

PRUNES EACH DAY KEEP DOCTOR AWAY

This Is Week All Oregon Will
Eat Home Product.

CHINESE WILL BENEFIT

Growers Caught With 22,000,000
Pounds When Market Blows Up.
Governor Behind Movement.

The Oregon prune is to be in the limelight for the next seven days, for in response to a request from growers and others interested in the disposal of the 22,000,000 pounds of prunes still unsold in the state, Governor Olcott has set aside this week as prune week for the state of Oregon.

As a consequence the patriotic citizens of the state are planning not only to advertise but also eat Oregon prunes and show to the world the food value of the Oregon product.

The successful prunes and many ways in which it may be prepared into delicacies for consumption will be presented to the public. And it is hoped that the publicity will create a demand for Oregon prunes that will be laid which will mean that Oregon growers will never again be embarrassed with the inability of finding a market for their product.

The Portland Ad club started the ball rolling in Portland several weeks ago when it suggested that a week be set for advertising the Oregon prune and this organization has taken the lead in the publicity campaign for the week in this city. In addition various other interests and growers outside of the city are co-operating in making the week a success all over the state.

Grocers all over the state will put on attractive displays of prunes in their stores, indicating to the public the many ways in which this fruit may be prepared for consumption. Bakers are planning to make prune bread and prune cake and various other prune delicacies. In addition the various teachers of domestic science throughout the state will give instructions in preparing various dishes from prunes for the home table.

The response from all over the state to the campaign is declared to have been gratifying by those who have taken up the work of making prune week a success.

Contributions of prunes to the committees in charge of securing aid for the starving Chinese and the needy of European and other Asiatic countries have also been suggested as a means of assisting in disposing of the surplus prune crops.

William P. Strandberg, vice-president of the Associated Grocers' Clubs of the world, has suggested that each member of the Portland Ad club purchase a quantity of the prunes to take to the Chinese relief.

This suggestion it is expected will be by other organizations and individuals and will mean that the surplus prunes as well as the assisting of a good cause.

The Rotary club of Salem, Or., has offered to furnish prunes to be eaten at the luncheons of the various rotary clubs in the state during prune week and thereby advertise the food value of that product. Prune bread will also be served at the luncheons of various other organizations and prunes will be on the menu of restaurants and hotels served in various ways.

The moving picture houses will also participate in the observance of the week by calling attention to the prune week with slides.

Mrs. R. M. Smith, 1909 East Davis street, suggested yesterday that a campaign be put in the schools of the city this week to have each child purchase a pound of prunes and eat them at home.

She said that this would not mean any considerable outlay for each child and yet might do great deal of good.

PORT OF TACOMA GROWS

HEAVY IMPORTS BOOST SHOWING FOR THIS YEAR.

Tonnage for 1920 Total 1,770,468.
Making Gain of 34,430 Over
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TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Although many other Pacific coast ports showed a decrease in cargo handled during 1920, Tacoma showed a marked increase, due to the heavy imports over the high mark of 1919. The tonnage of 1920 was 1,770,468, making an increase of 34,430 over the tonnage of 1919.

A marked increase was shown in the number and size of cargo vessels entering this port, also, there having been 12,241 vessels, as against a tonnage of 125,772. In all the cargoes that came here, 184 different commodities are registered, ranging from feathers to firecrackers and clocks to catgut.

Corn holds first place with a tonnage of 302,279 at a valuation of \$31,144,557 of a possible \$109,241,311, the total value of 1920 cargo handled. Tonnage receipts proved to be the smallest import, its total being \$75.

Silk goods ran up a total of \$10,145,557 and logs brought in Tacoma mills were worth \$6,941,641. Paper umbrellas found but little favor in Tacoma, their valuation being only \$150.

EL SEGUNDO TO POINT WELLS

Tank Steamer Waits Four Days
Off-side Mouth of Columbia.

After waiting outside the mouth of the Columbia river for four days for weather clear enough to enable her to cross in, the tank steamer El Segundo, of the Standard Oil fleet, yesterday received orders to proceed to Point Wells, according to the radio operator of one of the steamers in port, who was listening in and heard the El Segundo receive her new instructions.

Bringing a cargo of oil from San Francisco, the El Segundo arrived off the mouth of the river and hove to last Tuesday. From that time until she was told to go on to Point Wells she patiently waited for the weather to clear, while other craft, ranging from fishing launches to the 12,000-ton steamer Moerdyk, passed in and out.

BARDE CHECK STILL MYSTERY

Transaction May Involve Ship
Board Material on Coast.

Neither T. G. Baird, district director of the supply and sales division of the emergency fleet corporation, nor M. Barde of this city, father of Jack Barde, was able yesterday to throw any light on the report that Jack Barde, representing Barde Bros., of New York, had presented the shipping board with a check for \$1,000,000.

Whether the reported transaction represented a payment in full for the surplus materials on this coast, appraised at from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, or was merely a guarantee accompanying a bid, remained as much a matter of conjecture here as at the national capital.

The last advice received from Washington by M. Barde was to the effect that new bids were to be asked for the entire lot of property on this coast.

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