third Hand may want to change the bid and must be able to know the strength of the suit his partner has bid as an initial free or voluntary bid; but after a pass a bid may be made from length instead of from strength.

Q. What is meant by leading Strength to Length?  
A. Strength to Length is most valuable in No-trump. Holding five cards of a suit in one hand and three

In the other, buy the lead in the hand holding the three-card suit and lead the highest card of the three and a supporting lead to the five-card holding and set up that suit! It is not already established.  
Q. What is meant when your partner has been taken out of a No-trump bid by an opponent, if you double the opponent's suit bid?  
A. You mean that you, holding four or more cards of the opponent's suit, can defeat his bid, and prefer that bid to stand.

### Just Thirty Years Ago in the Grande Ronde Valley

June 17, 1892.  
The official count of the votes cast in Union county has been made and the successful candidates are: As S. Bennett, for supreme judge, 175; J. H. Slater, for congressman, 134; George E. Chamberlain, for attorney general, 249; M. D. Clifford, democrat, for district judge, 447; G. E. Hyde, prosecuting attorney for sixth district, democrat, 155; G. W. Hunter, democrat, state board of equalization, 785; H. A. McAllister, joint senator for Union and Wallawa counties, 415; J. H. Hatfield, joint senator for Union and Umatilla counties for congress, 68; L. H. Russell, republican, legislature, 129; J. A. Wright, republican, legislature, 90; T. Bolles, democrat, sheriff, 572; J. L. Carter, republican, superintendent of schools, 385.

The postoffice was moved yesterday into the new Odd Fellows building. The athletic rooms were this week supplied with bath tubs, and the members are consequently enjoying a highly prized luxury.

A great many citizens of La Grande will visit Elgin today and participate in the festivities of pioneer day. The organization of the La Grande Dramatic Association was effected last week. The officers are: Jan Stevens, president; Mrs. Masterson, vice-president; E. W. Bartlett, secretary; W. G. Masterson, treasurer; L. H. Lawlor, manager, and George Watson, stage director.

A young man by the name of Dick Smith met with a serious accident Monday when a team he was driving to a field roller, ran away, seriously injuring the lad. His leg was fractured and his shoulder lacerated.

The total subscription to date on the Alliance Flouring Mill amounts to \$15,000. A site has been donated by Dr. M. P. Homan and indications are to the effect that the mill will be erected in the near future.

### CONTRACTS LET FOR NEW SCHOOL

WALLOWA, June 15—Contracts for the construction of the high school building at Wallowa were awarded by the board on Tuesday. Competition for the heating and plumbing was keen with eight bids, all close together.

The building proper was awarded to Wallie & Shattuck of Portland for \$37,000, and the heating and plumbing went to Rushlight & Hashtorf also of Portland, for around \$9,000. After receiving earlier figures the board learned that costs were higher than the architect had estimated, and plans had to be trimmed down radically, omitting some features which had been in demand. Among these was the central heating plant for the new high school, the grade building and the gymnasium.

### INSTITUTE TO BE HELD SOON

Methodists will meet on Their Own Camp Ground at Wallowa Lake during Week Beginning June 26.

Elaborate plans are being made for the opening of the Wallowa Lake Epworth League institute, on the beautiful grounds now owned by the Methodist Camp Ground association, adjoining the Elks property at the head of Lake Wallowa. The institute will open on Monday, June 26th, and continue for one week.

Plans have been under way for several years, to secure a site at the head of Wallowa lake for this purpose and last winter, due to the efforts of Rev. Homer E. Collier of Enterprise, Rev. George H. Quigley of La Grande, Rev. Ira R. Aldrich, district superintendent, Rev. James Letch of Island City and Rev. H. K. Wallis of Salem, the project was practically closed when those men met with F. H. Gault of Joseph for the purpose of purchasing this tract of land.

Due to the depth of snow that they covered the ground, it was impossible to trace the exact lines and make the necessary papers; however, since that time the deal has been closed and lots are now being offered to eligible parties who desire a pleasant place for a summer camp.

It is thought that the sale of these lots will give added interest to the institute which will be conducted by Rev. Geo. H. Quigley, supported by a very able faculty, including President Tenney of Gooding College; Prof. Hartog of the Kimball School of Theology, Salem; Rev. Joseph Chester, of Baker, and many others.

Representatives are expected from all over the northwest and the young people from Wallowa, Enterprise and Joseph will likely be present in large numbers. A large tent, tabernacle will be erected for the outdoor study course and the grounds will be in excellent shape for camping. It is hoped that within the next year or two a permanent tabernacle of native logs can be built for these yearly services and possibly when this is done services will be conducted there on other occasions when people can enjoy the early morning drive before attending church.

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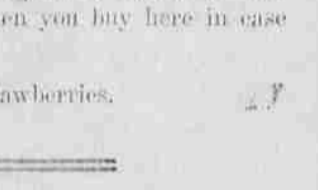
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