

SUBTERRANEAN PRUNES IN BRISK DEMAND

Bulk of Abundant Crop Reported to Have Been Already Contracted.

BUSINESS FLOW AT SALEM

Growers Secure an Excellent Yield, but Appear Unwilling to Make Sales at the Prevailing Schedule.

SALEM, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Though the prune market has been open for several weeks, very little business has been done by the growers in this section of the state.

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Price System Changed.

The new system of computing the grade of prunes for the purpose of determining the price is materially different from that which has been in use in the past.

Though packers have joined in framing a contract to be used by all, they are not entirely satisfied with its provisions.

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Hood River's University Club Starts Off With Membership of 30.

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Rural Delivery Extensions.

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Encampment Douglas Pioneers.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The annual encampment of the pioneers, native sons and daughters, will be held at Canby, September 21 and 22.

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