

FRUIT MEN AT WINONA.

Convention Yesterday Was More Than Usually Successful.

Speakers From Ontario, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Peaches and Grapes Were the Chief Topics Yesterday.

Winona, March 11.—(Special)—There was a more than usually attractive programme for the annual Fruit Growers' Convention, held in the Institute Hall here yesterday afternoon and evening.

Mr. Robert Thompson, of St. Catharines, occupied the chair, in the absence of W. R. Bunting, who is in Florida, for a trip.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Thompson said there had been a great deal of nonsense going around the country in reference to the freezing of the peach buds.

Prof. Harcourt of the meeting's closest attention by describing the experiments that had been conducted at the Guelph College during the past year with the lime and sulphur spraying mixtures.

Mr. Gabriel Heister was a grape grower for twenty years, and his little talk on grapes and grape culture might have been important to growers on the other side of the line.

Mr. Basset comes from the western Michigan fruit belt, which is very similar to ours. As a site for a peach orchard, soil is entirely a secondary consideration.

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FLORENCE KINRADE IS POSITIVE SHE DID NOT KNOW MURDERER.

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"You wouldn't close the door?" "I can't remember."

"Did you hear Ethel coming out of her room, while you were in getting the money?"

"Yes."

"Where were you when you refer to the shots in rapid succession?"

"I was, but I did not want to shoot it."

"Then as soon as he got that money, there was nothing to prevent his getting out of the house as soon as he liked?"

"I was awfully frightened."

"I don't know him."

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OPERATORS AND MINERS

Negotiating For Settlement of Working Agreement.

Both Sides Anxious to Reach a Peaceful Solution.

The Various Demands Made by the Men on Employers.

Philadelphia, March 11.—With a keen desire to reach an early decision and thus avoid a suspension of work the representatives of the United Mine Workers of America, and the Presidents of the coal carrying roads, met today, in the Reading Terminal building here, and began negotiations for a new agreement to go into effect at the expiration of the present working agreement, on March 31st.

First. That an agreement shall be negotiated between the representatives of the mine operators and the miners of the anthracite region, and all disputes arising under the contract shall be adjusted as provided for in the said agreement.

Second. We demand the complete recognition of the united mine workers of America, as a party to negotiations to a new contract, and that the united mine workers of America shall be recognized in our right to provide any method we may adopt for the collection of revenue for the organization.

Third. That we demand an eight hour day with no reduction in wages.

Fourth. That all coal shall be mined and paid for by the 2,000 pounds.

Fifth. That we demand a definite and more uniform scale of wages and prices for all classes of labor at all collieries in the anthracite region, and that all employees paid \$1.50 or less per day should not be employed.

Sixth. That the system whereby a contract miner has more than one job or employs more than two laborers, be abolished.

Seventh. That the employers be required to issue uniform pay statements designating the name of the company, the name of the employee, the colliery where employed, the amount of wages and the date of payment.

Eighth. That any dispute which may arise during the operation of the contract shall be referred to a commission consisting of one member from the operators and one from the miners.

THE JACK POT, \$465,000

And "Lucky" Baldwin Won It.

A Poker Story From the Coast.

The death in California a few days ago of E. J. ("Lucky") Baldwin, a famous turfman and plunger, recalls to old Californians a poker game in which Baldwin sat some years ago and during the course of which he won a pot containing \$465,000, the largest, it is said, in the history of the game in the Golden State.

The old Palace Hotel, in San Francisco, owned for many years by the late Senator Sharon, of Sarah Althea Hill fame, was the scene of the most remarkable poker games ever played in that city, and that is saying a great deal, the devotees of the game who were wont to gather in the private card room of the Palace at the invitation of Senator Sharon were men high in the professions—eminent lawyers, prominent politicians and wealthy men who forgot the cares of business in the excitement of the game.

It was not an infrequent spectacle to see Senator Sharon and "Lucky" Baldwin seated at the Palace Hotel bar and shake dice by the hour for the drinks, while a side bet of anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Senator Sharon was what is known in poker language as a "hard loser," although he was known to be worth at least \$200,000.

There was a gathering of the elect at the Palace Hotel on the night of the most had gathered at Senator Sharon's request to indulge in a quiet game of draw. Aside from Sharon and Baldwin, there were wealthy Nevada men whom we will call Smith and Brown, a Texas cattle man of great wealth, known as Scott, and one of the most prominent members of the San Francisco bar, now deceased, whose love for poker was unbounded, but whose propensity to bluff against Baldwin on short hands kept him constantly in a state of financial depression.

The play was desultory for an hour or more, few bets in excess of \$1,000 being made. Mac then caught a bluffing several times by Baldwin, and the other players were resting upon their oars, waiting for the cinch hand in which every poker player has implicit faith and which is confidently looked for as some stage of the proceeding when the big pot finally came around he had less than \$1,000 in his stack.

It was a characteristic of Sharon that whenever he had a poor hand he was extremely nervous, and he was seen facing three aces up or three of a kind he became as cold and clammy as an oyster.

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Once More From The Great West

Comes Evidence of the Great Work Dodd's Kidney Pills Are Doing.

Cyrille Maginel Cured of His Rheumatism and Diabetes by the Old Reliable Kidney Remedy.

Pindlay, Man, March 10.—(Special)—Cyrille Maginel, a well-known farmer living near here, furnishes further evidence of the great work Dodd's Kidney Pills are doing in the west.

"I suffered from Rheumatism and Diabetes," Mr. Maginel says in telling the story of his cure.

"I don't know whether I did or not," "Did you tell someone that you did?"

"Did you tell anyone that you did?" "I may have said it."

"Then when you went out in the back yard and towards the fence, did you notice that instead of lifting your feet, you dragged one?"

"I can't recollect."

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ALBERTON

Mrs. John Johnson has been entertaining a friend from Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Danieles and Miss Bertha, of Ancaster, spent Sunday with friends here.

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Summit

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