

LALLALOOSER WINS BUT ONCE IN SITTING

Story of Great Poker Hand and How It Came to Be Invented.

IT WAS BLAISDELL'S IDEA

Something Had to Be Done to Stop Pete Grosjean's Winning Streak, and This Did It Most Effectually, Relieving Him of His Toll.

BY DAVID A. CURTIS.

"They'd done a heap of talk, first an' last, 'bout lallaloosers," said old man Greenlaw one day when Mr. Owen Pepper had spoken disparagingly of the particular poker hand known by that peculiar name, "but they ain't but a few knows what they is," he continued, "much less how they come to be introduced into the game, an' who done it."

They had questioned Mr. Pepper when he came into the old man's little saloon in Arkansas City concerning the qualifications of a mysterious stranger from somewhere in the North who had recently appeared on the Mississippi River, and who, while traveling up and down in various boats, had sat in as a stranger with the professionals who played poker regularly on those boats.

Must be a holy terror fo' to git away with the best players they is on 'em boats," said old man Greenlaw as he waved his hand in the super-natural. "Some says he done with the one-eyed man, but that don't sound reasonable."

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"Well, I says, 'That's all right, Jim, an' we'll make it the rule if you, an' says so, but what a lallaloosers!"

"He grinned a little, an' he says, 'I dunno yet, but I'm gwine to hold it the first time. Pete Grosjean puts enough in the pot to make it worth while. Yo' all better stick it up on the wall somewhere where he won't be able to notice it till it's panted out to him."

"Well, I seen a gre't white light when he said that, an' I panted the paper up. Then he gives me another paper an' tells me to paste that up, too, but not till after he'd played the hand one't. That an' read."

"Then I seen my 'set of a light, an' I done put that in the cash drawer, so 's 't I wouldn't lose it, an' the very next night Pete Grosjean done come in fo' a game."

"Winterbottom didn't want to play, him bein' no' less 'cervative than me, but he knew when he's got enough o' sprouts o' sproutin' on it as a kyind o' sprize like. Jake'd done lose out o' s'prized agin Grosjean, an' he says what he ain't no hawg fo' punishment, he knows when he's got enough o' that even if he 'aint easy satisfied when things was gwine his way. An' Pearsall was over to Greenville cotin the gal he married later on, so it looked like they wasn't nobody but Jim to set in with Grosjean, but I reckoned with Winterbottom fo' a spell, handin' him a stake, an' he says very well, what he ain't no 'jections to loss a other man's money, if it come to that, so they was a three-handed game."

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But anyways, that's what he done done. "Just nachul he didn't had no such 't, fo' Jim done hit him fo' table left, an' he sho' had the courage o' his convictions, whatever 'twas he'd done been 'certain o'."

"Well, bimeby it come Blaisdell's deal, an' I will say fo' Jim Winterbottom, I will say fo' him what he sho' was a spunky player. He wouldn't stop at nothin' 's long 's he had money to put up if he had a sho' thing, an' o' 'case he reckoned he sho' had it that time. An' Jim knowed that a well 's I did."

"To they wasn't no gre't 'play 'bout gittin' the remains o' Grosjean's deal in the pot, an' he showed down an' reached fo' the money. I never seen nobody that flabbergasted what he was when Jim called his tenton to Cother house rule. He sho' was fit to be tied."

"Right there was fit to be tied, done took a hand, I dunno 's I'd 'a' got a fair swipe at him, even with a bungstarter if Jake hadn't 'a' grabbed him from the rear with his 'bout moment. But everything come off peaceable, an' after Grosjean got strong enough to travel, I bought him a load o' ticket to Vicksburg, an' he never one back to Arkansas City no mo'."

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McAllister, 2 in 3 innings. Struck out by: Bender, 1; by Williams, 2; by McAllister, 2. Left on bases—First Baptist, 5; Fairmount, 1; Empire, Mr. Hicks.

Second Baptist, 10; Nolde Tip Tops, 9. Baker's Tip Tops, AB R H O A E. W. Baker, 2b, 5 2 1 0 0 0. A. Baker, ss, 2b, 5 2 1 0 0 0. Scott, c, 1 0 0 0 0 0. Gallagher, 3b, 5 2 1 0 0 0. Moore, c, 1 0 0 0 0 0. Brown, p, 5 2 1 0 0 0. Wade, 2b, p, 5 2 1 0 0 0.

Score by Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9. Second Baptist, 10 2 1 2 1 0 0 0 0. Baker's Tip Tops, 9 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0. Summary: Two-base hits—A. Baker, W. Baker, 2b, 5 2 1 0 0 0. Scott, c, 1 0 0 0 0 0. Gallagher, 3b, 5 2 1 0 0 0. Moore, c, 1 0 0 0 0 0. Brown, p, 5 2 1 0 0 0. Wade, 2b, p, 5 2 1 0 0 0.

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Bellevue Defeats Bainsbridge. Bellevue Junior High School defeated Bainsbridge Junior High School in an exciting game at C. C. A. field. White, catcher for Bainsbridge, was the main feature of the game. All the pitchers were hit hard with the exception of Holbins, for Bellevue.

Capital City League Opens. The Capital City League opened its season yesterday, and the outlook for this season is especially bright. There are at present four teams in the league, and efforts are being made to get two more teams together. The Wrights' Hopewell team will come into the circuit if another team can be secured.

Chesapeake and Potomac Wins. The Leigh Street Baptists were defeated by the Chesapeake and Potomac team yesterday by the score of 13 to 3. Score by Innings: Chesapeake and Potomac, 13 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0. Leigh Street Baptists, 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.

Tip Tops Lose. The Tip Tops lost a five-inning affair to the Jefferson Park team yesterday by the score of 5 to 3. Score by Innings: Jefferson Park, 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0. Tip Tops, 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.

Charlotte High Wins. The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone boys won from the Boy Boomers by the score of 13 to 2 yesterday. Slagle, pitching for the telephone company, allowed only one hit, while West and Mayo allowed ten hits.

Welsberger Beats Timmers. The Welsberger Clothing Company team defeated the American Can Company team by the score of 12 to 6 yesterday. Score: Welsberger, 12 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 0. American Can Co., 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.

McGuire's Team Loses. McGuire's University School baseball team was defeated by the Virginia Free Press team yesterday morning at Broad Street Park by the score of 5 to 1. This was the second victory for the freshmen over the Red and Black, as the McGuire's boys were defeated in Charlottesville two weeks ago.

ODD FELLOWS GATHERING. Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge of Virginia Begins at Lynchburg To-Morrow Morning. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., May 6.—The seventy-ninth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Virginia will be held here beginning on Monday with the session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Virginia in the order. The grand lodge and state assembly of the Rebekahs will be opened simultaneously in different halls on Tuesday morning, and the meeting will be closed on Wednesday morning. The visitors, of whom there will be about 800, will visit the Odd Fellows' Orphanage, several miles from the city.

ARREST THIRD BROTHER FOR THE SAME CRIME. William Canter, Accused in Criminal Assault Case a Year Ago, Taken Into Custody. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., May 6.—Accused a year ago, when Mrs. Maude Wilson's mutilated body was found in her home near here, a victim of criminal assault, William Canter, thirty-five years old, and a man of family, was arrested at Wallace, Va., last night and is in jail at Abingdon, Va., charged with complicity in the crime. A younger brother, Luther Canter, was electrocuted for the same crime last June, and a still younger brother, James, was convicted and sentenced to die, but has been granted a new trial. The warrant for William Canter was sworn out by Commonwealth's Attorney Robert J. Summers, brother of L. E. Summers, one of the leading attorneys in the prosecution of James Canter.

CHASED BY TORPEDO-BOAT. NORFOLK, VA., May 6.—Captain Jens Giebelhausen of the Norwegian steamer Santa, arriving here to-day, brought a story of having been chased by a German cruiser, torpedo-boat submarines and a Zeppelin. The German sea fighters were kept off by British, Swedish and Norwegian torpedo-boats, which accompanied the Santa through neutral waters. The Santa's troubles, however, he said, grew out of the fact that the German government had refused to recognize the transfer of the Santa from Russian to Norwegian owners. The Santa came from Axelstad, Sweden, was the former Russian steamer Mars.

THINGS THAT ARE USEFUL. Here is a story from away out in Kansas that may be of interest and profit in Virginia, and it may pertain to many fruits other than cherries. The story reads as follows: A man watched his wife seeding cherries and throwing the pits away. An idea came to him. There must be some use for those pits. He got the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture interested, and this is what has resulted: The kernels of cherry pits yield a fixed oil, almost exactly like almond oil, worth 10 cents a pound; and a volatile oil like that of bitter almonds that could be used in making perfumes and flavoring extracts, and is worth about \$10 a pound; and the residue would make a meal for stock food like cottonseed cake, worth about \$10 a ton; and the juice that is wasted in seeding the cherries could be used in making table syrup, sell at 2 cents a pound.

CALL FOR CONDITION. Wants Statement of Condition to Show Amount of Investments in Foreign Securities. WASHINGTON, May 6.—The Comptroller of the Currency to-day issued a call to all national banks, requiring them to report to him their condition at the close of business on Monday, May 1. In their answers to this call, national banks are required to inform the comptroller of their investments in foreign securities, particularly those of nations now engaged in war. The result is expected to show for the first time just how much of the \$500,000,000 loan to the entente allies came directly or indirectly from national banks, as well as how much Germany or Austria may have secured through the same sources.

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