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CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

Martin Burrill is the Unanimous Choice.

(Not appearing in last issue owing to inefficient long distance telephone service.)

At the Yale-Cariboo convention of Liberal Conservatives held in Vernon on the afternoon of Thursday, April 23rd, Martin Burrill, of Grand Forks, was unanimously chosen candidate to contest the constituency at the forthcoming Dominion election.

The proceedings began with an address by the President, Price Ellison, M. P. P., after which Mayor Timmons gave a very humorous sheech of welcome to the delegates which was much applauded. Mr. Burrill had found it impossible to be present, but had sent a letter permitting his name to be placed before the convention, if such were deemed in the best interests of the party. The names of W. T. Shatford, of Penticton, Price Ellison, M. P. P., of Vernon, J. M. Robinson, of Summerland, and W. A. Lang, of Peachland, were suggested, but all gentlemen modestly declined the honor. Mr. Burrill was, therefore, declared nominated by acclamation.

The convention was undoubtedly the largest and most successful of any ever held in the interior of the province, there being 149 delegates present. The voting power of these was further augmented by 128 proxies.

In the evening a smoker at which between four and five hundred persons were present, was tendered the delegation. Price Ellison presided, and an excellent programme was rendered. Stirring speeches by Hon. Chas. Semlin, ex-Premier of B. C., J. A. MacKelvie, of Vernon, Hector Sutherland, of Summerland, L. W. Shatford, M. P. P., of Penticton, Mr. Miller, of Grand Forks, J. Dilworth, of Kelowna, J. T. Robinson, of Kamloops, J. M. Robinson, of Summerland, and Mr. Shaw, of Kamloops, interspersed by songs, and selections by the Vernon Brass Band, held the audience until after midnight. Refreshments were served the entire company.

Athletic Association.

The annual meeting of the Penticton Athletic Association was held in Wade's rooms on Monday evening. A financial report was read which showed a balance of $73.65 on hand as carried over from last year. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place and resulted in the re-election of J. R. Mitchell as president, while A. H. Wade was elected vice-president, J. W. Edmonds, secretary; and H. Leir, J. W. Gibbons, W. A. McKenzie and W. J. Clement additional members of the executive. A meeting will be held some time during the present month to determine the character of the sports for the First of July. It is probable that there will be no horse races this year, but that the water sports will be made the leading attraction.

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Local Kelowna Troupe Play to Big House.

The Str. Okanagan made a special trip on Thursday afternoon bringing the company of Kelowna players, the Kelowna Amateur Orchestra, and passengers from Kelowna, Peachland, Summerland and Naramata, making a total passenger list of something like two hundred and fifty. The occasion was the production of the comic opera, "H. M. S. Pinafore," in aid of the Kelowna Hospital. This play had been put on three nights at Kelowna, and had on each occasion drawn a full house. The troupe comprised about twenty-five persons, all local talent, while the now famous Kelowna Amateur Orchestra, consisting of about twenty-five pieces, furnished the music.

Of course a great many of those who were passengers on the steamer had seen the play once or twice already, and had come down merely to enjoy the exquisite trip on the lake. However, Steward's Hall, although additional seating accommodation had been furnished, was filled to its full capacity. Comment upon the play, the scenery, or the music is unnecessary. The expressions heard on every hand at the conclusion of the performance comprise sufficient comment. 'Fine,' 'good,' 'very good,' 'the acting shows finish,' 'the best I have seen in Canada,' 'that company might travel all over Canada and the United States,' were a few of the notes of appreciation.

The proceeds netted $247.75.

The PRESS is glad to note the rapid progress that is being made throughout the Okanagan along such cultured lines, for, in every respect, local talent has surpassed that of the travelling troupes, while the moral standard of the productions is incomparably higher. Every encouragement should be given to those who are contributing so ably towards making the Okanagan Valley a most delightful spot in which to live.

Local and Personal

See ad. of Jas. A. Schubert re closing sale ; also Jos. A. Nesbitt's ad.

Rev. Jas. Hood and wife, of Summerland, have been spending the present week in Penticton.

Mrs. H. D. Duhamel and dughter arrived from Edmonton on Friday and are guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hudon.

The services of the local churches will begin at 7:30 on Sunday evenings instead of at 7, as during the winter months.

Mrs. Pascoe, who has been the guest of the Misses Sutherland for a week or two, left on Thursday for her home in Moose Jaw, Sask.

LIBERALS—A meeting of the Liberal Association is to be held in the rooms over Layton's store, Lee's block, next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Turn out.

John Gummow and son, Ben, came in from Peachland on Monday to clear land on their Penticton property. They will bring the land under cultivation as soon as possible.

John Stubbs, of Kelowna, was in town on Thursday. He, in conjunction with Messrs. Elworthy and Cartridge, is about to open a steam laundry at Vernon, the plant being now on the way thither.

Born, on Apr. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Jordan, a son.

Gordon Harris has been appointed Registrar for purposes of the Marriage Act. Those contemplating matrimony need not now send to Vernon for a license. Gordon can fix things up in tip top shape, and even perform the marriage ceremony in a pinch.

Ronald McDonald Stewart, the renowned traveller and globe trotter, formerly of New Zealand and the South Sea Islands, and lately connected with the Orphans' Home of this place, is back in Penticton from an extended visit to Old Scotia, where he has been renewing acquaintences with some of the Clan Stewart. Mrs. Stewart will follow in a few months.

R. T. Lowery, the publisher of the Greenwood Ledge and formerly the publisher of the famous Lowery's Claim, paid the PRESS a fraternal call on Friday evening of last week, having just returned from the Conservative convention in Vernon, at which he was a delegate from Greenwood. Mr. Lowery is a very conversant, though quiet spoken, man, and altogether tamer than we had expected, judging from his fiery journalism.

Geo. E. Winkler returned on Thursday from Westbank where he has been doing some development work on his coal mine. Mr. Winkler says things are progressing at the new Westbank settlement. About ten men are engaged in fluming for the irrigation system, while a number of settlers are busily engaged getting their fruit lots into shape. D. E. Gellatly has recently put a townsite near his own wharf in the Westbank vicinity on the market.

PEACHLAND.

Mr. Gaddes, of Kelowna, accompanied a group of land seekers here last week. Unfortunately, they did not see the best of Peachland owing to misunderstanding as to the time of meeting the real estate agent here. They continued their trip down to the other lake points.

A jolly group accompanied the baseball team to Summerland last Saturday. They report the road in fine condition.

Mrs. Bailey, who has been quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Law, is slowly improving ,and we hope she may be able very soon to mingle among us again.

The Girls' Handicraft Club met at the home of Miss Gummow Thursday with a full attendance. The election of officers took place with the following results: Pres., Miss Needham; Vice Pres., Miss Callendar; Sec. Treas., Miss Robinson; Pianist, Miss Gummow.

The Club has decided to assist the W. C. T. U. in furnishing the ladies' sitting room in the hotel.

Mr. J. Robinson and his two daughters, have come down to their town cottage to spend the summer months.

The reception given Rev. Mr. Jones, the Baptist minister, who has been recently stationed here, was an event long to be remembered. The speeches, songs and instrumentals were all very fine.

Geo. Aitkens, has hoisted a huge tent on his ten acre lot.

Mr. Crowley and his two sons, of Nova Scotia, arrived Friday to care for Mr. Harrington's orchard. Mrs. Crowley will join her husband in a few weeks.

W. A. Angus has his confectionery business now in full swing. He was 'at home' Saturday afternoon to the entire community, who inspected with interest, his complete outfit, including bake oven and candy stove.

Jas. Ritchie came up by steamer Saturday morning from Summerland on business. His brother, Rev. Jas. Ritchie, drove him as far as Greata's, where a Summerland team met him. Mrs. Ritchie accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison spent the greater part of last week in Vernon.

Principal Murray has returned from his Easter holidays and the Convention.

Peachland enjoyed to the full extent the concert given by the Rev. J. P. Hicks and his brother Gideon Hicks, Monday evening in the Orange Hall. Rev. Hicks delivered a lecture on Peter Mc Kenzie, the old English evangelist and humorist. The lecture was interspersed with solos sung by Mr. Gideon Hicks. 'The Lost Chord,' Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep,' 'Memory,' 'Youth,' 'Island of Dreams,' 'When Love is Kind,' 'All through the Night,' were indeed a rare treat, and it is hoped that both gentlemen will again in the near future favor the valley with entertainments. Rev. and Mrs. McIntyre and a number of Summerland young people accompanied the Messrs. Hicks from Summerland in the Launch, Maud More. Before returning home, tea was served them at Mrs. Needham's home.

KELOWNA

Dr. Geddas returned from Manitoba on Wednesday, Apr. 22. He was accompanied by a number of men who expect to purchase land here.

Mr. and Mrs. Conkling and family, who for several months have been visiting friends in Ontario, arrived home on Aprill 22. Mr. Conkling thinks there are few places as good as the Okanagan.

J. P. Clement formerly of this place is in town. He expects to spend a few weeks visiting different points on the lake before returning to Vancouver.

A new building for the Bank of Montreal is under construction on the north side of Bernard Avenue.

A small building to be used as an isolated ward is being erected on the hospital grounds.

A number of our citizens attended the Conservative convention held in Vernon on April 23. They returned on the 24th, bringing reports of a good meeting.

On Wednesday evening, April 22nd, Rev. J. P. Hicks, of Victoria, lectured in the Methodist church to a small but attentive audience. Mr. Hicks' subject was "Peter McKenzie, Humorist, Preacher and Lecturer." Mr. G. Hicks who is a well-known singer in the coast cities accompanied his brother and sang several solos in his usual good style. The same program was given the following night at Mount View Methodist Church.

The Baptist congregation held a Missionary Social in their church on the evening of April 22nd.

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Growing Peaches by Irrigation.

The growing of peaches in the irrigated country is increasing at such a rapid rate that we feel sure that the following paper, read before the Colorado State Horticultural Society by one of the growers in one of the best peach sections in the world, will be appreciated:

In taking up the subject of peach culture I will try to give as much of my own personal experience as possible, as I believe it to be the most helpful and interesting to those who are seeking information and enlightenment in any line, and I will try to be as direct and clear in the treatment of the various subjects, which are of vital importance to the successful growing of the peach.

There are a number of reasons for claiming superiority for the arid regions, some of which I will give as follows:

The wood of the peach tree here becomes almost as tough and wiry as that of an elm, owing to the dryness of the atmosphere, as well as the judicious use of water throughout the entire season, which enables it to support a much heavier crop without breaking, than in the humid and damp climate of the Atlantic or Middle states, where there is an abundance of dew and copious rains at certain seasons, while there are drouthy spells at other times. There the trees will shoot up and make a wonderful growth of soft, sappy wood in the rainy season, only to be starved for the want of rain at the most critical time, that of maturing a crop of fruit. These trees usually are short-lived, and break to pieces in a moderately high wind. Again, autumn rains frequently start new growth only to be injured by the following cold winter. Rainy seasons not only produce poor wood, but also encourage the growth and spread of different fungous diseases. It has also been demonstrated that peaches grown in a rainy, cloudy climate lack color, flavor and keeping qualities, as it takes sunshine to paint the peach, and to develop the sugar, which means richness of flavor, and the dry atmosphere toughens the skin, which gives shipping qualities. Hence the arid or semi-arid sections, where water can be supplied by irrigation, is the ideal home of the peach.

LOCATION.

I would select mesa or bench land, elevated somewhat above the valley lands or streams, protected if possible by higher mountains, which would break the strong winds to some extent, and which by retaining much of the winter's snow until late in the spring insures cold nights and thereby retards the buds from coming into bloom too early, and getting killed by late spring frosts. A southern exposure or slope means earlier ripening of fruit, which sometimes is desirable, but a western or northern exposure, being colder, is rather safer by holding back the blossoming period until the danger from late frosts is past. These bench lands as a rule are safer from late spring frosts, by being above the cold frost line of the lower valley; they also provide good drainage, which is so necessary for the best health of the trees. Light, sandy or gravelly soils are warmer and ripen their fruit earlier, but heavier soils having less sand and gravel will produce larger trees, and being richer, will naturally stand the drain of regular heavy crop better than the former.

The land should be plowed in fall to put it in shape to receive the winter's rains and snows. In the spring, as soon as the ground works well, plow again, deeply, after first having filled up any hollows or gullies which may exist, after which harrow or drag down smooth, when it will be ready for staking or marking.

PLANTING.

I use the square plan, as it is easier to cultivate and work the orchard than by the triangle or equilateral plan. On good, strong land, 20 feet will not be too far apart, while on light soils 16 or 18 feet will do. After the ground is staked, I take a one-horse turn plow and run a furrow just as close on one side of each row as the stakes will permit. This furrow for irrigating need not be deep. After making your head and waste ditches ready to turn in water, we are ready to go to planting. This ought to be about the first to the fifteenth of April, or just before the trees begin to leaf out. I have had the best success the past two seasons by planting the latter part of March, when I had 100 per cent. of the trees to grow. At that early season the trees receive less of a shock, as they are quite dormant, and also the sun is not so hot, which is also an advantage.

Cut back all broken roots to sound wood, and also any others that may show signs of root knot. It is far better to leave only a half of the root system, perfectly sound and healthy, than to leave all of the roots mutilated and broken or diseased, as in this instance roots are liable to become diseased or rot, and make a poor, crippled tree. Cut on a slant and in such a way that the cut surface will face down in the bottom of the hole; this causes the new roots to take a downward course, which insures deep rooting. After placing the tree in the hole straight, fill up with fine earth, and turn the water down the furrow.

CULTIVATION.

As soon as the water is through the rows and all trees are well wet up, I shut the water off, and in 12 or 24 hours, go over the field, and fill up around the trees with fine earth, as by this time you will find cracks around the trees which, if not covered up, will permit the air to enter and dry out. Leave the ground level, this covering of fine earth will act as a mulch, and will hold the moisture a long time. At this time all trees that may have settled crooked or leaning, should be pulled straight while the soil is still wet, as they should never be disturbed after growth has started. As soon as the ground is dry enough to permit a horse near the furrow, I take a fine harrow cultivator and fill the furrow by making a round or two, leaving the whole field smooth and level.

Water should not be turned on again for at least three or four weeks, a shallow cultivation every two weeks will be much better, as this will stimulate growth and give the ground a better chance to warm up. It takes far less water to get the best results than a great many people would suppose, and there are more trees killed by too much water than by too much cultivation. For the second irrigation I prefer to run a furrow on either side of the rows. as close as possible, this insures wetting the

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Now, the lady said she was acquainted with him, so if I don't wheedle an introduction out of him it will show that a man at a dinner and a man in a bank are two different individuals. You were looking for plots, so there is mine laid bare to you. It's an introduction, not gold, I'm conspiring for."

The cashier had nothing further to say. When they entered the bank together, he saw the clerks all busily at work and knew that no startling event had happened during his absence. The girl had gone direct to the manager's room, and thither the young men followed her. The bank manager was standing at his desk, trying to preserve a severe financial cast of countenance, which the twinkle in his eyes belied. The girl, also standing, had evidently been giving him a rapid sketch of what had occurred, but now fell into silence when accuser and accomplice appeared.

The advent of the Englishman was a godsend to the manager. He was too courteous a gentleman to laugh in the face of a lady who very seriously was relating a set of incidents which appealed to his sense of humor, so the coming of the lieutenant enabled him to switch off his mirth on another subject and to reply to the officer's cordial. "Good morning, Mr. Morton," he replied:

"Why, lieutenant, I'm delighted to see you. That was a very jolly song you sang for us last night. I'll never forget it. What do you call it? 'Whittington Fair?'" And he laughed outright as at a genial recollection.

The lieutenant blushed red as a girl and stammered:

"Really, Mr. Morton, you know that's not according to the rules of evidence. When a fellow comes up for trial previous convictions are never allowed to be mentioned till after the sentence. Whiddicomb Fair should not be held against me in the present crisis."

The manager chuckled gleefully. The cashier, when he saw now the land lay, had quietly withdrawn, closing the door behind him.

"Well, lieutenant, I think I must have this incident cabled to Europe," said Morton, "so the effete nations of your continent may know that a plain bank cashier isn't afraid to tackle the British navy. Indeed, Mr. Drummond, if you read history you will learn that this is a dangerous coast for your warships. It seems rather inhospitable that a guest of our town cannot pick all the gold he wants out of a bank, but a cashier has necessarily somewhat narrow views on the subject. I was just about to apologize to Miss Amhurst, who is a valued client of ours, when you came in, and I hope, Miss Amhurst," he continued gravely, turning to the girl, "that you will excuse us for the inconvenience to which you have been put."

"Oh, it does not matter in the least," replied the young woman, with nevertheless a sigh of relief. "It was all my own fault in so carelessly leaving the money. Some time, when less in a hurry than I am at the present moment, I will tell you how I came to make the blunder."

Meanwhile the manager caught and interpreted correctly an imploring look from the lieutenant.

"Before you go, Miss Amhurst, will you permit me to introduce to you my friend, Lieutenant Drummond of H. M. S. Consternation?"

This ritual to convention being performed, the expression on the girl's face showed the renewal of her anxiety to be gone, and as she turned to the door the officer sprang forward and opened it for her. If the manager expected the young man to return he was disappointed, for Drummond threw over his shoulder the hasty remark:

"I will see you at the club this evening," whereupon the genial Morton, finding himself deserted, sat down in his swivel chair and laughed quietly to himself.

There was the slightest possible shade of annoyance on the girl's face as the sailor walked beside her from the door of the manager's room, through the public portion of the bank to the exit, and the young man, noticing this, became momentarily tongue tied, but nevertheless persisted with a certain awkward doggedness which was not going to allow so slight a hint that his further attendance was unnecessary to baffle him. He did not speak until they had passed down the stone steps to the pavement, and then his utterance began with a half embarrassed stammer, as if the shadow of displeasure demanded justification on his part.

"You—you see, Miss Amhurst, we have been properly introduced."

For the first time he heard the girl laugh, just a little, and the sound was very musical to him.

"The introduction was of the slightest," she said. "I cannot claim even an acquaintance with Mr. Morton, although I did so in the presence of his persistent subordinate. I have met the manager of the bank but once before, and that for a few moments only, when he showed me where to sign my name in a big book."

"Nevertheless," urged Drummond, "I shall defend the validity of that introduction against all comers. The head of a bank is a most important man in every country, and his commendation is really very much sought after."

"You appear to possess it. He complimented your singing, you know." And there was a roguish twinkle in the girl's eye as she glanced up sideways at him, while a smile came to her lips as she saw the color again mount to his cheeks. She had never before met a man who blushed, and she could not help regarding him rather as a big boy than a person to be taken seriously. His stammer became more pronounced.

"I—I think you are laughing at me, Miss Amhurst, and indeed I don't wonder at it, and I—I am afraid you consider me even more persistent than the cashier. But I did want to tell you how sorry I am to have caused you annoyance."

"Oh you have not done so," replied the girl quickly. "As I said before, it was all my own fault in the beginning."

"No, I should have taken the gold I should have come up with you and told you that it still awaited you in the bank. And now I beg your permission to walk down the street with you, because if any one were looking at us from these windows and saw us pursued by a bareheaded man with a revolver they will now, on looking out again, learn that it is all right and may even come to regard the revolver and the hatless one as an optical delusion."

Again the girl laughed.

"I am quite unknown in Bar Harbor, having fewer acquaintances than even a stranger like yourself, therefore so far as I am concerned it does not in the least matter whether any one saw us or not. We shall walk together, then, as far as the spot where the cashier overtook us, and this will give me an opportunity of explaining, if not of excusing, my leaving the money on the counter. I am sure my conduct must have appeared inexplicable both to you and the cashier, although, of course, you would be too polite to say so."

"I assure you, Miss Amhurst"—

"I know what you would say," she interrupted, with a vivacity which had not heretofore characterized her, "but, you see, the distance to the corner is short, and, as I am in a hurry, if you don't wish my story to be continued in our next"—

"Ah, if there is to be a next!" murmured the young man so fervently that it was now the turn of color to redden her cheeks.

"I am talking heedlessly," she said quickly. "What I want to say is this. I have never had much money. Quite recently I inherited what had been accumulated by a relative whom I never knew. It seems so incredible, so strange—well, it seems incredible and strange yet—and I have been expecting to wake and find it all a dream. Indeed, when you overtook me at this spot where we now stand I feared you had come to tell me it was a mistake—to hurl me from the clouds to the hard earth again."

"But it was just the reverse of that," he cried eagerly. "Just the reverse somewhat." "I came to confirm your

"That was a very jolly song you sang"

dream, and you received from my hand the first of your fortune."

"Yes," she admitted, her eyes fixed on the sidewalk.

"I see how it was," he continued enthusiastically. "I suppose you had never drawn a check before."

"Never," she conceded.

"And this was merely a test. You set up your dream against the hard common sense of a bank, which has no dreams. You were to transform your vision into the actual or find it vanish. When the commonplace cashier passed forth the coin, their jingle said to you, 'The supposed phantasy is real,' but the gold pieces themselves at that supreme moment meant no more to you than so many worthless counters, so you turned your back upon them."

She looked up at him, her eyes, though moist, illumined with pleasure inspired by the sympathy in his tones rather than the import of his words. The girl's life heretofore had been as scant of kindness as of cash, and there was a deep sincerity in his voice which was as refreshing to her lonesome heart as it was new to her experience. This man was not so stupid as he had pretended to be. He had accurately divined the inner meaning of what had happened. She had forgotten the necessity for haste which had been so importunate a few minutes before.

"You must be a mind reader," she said.

"No, I am not at all a clever person," he laughed. "Indeed, as I told you, I am always blundering into trouble and making things uncomfortable for my friends. I regret to say I am rather under a cloud just now in the service, and I have been called upon to endure the frown of my superiors."

"Why, what has happened?" she asked. After their temporary halt at the corner where they had been overtaken they now strolled along together like old friends, her prohibition out of mind.

"Well, you see, I was temporarily in command of the cruiser coming down the Baltic, and passing an island rock a few miles away I thought it would be a good opportunity to test a new gun that had been put aboard when we left England. The sea was very calm and the rock most temptsome. Of course I knew it was Russian territory, but who could have imagined that such a point in space was inhabited by anything else than seagulls?"

"What!" cried the girl, looking up at him with new interest. "You don't mean to say you are the officer that Russia demanded from England and England refused to give up?"

"Oh, England could not give me up, of course, but she apologized and assured Russia she had no evil intent. Still, anything that sets the diplomatists at work is frowned upon, and the man who does an act which his government is forced to disclaim becomes unpopular with his superiors."

"I read about it in the papers at the time. Didn't the rock fire back at you?"

"Yes, it did, and no one could have been more surprised than I when I saw the answering puff of smoke."

"How came a cannon to be there?"

"Nobody knows. I suppose that rock in the Baltic is a concealed fort, with galleries and gun rooms cut in the stone after the fashion of our defense at Gibraltar. I told the court martial that I had added a valuable bit of information to our naval knowledge, but I don't suppose this contention exercised any influence on the minds of my judges. I also called their attention to the fact that my shell had hit, while the Russian shot fell half a mile short. That remark nearly cost me my commission. A court martial has no sense of humor."

"I suppose everything is satisfactorily settled now?"

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ground on all sides evenly, and encourages root growth on all sides. The practice of allowing the water to run down along the trees with the water touching the trees frequently causes loss by sunscald. Five or not to exceed six irrigations should be all that the young trees require, if they are cultivated after each irrigation, one or two good hoeings will be apprieciated by a better growth. After the first irrigation the water ought not to be permitted to run more than from six to twelve hours after reaching the end of the rows.

PRUNING.

The following spring the trees receive their first pruning. This should be done just before they burst out in leaf. say ordinarily in March. Right here we are laying the foundation for our success or failure. It is as important to prune right as it is to plant right, either a well-balanced, shapely, sturdy tree, capable of bearing a heavy crop of fruit, or an ill-shaped, straggly growth that will break to pieces and go to ruin in a few years. I select three of the best branches distributed on three different sides, say one near the top, one about four or five inches below, and the other four or five inches below the second, this to avoid forming crotches; these three I cut back to one-third their length, all others I cut away clean from the tree.

The orchard should be plowed deeply in the spring to within three feet on either side of the trees, as this will encourage and facilitate deep rooting which is desirable, follow up with harrowing and firming the soil, so it will hold the moisture; cultivate and irrigate about the same as the previous year, except that it is well to run two furrows on each side of rows, about two or three feet apart.

The second year's pruning I leave two or three branches for every one of the first three, and cut them back about one half, cut off all others from the main stem, but leave about one-half of the laterals on the headed branches by thinning out. The same cultivating and irrigating will apply the third year, except that another furrow should be added on each side, to keep drawing the root system out and down.

At the third pruning we should have a nice, shapely tree, capable of bearing a box or two of peaches without injury and should be pruned less severely than the previous years, yet the main leaders ought to be cut back fully one-half, leaving about half of the lateral twigs well distributed over the tree. The subsequent treatment of the orchard is much the same for the rest of the years, as they ought to come into full bearing the following year.

A safe rule to follow is always to cut back severely, and thin out about half of the small twigs, cultivate frequently, the last about two weeks before the peaches are ready to pick, and above all, irrigate moderately, and when it comes to thinning peaches, I would say do it thoroughly, pull off until you get scared, and note carefully the results. We cannot lay down an ironclad rule to thin by. We must observe and use judgment; the object should be to get just as much first-class fruit as possible without injuring the trees.

Never allow a peach tree to break down under the weight of the crop, and never leave so much fruit that the tree needs propping. as with this system of pruning the tree will be able to support its load without propping if properly thinned. We must remember it takes four or more years to bring a tree up to full bearing, and it will not pay to permit it breaking down.

A peach tree should make from eighteen inches to three feet of new growth every year, in addition to producing a full crop, and when it doesn't do that it is not doing well. The small peach taxes the tree as much or more than the large, as it is the pit that draws the vitality, and besides the small fruit is never as profitable or as pleasant to handle.

I cannot close this paper without a few more general remarks, but will be brief as possible, as there is so much to be said, and I have not the time or space. In getting nursery stock I find that good, clean, one-year-old trees, from one-half to three-quarters in calibre and four to six feet tall are the best, and if possible home-grown or grown in a climate and under conditions similar to our own, as trees will generally do better. Do not buy trees because they are cheapest, as frequently the cheapest are the most unsatisfactory. Read the directions given in most nursery catalogues on handling nursery trees and planting, and do not hesitate to follow instructions. Do not try to raise peaches on a large scale where the mercury goes down more than ten degrees below zero, as the better varieties of peaches, such as Elberta, Globe, Wheatland, and in fact most of the Crawford type, will suffer by having the buds winter killed.

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