

NEW PRUNE IS ANNOUNCED BY SALEM GROWER

Vercier Entertains Visitors
With Trip to "New
Oregon" Orchard

SUCCESS IS PREDICTED

Latest Creation in Fruit
World Shows Superiority
Over Other Varieties

Andrew Vercier announced to the world yesterday that he had developed a new prune that has claims of superiority over any other now grown commercially.

and is ready to place it on the market.

The new prune has been named the "New Oregon", and is a cross between the Italian and the French or Petite prune. It has the general characteristics, including color, shape and sweetness of the Petite prune, while it grows considerably larger than the Italian, is much longer and more slender, and has a free pit, that causes it to dry much quicker and more uniform than the Italian prune. In fact, Mr. Vercier stated that New Oregon prunes size 40-50s had been placed in the drier along with 80-90s of the old variety, and had come out nicely dried in the same time.

Taste Invites Popularity
The fact that the prune is much sweeter than the Italian, although not containing as much sugar as the Petite, will make it a popular prune on the market, as less sugar is required in serving. The principal commercial prune of California is the Petite, which has been outdone by the Italian, familiarly known as the Oregon

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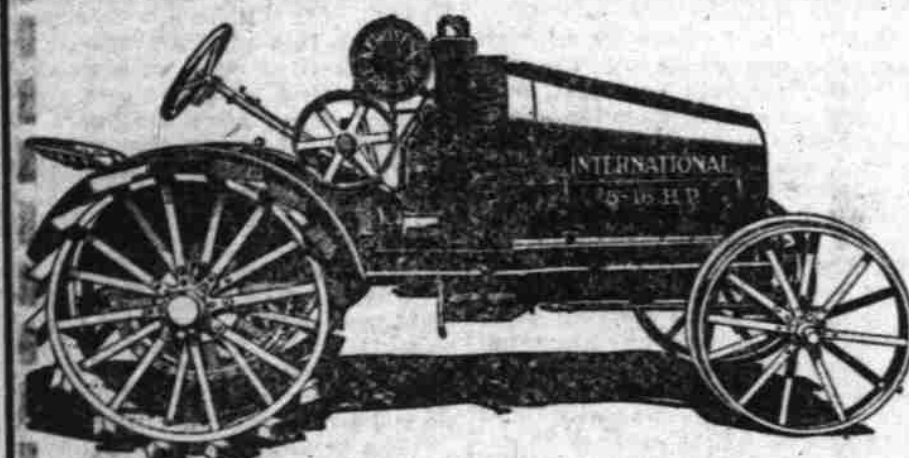
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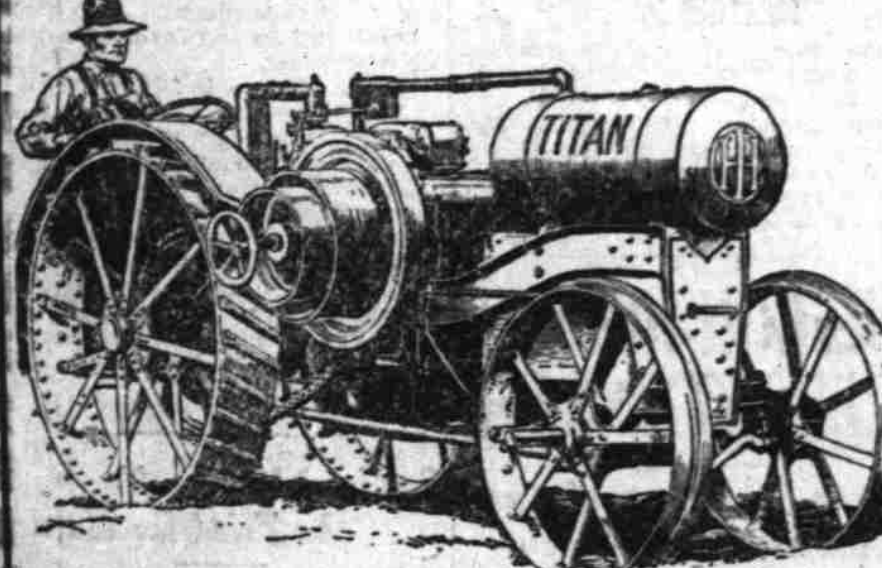
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prune, because of the much larger size of the latter. Californians have spent vast sums of money in experimenting in the attempt to produce a prune adapted to their climate and attaining the size of the Oregon prune, but without success, and it seems that Mr. Vercier has accomplished this result. It is probable that the New Oregon will never prove as popular as a table prune as the Italian, with Oregon people, for the reason that they have learned to love the tart taste of their favorite home grown prune, not possessed by either the Italian or the New Oregon. But it is neither as sweet as the Petite or as tart as the Italian, and with its large size should top the markets of the world.

Wide Invitation Extended

Mr. Vercier chose a unique and hospitable method of introducing his prune to the public. He invited leading horticulturists, packers, growers and newspapermen from all over the state to visit his orchard and inspect the prune. The party gathered at the Marion hotel at 10 o'clock and drove to the orchard of Mr. Vercier's son-in-law, V. L. Gibson, in the Polk county hills five miles northwest of Salem. There they found 500 trees of the new prune, of which about 50 are in full bearing and loaded with purple fruit. The trees stand in the midst of a large orchard of Italian prunes, so a splendid opportunity for comparison was afforded.

The prunes contain less purple and more red than the Italian, but the characteristic that struck the visitors most forcibly was the tough skin of the new fruit, and its perfect condition in this unusual rainy season when the crop of Italian prunes is so badly damaged. Although the prunes are ripe and dropping to the ground, very few cracked prunes were found, while the Italians growing alongside showed from one-fourth to one-third cracked fruit, some

of them cracked wide open and the pits dropped out. The crop seemed to be uniformly large, of a size that would dry 30-40s and 40-50s, without the usual proportion of small prunes that is found in crops of Italians.

Luncheon Served Visitors

The party returned to the Marion hotel where Mr. Vercier served lunch to the visitors, including some of the new dried prunes from last year's crop, and they were found as delicious to the taste and as pleasing to the eye when growing on the trees.

Mr. Vercier explained that he had tried for years to produce a new prune by cross pollinating the Petite upon the Italian, but had failed. 1913 he discovered a seedling growing in a fence corner of his orchard near Eola, in which both Petite and Italian prunes were growing, the fruit of which proved to be superior to any other in his orchard and was manifestly the very cross he has been striving for. When he sold his place he brought this tree with him, and from it has grafted the stock to set out 500 trees on Mr. Gibson's place and 500 on his own place in Marion county north of Salem.

Portland Men Attend

Among those at the dinner were M. McDonald and John McGee of the Oregon Nursery of Orenco; Mr. Brownell, a Portland nurseryman; Charles L. Dick, manager of the prune ranch of Mason Ehrman & Co.; Carl Abrams, editor of The Pacific Homestead; Walter Janks, manager of the Willamette Valley Prune association; William McGilchrist, Jr., and J. R. Linn of Salem and a number of farmers and prune growers. They all expressed their emphatic opinion that the new prune possesses characteristics that make a far more valuable commercial product than any of the older varieties.

The Oregon Nursery company is preparing to handle the new prune, and will graft 100,000 or more this winter and have them ready to place on the market a year later.

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CAREY LAND PATENTS COME

Total of 16,554 Acres is Involved in Central Oregon Projects

The state of Oregon has received patent for 16,554.60 acres of Carey act land reclaimed under the Central Oregon Irrigation project in the vicinity of Bend, Redmond and Powell Butte, according to information at the office of Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, yesterday.

The lands include all of the Oregon lists for patent Nos. 9 and 10, which have been pending before the department of the Interior since 1914.

Some Patents Withheld.

"The state's application for patent covered 19,241.88 acres," says a statement by the engineer. "There is, therefore, a difference of 2577.28 acres affected by the excess acreage question, for which patent has been withheld pending the purchase of the additional water right by the settler. These purchases are being covered by supplemental contract between the irrigation company and the settler, and as soon as adjustments are made, evidence of the settlement is being transmitted to the commissioner of the general

rates of proof on tracts covered by the recent patent may surrender their certificates to the desert land board at Salem and receive their deeds.

Evidence Filed.

"Those tracts affected by the excess acreage question not having been patented by the government and cannot be decided at this time. Evidence of the adjustments heretofore made by supplemental agreement has been filed with the commissioner of the general land office and the state has been notified that the evidence was sufficient upon which patent would issue, but that the same was received too late to be included in the patent recently received."

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