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PRUNES ARE POOLED

Growers of Santa Clara Valley Take Important Step.

A movement has been inaugurated in the Santa Clara valley which is one of the most important and far reaching that has ever been started on the coast, and will probably include the interests of the entire coast. A meeting of the growers of the Santa Clara valley was held in San Jose last Saturday and all those present pledged themselves not to sell any of their prunes without first consulting the executive committee of five members, consisting of E. A. Hayes, C. D. Harvey, Joseph H. Rucker, F. W. Crandall, and Colonel Hersey, which was appointed at the meeting. At a meeting held the previous week a committee was appointed to form some plan of co-operation. Following is the report of the committee which appeared in the San Jose Mercury:

"A careful canvass of the various districts in the county makes it absolutely certain that there cannot be more than 1000 carloads of prunes in this valley; the San Joaquin valley is practically clear of fruit; there are some prunes in the northern counties, and about 400 carloads in Oregon and Washington.

"We feel warranted in stating from the information we have received from the canvass made during the past week that there are not to exceed 1000 carloads of prunes of all kinds upon the Pacific coast. The eastern market is also bare of any large stocks. From information received from those who have been over the market in the east very recently we are able to state with confidence that probably never at this time of year have the stocks of prunes in the eastern markets been so light as now. It should also be stated that neither here nor in the east are there any large stocks of dried fruits of any kind. It is also to be considered that none of the speculative packing interests have any considerable stocks of prunes now on hand, and if they continue the business as they are now doing it they may go out and buy the growers.

"In view of these facts the situation ought to be extremely strong, and would be but for the attitude of the prune grower himself. Certain commercial packers are offering ridiculously low prices for comparatively small lots on prunes in the hands of the growers, and owing to the necessities, or supposed necessities, of such growers, are picking up quite a tonnage of prunes and placing them on the market in the east in sufficient quantities to destroy any immediate prospect of improvement in demand or price. The buyer in the east has been ready to look for a decided slump in the price, and is actually afraid to buy, fearing that the price will go still lower and that he may have prunes on his hands that he has paid more for than he can realize on at a profit.

"In order to meet the present situation we suggest that a temporary association of such of the prune growers as may be induced to co-operate be organized, pledged to stand together and take such action as from time to time is deemed for the interests of all concerned; that this association and its interests be under the control of an executive committee of five, to be selected by such association, with full power to act in the way of fixing prices, determining the quantity of prunes to be offered at any one time, and any other details necessary to be considered, and also with power to issue warehouse receipts and buy in on behalf of the association such prunes as may be offered at prices below what the association feels willing to sell for. We are convinced that only by some such procedure as this can the market be steadied and the prune growers of this valley secure for their prunes such prices as the conditions warrant.

"F. W. Crandall, manager, Sorosis Fruit Company; S. G. Rodeck, secretary, C. F. G. Union; California Fruit Exchange, by C. D. Harvey; E. A. Hayes, Edenville Fruit Company."

The plan of action resolved upon was

for the growers to combine, to put their prunes into a warehouse or warehouses under the control of the committee, and for the executive committee to hold the fruit to dispose of at such time and at such prices as should be by them deemed advisable. In the case of those growers who must realize on their fruit at once, or within the next month or so, the committee will buy in their prunes at current market price, issuing warehouse receipts, each of those concerned being willing to stand the share of risk sustained in thus buying at market rates from those who must sell. In this way the expectation is that the market will be steadied, inasmuch as these small lots, instead of being bought by packers to be sent out on the market to break it, will have the opposite effect of strengthening it.

MR. GILE'S OPINION.

Manager H. S. Gile, of the Willamette Valley Prune Association, was seen yesterday in regard to the action of the Santa Clara growers, and talked very hopefully of the result of the movement. He said: "As is well known, we now control about 85 per cent of the prunes remaining in growers' hands in the state, which is only about 300 cars, or 100 cars less than the estimate made by the California growers. We have been in correspondence with them, and while we have no definite understanding, yet they know they can depend upon us for co-operation and that we control at least three-fourths of the present supply on hand. I believe the movement will be of immediate and far reaching benefit to the market, and look for an active demand to spring up immediately. They couldn't have chosen five better men in the entire state than those named for the executive committee, and I have great confidence in their work."

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Here is a nice little home for sale six miles from Roseburg, one mile to school, postoffice and store; all fenced and cross fenced; 60-acre farm land, balance pasture well located; fine view, good house of 7 rooms, barn and all necessary outbuildings, good family orchard. This is an ideal home and cannot be beat for the money asked, only \$2,500.

No. 3. 1300 acres, all fenced, no other improvements. Well watered and plenty of good timber; 300 acres can be farmed, balance fine grass land; five miles from city on S. P. railroad. This is a fine piece of land, and well located. Price, \$7,000 per acre.

280 acres of land 12 miles from Roseburg, 160 acres fenced, 60 acres in cultivation, 400 prune trees, and a mixed orchard for family use; box house of 9 rooms; one log house; 2 log barns, blacksmith shop and all necessary outbuildings. Lies on the county road; Unlimited stock range joining place, well watered and plenty of timber. This is a No. 1 stock ranch and dirt cheap. Price \$10 per acre. Also a nice little cottage and lot right in the heart of the city. Price \$650.

368 acres of land, 122 acres of this land is rich bottom land, no better in the state; balance hill land, good pasture and plenty of timber. 10 miles from Roseburg. Good house of six rooms, one house of three rooms, two good barns and all necessary outbuildings; hop drier on place; plenty of fruit for family use; 1/2 mile to school; 5 miles to R. R. station, good road to the same; good fishery on place. This is one among the best farms in Douglas county—in fact a perfect farm. Of the above described tract, 122 acres is fine land for alfalfa and clover.

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No. 5. 160 acres; 40 acres fenced, 30 acres in cultivation. Small house and barn, small orchard, plenty of good mountain water and lots of good timber. A fine mountain range for stock adjoining. This is a nice little stock ranch. Twelve miles from city, two miles from school and four miles from postoffice. Price, \$1500

180 acres of land 3 1/2 miles from Oakland, all fenced and all A No. 1 farm land except about 20 acres. One good barn; no other improvements.

No. 10. 100 acres, 9 miles from city. Fenced but no other improvements. First class land and well located. Two and a half miles from railroad station one-fourth mile from school, and one and one-fourth miles from postoffice. Well watered and plenty of timber. Price \$20 per acre.

No. 30. Here is a bargain of your life. The biggest town lot in Southern Oregon right in the heart of the city of Wilbur, R. R. depot, stock yards, store hotel, postoffice, blacksmith shop and a good school. This lot contains 55 acres a good two-story house, barn and all necessary outbuildings, 700 bearing prune trees, besides plenty of other fruit. Eight miles north of Roseburg, trains passing every few hours, also on state road. Don't overlook this if you are looking for a perfect home, land A No. 1, no better. Think of it, only \$4000 for this perfect home. We also have another place 1/4 mile from the above described place, of 180 acres, a fair house, barn and all necessary outbuildings; all under fence, 40 acres in cultivation, 10 acres in hops, watered by four good springs, plenty of timber. This is a good home for some one. Price \$3500. For any other information call on or write to F. F. Rice, Real Estate Agent, Roseburg, Oregon, or G. W. Grubbe on place.

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A nice home containing 140 acres, all fenced and cross-fenced. Forty acres crop, 15 in fruit and balance good pasture; well watered and plenty of good timber. Mile and a half to school, post-office, store and R. R. station. Fair house of six rooms, barn and all necessary outbuildings. One span of horses, two sets of harness, two wagons, two top buggies, three cows, two calves, 60 chickens, 12 turkeys, 13 hogs, and all farming and household goods too numerous to mention. Eight miles from Roseburg. Everything goes for \$3700; \$2000 down, balance on easy terms. This is a perfect home and dirt cheap.

160 acres of land 12 miles from Roseburg, all fenced and cross-fenced, good house of seven rooms, barn and all necessary outbuildings, young orchard, just beginning to bear, of 150 trees of all kinds of fruit; small grape vineyard and plenty of small fruit. 20 acres in cultivation; about 1,000,000 feet of timber, oak and fir; a fine mountain stream running through place large enough to run a saw-mill six months in the year. Two miles to postoffice and store. A fine stock range joining place; fine, healthy location; plenty of good mountain water; good fishing and hunting. Price \$1000.

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A nice little home, containing 18 1/2 acres, lying on the South Umpqua river, two miles from Roseburg; good six room house, small barn and all necessary outbuildings. All A No. 1 land; 1/2 mile to school; 602 fruit trees, all in bearing; 252 prunes, 118 apples, 89 pears, 29 cherries, 578 peaches, 4 quinces, 3 plums and plenty of small fruit. This is a nice income property and a perfect home.

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