

OMAHA BIDDERS SUCCESSFUL

King-Swanson Co. Awards All Contracts to Local Concerns.

What will doubtless prove a pleasant surprise to Omaha people who are interested in the advancement of Omaha's manufacturing interests...

Show window enclosures, all show cases and entire second floor equipment, exclusive of tables to the Alfred Bloom Co.

First floor fixtures, exclusive of show cases, but including business offices and all tables on first and second floors, to T. H. Weirich Fixture Co.

All remodeling of building and equipment of basement to Newman & Johnson.

Floors of show windows to Parquetry Flooring Co.

Sign work, including electrical display sign, to R. Carillon.

Art Glass work to Midland Glass and Paint Co.

Plumbing and steam fitting to Johnson-Rowe-Daly Co.

Electrical work to Wolfe-Lovett Co.

Particularly interesting are circumstances relating to fixtures and wood-work—pitted against the two local firms...

Both the Bloom Co. and the Weirich Co. feel highly elated over the awards, as it gives them an unusual opportunity to demonstrate their ability to handle such high grade fixture contracts.

The King-Swanson Co. is also to be congratulated upon the fact that they are able to equip their splendid new store with Omaha made furniture.

Athletic Youngsters of Western Nebraska



NORTH PLATTE HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL TEAM.

BRIDGE WITHOUT A PARTNER

Variation in Game that Meets a Want Long Felt.

SOURCE OF MISTAKES ELIMINATED

Scoring the Worst Feature of the Game, but that is Made Easy by the Method Explained Here.

One of the peculiarities of bridge is that all the mistakes that are made, all the rubbers that are lost, all the declarations that are disastrous and all the tricks that get away are clearly the fault of the partner.

Every person who has played bridge for any length of time must acknowledge that the majority of the tricks lost in the play are due to the partner's lack of understanding or insight.

They seem to have no idea of the make that would best fit their hand; they pay no attention to the score or they do not see your echo or they don't know the seventh trick, or something of that kind.

When you are tied to a partner of this sort all through a rubber it is bad enough, but when you cut the worst player at the table time after time and see the smile of mingled satisfaction and derision that flits over the faces of your adversaries when they realize that they have not cut either one of you for a partner...

Well, they have invented a variation of bridge which does away with all these troubles and puts each player at the table on a perfectly even footing.

The great objection to it so far has been the very complicated process of adjusting the scores at the end. In general it seems as if nothing short of an expert accountant could figure out what each owes the other, and mistakes are the rule rather than the exception.

Four-hand bridge is for four players and the table is complete with four. These four play twelve deals, no more and no less, so that every one knows just how long the game will last.

There prevents the wicked partner from making it speed because he is twenty-eight up when you have four aces in your hand.

clear according to the following invariable rules: If he finds three or four aces it is a no-trumper, no matter what the rest of the cards may be.

When there are not three aces the longest suit must be named for the trump. If two suits are equal in length the trump must be the one with the greatest number of pips on the cards, counting the ace as 11, the king, queen, jack, and ten as 10 each, and all other cards at their face value.

With such cards as the following, for instance, the declaration being passed by the dealer—H, A, K, 7, 4; C, A, K, 10, 2; D, 8; S, K, J, 9, 5—the declaration must be spades, because it has the greatest pip value of the three four-card suits.

A declaration is laid on the table when dummy's cards are exposed, which is not correct, the adversary who had led a card can take back his lead and demand that the declaration be changed, or he can let the declaration and his card remain.

After the play of the hand is finished nothing is put down on the pad except the dealer's score. If he wins he is so much plus; if he loses he is so much minus.

Each successive score is added to or subtracted from the preceding one, so that the bottom figure in the column shows the exact state of the player's score.

At the end of another four deals, the player who bears the round sits at the one opposite him and the one on his left change places, the deal passing to the left as before.

The following diagram will show the changes of position brought about if we suppose that A dealt the first hand for the first round:

On the second round B dealt the first hand. On the third round D dealt first. After changing positions the players may cut for the first deal if they prefer it.

At the end of twelve deals each player will have had each of the others opposite him for four deals and the game will be at an end.

the favorite for nearly a hundred years. So far it has been the one always taught to those who take up four-hand bridge.

Another method, recommended because it requires less figuring and is free from the objection of having to add columns that contain both minus and plus items at the end, is the following:

Deduct the lowest score of the four from all the scores and then add up the remainders thus found. Their sum is the total loss of the player who has the lowest score.

To find what each of the others owes or wins multiply these remainders by the number of players. From the product of each multiplication subtract the points lost by the lowest score. The remainders are the points won or lost by the others.

To illustrate this process let us assume that the final scores of A, B, C and D were as before. This gives us C's as the lowest score of the four, and we proceed thus:

In this method, which is a favorite with some players, if the lowest score is a minus it must be added to the others, because the amount lost by the low score must have been won by each of the others, in addition to which they must be paid for what they have won themselves on their own score.

When two players are tied for low score both must be put down to zero, but only one is subtracted from the scores of the other players. The sum of the remainders after this subtraction must be charged to each of the low scores equally.

The third method of adjusting the scores is suited only to three players. It consists in doubling the winnings of each player, as he has won from two, and then deducting the sum of the other players' winnings.

In this method the 106 deducted from A's score is the sum of B's 52 and C's 14. B's 152 is the sum of A's 108 and C's 14 and so on.

These three methods have been the only ones known to card players, and they have struggled along with them for years. All German skat players and most of the bridge players use the method first explained, in spite of its cumbersome nature.

RESULTS OF LINCOLN SHOOT

G. Maxwell Walks Off with the Championship of State.

C. SPENCER MAKES HIGH SCORE

W. D. Townsend Wins the Thorpe Trophy—Over One Hundred and Twenty Shooters There.

C. Spencer made the high score. The Thorpe trophy was won by W. D. Townsend.

Over 120 shooters turned out for the thirty-second annual meet of the Nebraska Sportsmen's association at Lincoln last week and the sport was of the highest class.

Six shooters entered and qualified for the final shoot Thursday: C. C. Holzworth, Junliata; D. D. Bray, Columbus; C. G. Thorpe, Geneva; W. D. Townsend, Omaha; C. C. Evans, Geneva, and J. L. Carter, Lincoln.

Bray and Townsend tied at 94. In the shoot-off at 50 birds Townsend broke 24 to 23 for Bray.

Immediately gave the trophy to the association, to be shot for on the same terms under which it was originally given by Mr. Thorpe.

Table with columns for shooter names and scores. Includes Spencer (182), Maxwell (173), Townsend (173), Holzworth (173), Bray (173), Carter (173), etc.

GRAND CIRCUIT AT LONG BRANCH

Dates for Providence transferred to the New Jersey Track. NEW YORK, May 30.—President J. M. Johnson of the National Trotting association has notified Theodore H. Coleman, manager of the Long Branch Fair association, that the Grand circuit meet scheduled for Providence during the week of August 31 to September 5, had been transferred to Elkwood park, Long Branch.

At the last meeting of the Grand circuit stewards, held at Hoffman house in this city, the Long Branch Fair association applied for the Providence dates, providing the meeting at Narragansett park was called off. A three days' meeting had been arranged for Elkwood, and Manager Coleman offered to reverse the list, events and increase their value to the same as in the Providence management.

The Long Branch Fair association has already deposited the forfeit for the entrance fee, and the program will be arranged at once. A big force of men will be put on the track, which is expected to be very fast.

Harvard Wins at Tennis. NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 30.—Harvard won the tennis tournament with Yale today, five matches to four.

IF EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS, THEN WHY NOT ASK FOR

Advertisement for Metz Beer. Includes the Metz logo and text: 'AND DO YOUR SHARE IN MAKING A GREATER OMAHA'.

Advertisement for a rider agent. 'WANTED—A RIDER AGENT IN EACH TOWN'. Includes an image of a bicycle and text about bicycle sales.

Advertisement for Hedgeshorth Puncture-Proof tires. '8 50 HEDGESHORTH PUNCTURE-PROOF \$4.80'. Includes an image of a tire and text about self-healing tires.

Advertisement for Jetter's Gold Top beer. 'At Home or Cafe Jetter's GOLD TOP THE PERFECT BEER'. Includes an image of a woman holding a beer bottle and text about the quality of the beer.

Advertisement for MacCarthy-Wilson Tailoring Co. 'The Land of Gladstone'. Includes text about clothing and tailoring services.

Advertisement for Quaker Maid. 'The Best Toast'. Includes an image of a woman and text about Quaker Maid toast.

Advertisement for Santal Midy capsules. 'CATARRH OF THE BLADDER'. Includes text about the medicine's effectiveness.

Advertisement for The Omaha Bee. 'No Filthy Sensations THE OMAHA BEE Best in the West'.