

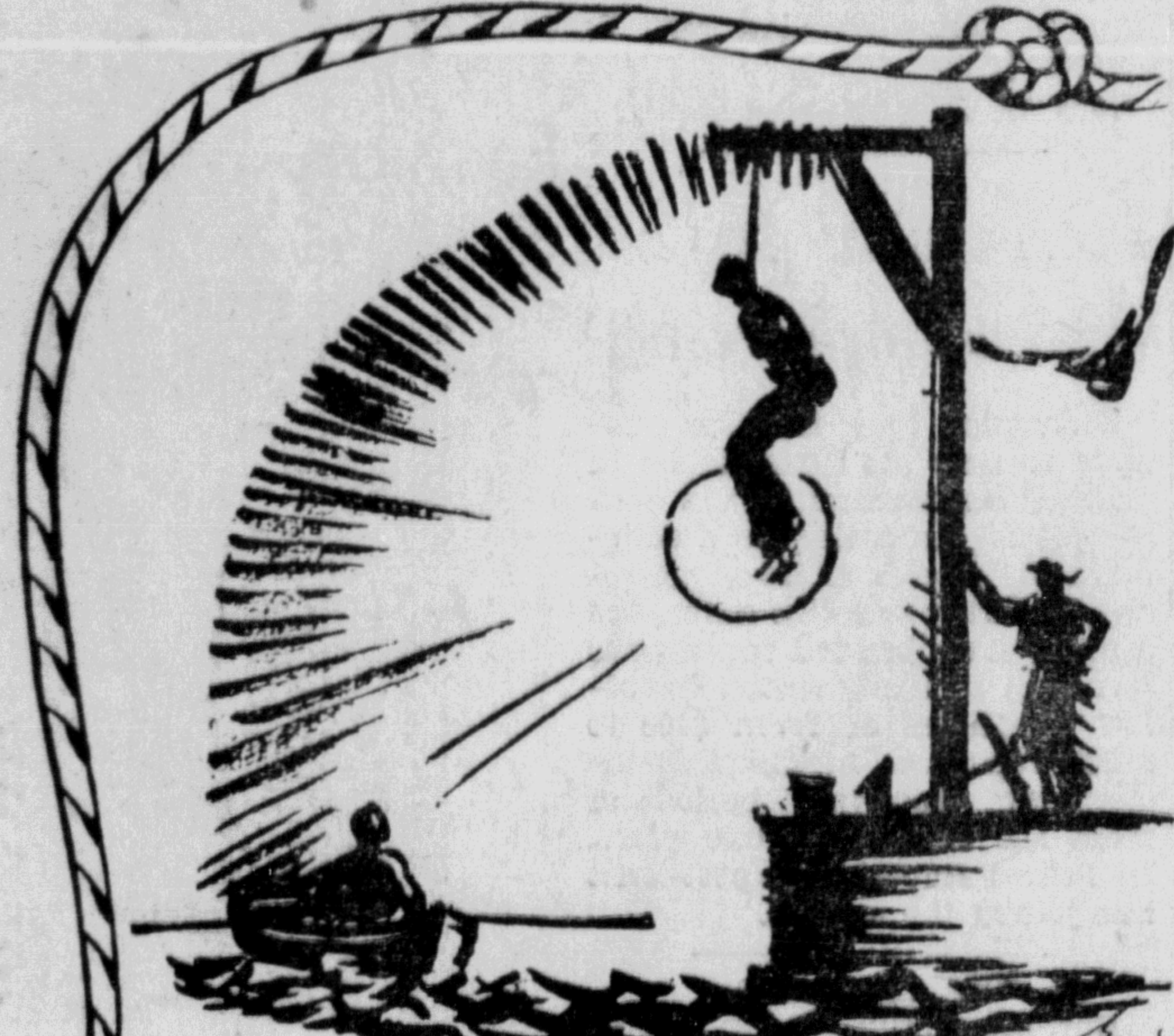
Blackwood on Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

I know Mr. Muzzy very well and yet I could not begin to explain why he plays bridge as he does. At a race track if he had a ticket on a horse and a friend offered to give him, free, a ticket on another horse in the same race, he would accept gladly.

He would know that his chances of winning were increased without risk. But will he apply this simple principle to a

bridge game? Not in a million years. Look at what happened in today's deal, South dealer.



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Mr. Meek
S-Q 18753
H-63
D-A Q 4
C-75

Mr. Abel
S-62
H-K 954
D-1098
C-Q 832

Mr. Dale
S-9
H-J 1072
D-652
C-A J 1064

Mr. Muzzy
S-A K 104
H-A Q 3
D-K J 73
C-K 9

The bidding:
South West North East
1 S Pass 2 S Pass
4 NT Pass 5 D Pass
5 NT Pass 6 C Pass
6 S All pass

I am merely reporting (not recommending) the bidding. Many players would raise the opening spade bid to four on the North cards. First because that call paints a pretty accurate picture of the hand and second because it shuts out a possible sacrifice by the non-vulnerable opponents. But not Mr. Meek. He chose the conservative two spade bid.

Mr. Muzzy made up for that. With extreme optimism he bid four no trump and partner's response showed one ace. Mr. Muzzy must have got mixed up at this point because he now bid five no trump which asks for kings and tells partner that the side has all the aces.

Mr. Meek sank down in his chair. Some words formed on his lips but they were not audible. He cleared his throat and just barely got our "Six clubs." Mr. Muzzy's six spade bid closed the auction.

Mr. Abel led the 10 of diamonds which dummy's ace won. Mr. Muzzy took two rounds of trumps ending on the board. He next led a low heart and finessed the queen. "Don't have it," he roared at Mr. Abel. But Mr. Abel won the king of hearts and led a club to Mr. Dale's ace for the setting trick.

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RECOMMENDATIONS SENT

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architect with special knowledge in this field to draw plans and specifications and estimates for a five sheet combination arena.

(3) That the Civic Centre Association purchase up to \$30,000 in redeemable shares in our proposed arena provided public purchases produced the balance of the sum necessary to construct the arena.

(4) That we endorse the "points of agreement" of the Prince Rupert Curling Club as outlined in their brief.

(5) That a small, strong committee be elected from this meeting who shall have instructions to draw up final plans and proposals which shall have to be approved by a special general meeting of the Civic Centre Association before construction commences. This committee should have power to add representative citizens from other organizations.

DISCUSSION

Opening discussion after presentation of the report, Crawford Moore said he was amazed at the fund of information contained in the report. He thought it might be the answer to Presi-

dent Dr. R. G. Large's report concerning the growing deficit and the general manager's suggestion that a more stable method than the Civic Centre carnival be found for raising funds. He said it would fill a great need for outdoor and semi-outdoor sports which were lacking in Prince Rupert.

In answer to Frank Skinner's question if the report meant that all curlers would have to be members of the Civic Centre, Earl Gordon said that was the intention of the committee.

William Long said City of Prince Rupert bonds in the amount of \$30,000 would yield \$1200 per year and they were sure. He did not feel the Civic Centre Association should gamble with its nest egg.

Chairman Dr. R. G. Large gave several reasons why he questioned that the project should be approved, most of which had to do with costs above those estimated by the committee. He summed up: "Frankly, I don't believe any committee could build an adequate building for this purpose for \$60,000."

Ted Capstick said there was no provision for interest payments to shareholders. Neely Moore spoke in answer

to the questions put by Dr. Large. As far as estimates on cost of construction were concerned, he said, the committee had no authorization to obtain firm bids but had reached their conclusions through different means of figuring. In answer to Mr. Capstick's question he said the shares were not interest-bearing but would be dependent on dividends.

H. A. Breen said the Civic Centre Association should not consider financing any other enterprise until it started running its present property profitably.

SEES DEFEATISM

Dr. Greene said he did not see how anything could be done but build an arena. He warned

against and attitude of defeatism and urged action now. He suggested the improbability of having skating for children for a long time to come if the Civic Centre did not come in on the combined curling rink idea.

A. M. Hurst said he did not feel depreciation should be charged against an enterprise such as the Civic Centre. He did not know of other aspects of civic life where such charges were made. He mentioned specifically the city hall.

Mr. Hurst mentioned that Prince Rupert might not possess an ice arena but it had a Civic Centre such as many much larger cities did not possess and that was something to be safeguarded.

Crawford Moore said if the

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Unless one lives in a tropical climate, every outdoor garden task must be timed with reference to a key rate, which is the average date of the last killing frost in spring.

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In most localities there is a date in the spring which is accepted as the time when tender plants, which would be injured by frost, can be safely set out.

There is always the chance of an exceptional year, when a frost will occur long after the average time, and many tender things may be nipped. But some risk must always be accepted in gar-

dening. Seeds of tender crops can be sown a week earlier than their plants can be set out.

Talk to gardening neighbors about their practice and it will be easy to decide on the date to accept as safe from frost in the garden.

Of course some years one may win with a long shot and get a crop from a nearby planting of a tender crop because of an exceptionally warm spring. The risk of losing tender plants is exactly doubled, when they are set out two weeks before the frost-proof date.

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