

HAWAIIAN PRUNES ARE GROWN

NORTHWESTERN METHODS COM-

Substitute Wanted for Italian Prune - More Care Required in Grading and Packing.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The Department of Agriculture is about to issue a report on prune culture in Western Europe, with special reference to existing conditions in the Pacific Northwest.

The prune industry is today the foremost pomological interest of the Pacific Northwest. Beginning with a few trees planted by the late Henry Miller, at Milwaukie, Or., in 1858, and a commercial orchard planted near Clatskanie, by J. B. Cardwell, in 1871, the plantings have increased until at present there are approximately 50,000 acres of commercial prune orchards in these three states.

By authority of an act of Congress, the Commissioner of Labor is required to investigate annually the municipal statistics of cities having a population of 10,000 or over. The results for 1900 are reported in a bulletin of the Department of Labor.

Table with 4 columns: Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane. Rows include Population, Area, Streets, Public school pupils, etc.

quality, appearance and size, as the market demands. This feature of the work is commonly marked in the large cities where the fruit is raised.

planted side by side, the trees being, approximately, 10 to 20 feet apart each way. In the rows not only are prunes planted, but there may be cherries, apples, peaches, quinces, bush fruits, grapes, nuts, oaks, willows and an occasional ornamental tree.

The same course is followed in the German and Austrian orchards and tree plantations, consequently the trees of these various sections are generally much smaller than trees of a comparable size in the Pacific Coast.

In Europe the universal practice is to train orchard trees with high heads, the object being to let the sun and air have free access to the ground in order that the cover crop may have ample opportunity for development.

As before stated, the prune of France is the Asea, commonly known on the Pacific Coast as Petite, or French. For the first time the fruit is put in the drying chamber, which has been previously heated to a temperature of 70 deg. C. (158 deg. F.).

With the exception of a quite limited number of the prune orchards of France are not planted in blocks or masses. The trees are set in rows, usually, though frequently there are in orchards. An occasional single orchard block may contain 20 acres, and, while this may appear to be a large tract, it is very different from the French type of prune orchard, which is generally a very irregular and mixed plantation of fruit-bearing trees, shrubs, vines and other plants.

It is asserted roughly and the large prunes are dipped into red wine. All are then replaced in the oven, the heat or fire withdrawn, and at the end of 24 hours the fruit is again taken from the oven.

The one most neglected phase of the prune industry is that of packing and packaging. In the marketing of no other fruit or food product, save possibly the coarser vegetables, is so little attention paid to attractive packing and packaging.

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MEETS AT PORTLAND, ME.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

Was Held in 1898 in This City—Many Prominent Men Will Attend—Programme for Week.

BOSTON, Sept. 25.—The National Congregational Council, which met in 1898 at Portland, Me., will hold the week of October 12-18 this year at the State Street Congregational Church, Portland, Me. A large number of delegates from all over the country are expected to be present, including many prominent ministers and lay members of the denomination.

Forenoon (10:30)—Reading of Scripture and prayer; address by the retiring moderator, Rev. Frederick A. Noble, D. D., of Portland, Me.; report of the nominating committee; organization; moderator and assistants chosen; assistants of the secretary and registrar chosen; committee on credentials; business; on finance, appointed; welcome to the Mayor of the city; Hon. B. F. Boothby; welcome by Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins; response by the moderator.

Forenoon (9:00)—Business; (9:30) worship; (10:00) introduction of delegates from England and the provinces; report of the committee on councils and parishes; report of the committee on John Robinson Memorial Church; paper, "The Necessity of the Church in the Present Age," by Prof. W. H. Furness, D. D., of London.

Forenoon (9:00)—Business; (9:30) worship; (10:00) general topic, "The Church and the World," by Rev. J. M. G. Stewart, D. D., of London; (10:30) report of the committee on the instruction of the Sunday School; Rev. A. E. Dunning, Boston, Mass.; (2) "The Spiritual Trend of the Present Age," by Rev. J. M. G. Stewart, D. D., of London; (3) "Co-operation of the Home and Church in the Spiritual Nurture of Children," by Rev. Charles E. Richards, Philadelphia, Pa.; general discussion.

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