

CHESS

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY

Promptly at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, the first California state chess championship was started at the Mechanics' Institute, 57 Post street, with eleven players on hand from various parts of the state. Proceedings were started by an address of welcome by former Trustee J. J. Dolan, who formally turned the chessroom over to the committee for the duration of the tourney. Dolan called especial attention to the energy displayed by Bernardo Smith, to whom he gave credit for the inception and successful inauguration of the championship event. He also took occasion to commend The Chronicle chess department and the "able manner in which it was conducted."

The standing, up to the conclusion of the third round Thursday, was as follows:

Player	W.	L.	Player	W.	L.
Gruer	3	0	Hallwegen	1	2
Mlotkowski	2½	½	Swanson	1	2
Clarke	2½	½	B. Smith	½	1½
Lovegrove	1½	1½	Borocho	½	1½
Fink	1	1	Metzke	0	3
Woskoff	1½	1½			

The first round Tuesday, December 27, resulted as follows, the first-mentioned player having the white pieces: C. Woskoff defeated B. Smith (Ruy Lopez), 28 moves; Dr. W. R. Lovegrove won from S. Swanson (Giuoco Piano), 45 moves; S. Mlotkowski bested G. Hallwegen (Hungarian), 34 moves; E. W. Gruer disposed of A. J. Fink (two knights), 22 moves, while E. J. Clarke won from Metzke (queen's pawn), 45 moves. H. Borocho a bye.

Second round, Wednesday, December 28—Metzke vs. Gruer (Ruy Lopez), won by Gruer, 46 moves; Woskoff vs. Mlotkowski (four knights), draw, 37 moves; Lovegrove vs. Clarke (French), draw, 28 moves; Hallwegen vs. Swanson (Giuoco), won by Hallwegen, 63 moves; Borocho vs. B. Smith (center gambit), draw, 60 moves. Fink a bye.

Third round, Thursday, December 29—Gruer vs. Lovegrove (queen's pawn) won by Gruer, 45 moves; Clarke vs. Hallwegen (queen's gambit declined) won by Clarke, 36 moves; Fink vs. Metzke (French), won by Fink, 40 moves; Swanson vs. Woskoff (Giuoco piano), won by Swanson, 39 moves; Mlotkowski vs. Borocho (two knights), won by Mlotkowski, 55 moves; B. Smith, a bye.

Saturday's results printed on another page.

GAME NO. 47

Following game is from the third round of the pending California championship:

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING

Gruer white	Lovegrove black	Gruer white	Lovegrove black
1-P-Q4	P-Q4	24-B-B2	PxP
2-S-Q2(a)	S-KB3	25-PxP	Q-B
3-P-K3	P-K3(b)	26-B-Q3	Q-R3(g)
4-B-Q3	B-K2	27-Q-R3	S-Q2
5-P-KB4	QS-Q2	28-S-S5	S-B
6-S-R3	P-QB4	29-R-K2	R-K
7-P-QB3	P-QS3	30-R-S2	P-K13
8-O-O	B-S2	31-K-B2	P-K5(h)
9-S-B2	Q-B2	32-BPxP	BxP
10-Q-K2(c)	P-QR3	33-PxP	RxP
11-P-QS3	B-Q3	34-K-S	R(B2)-K2
12-P-KS3	O-O	35-B-B1	S-Q2
13-B-S2	KR-K1	36-Q-S3	S-B4
14-Q-Q1(d)	S-B1	37-B-B2	Q-S2
15-P-KR4(e)	Q-K2	38-R-(S2)	P-R3
16-P-KS4	S(B3)-Q2		B2
17-P-S5	P-B3	39-S-B7	R-R4
18-S-S4	QR-B1	40-BxP	S-Q2
19-QR-K1	P-S4	41-S-Q6	B-B3(i)
20-Q-S2	R-B2(f)	42-R-B7	K-R1
21-PxP	SxP	43-RxQ	RxR
22-SxSch	QxS	44-R-B7	R-S4
23-S-B3	P-B5	45-PxR	Resigns

NOTES BY E. W. GRUER

- a To avoid beaten tracks.
- b To ... which prefers to first play P-QB4, then B-K15.
- c Q-R3 is more usual and probably better.
- d QR to K was better.
- e A very risky pawn attack, as white's king is very exposed. Black has the superior game on the queen's side.
- f The doctor considers this bad, K-R should have been played.
- g Black now dilly-dallies and allows white to build up an attack.
- h A mistake which costs the game; black was under time pressure and imagined his rook was at KB square.
- i There is no defense.

cluded no less than five games in which he was the loser.

That is certainly interesting. The book contains 150 diagrams, with eighteen illustrative games, in the notes to which the champion is constantly italicizing some principle deduced from the play under discussion. We cannot too highly recommend "Chess Fundamentals." It contains in concise, compact form the cream of several works on chess and much not to be found elsewhere. It is a book that no chess player from beginner to expert, should be without. It is published by Harcourt, Brace & Co. of New York and by G. Bell & Sons, Ltd., London; price \$2.60, postpaid. It may be secured either from the publishers or from the American Chess Bulletin, 150 Nassau street.

Problems

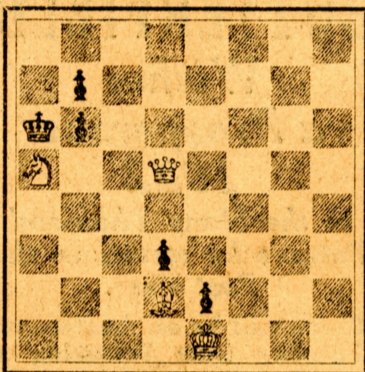
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PROBLEM No. 55

By J. J. O'KEEFE

Sydney, Australia

Black (5 pieces)



White (4 pieces)

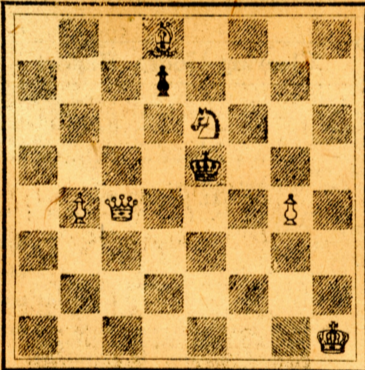
White mates in two moves.

PROBLEM No. 56

By K. ERLIN

Vienna, Austria

Black (2 pieces)



White (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 56 is selected from the December award of the Good Companion Chess Problem Club, Philadelphia. This monthly publication is now including three-movers in its folder, which was previously confined to two's only. It will be most unexpected and refreshing if the Good Companion should distinguish itself through its originality in light weight three-movers. No. 56 is an all-around charming and meritorious miniature.

Solution to No. 52—Queen to bishop 8. A clever, added mate, block.

Solution to No. 53—King to bishop 2. If K-Q4, then Q-QB3, etc. If P-B6, then Q-KB3, etc. A beautiful chameleon echo, after KxKS and QS.

Solution to No. 54 (in notation)—Q-S8. Sixth line should start 4 instead of 3.

Solvers' list and answers to correspondents held over until next week.

Dinuba Vineyard Brings \$1800 an Acre

DINUBA, Dec. 31.—Typical of the value of Dinuba's highly improved vineyards is the sale through the real estate firm of Archer & Scott, in which Clay Callison sold his fine forty-acre vineyard near North Dinuba to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Barker of Orosi for approximately \$1800 per acre.

CAPABLANCA'S NEW BOOK

Chess Fundamentals by Jose R. Capablanca, "champion chess player of the world," so runs the title page of Capablanca's latest offering to the chess fraternity. It contains 246 pages, divided into two sections. Part I is divided into six chapters, dealing with (1) first principles; endings, middle game and openings, (2) further principles in end game play; (3) planning a win in middle game play; (4) general theory; (5) end game strategy; (6) further openings and middle games. Part II contains fourteen illustrative games, played in matches and tournaments from 1909 to 1918. The champion is to be commended in departing from a bad precedent, and in this book he in-