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 PRUNES AND THE MNARY BILL In the McNary bill should become a law, ind there is
every prospect that it will, it might be applied toprunes, as a major crop with an exportable surplus-
And it would compel prune growers to cooperate.
the bill Eshould decide in any yeqr that prunes were a proper crop to - came under the operation ol the law, the commingson woind All the prunes that the American market would take would be sold in this country -
And the balance would be exported and sold at the best vantage on the world market.
Every pound of prunes sold
would be charged a small amount per an Americand producer to absorb
markets.
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no throat-cutting compulsory arbitration. There would be no throat-cutting of rival cooperative associations; no ham
mering down of prices by independent buyers; no shall or large percentage of
This may come

In the mean time, there is bound to be a change in the
trict. The Noble Frunes grown in the willomette valley dis certain to take the place of
the Italian variety. This will have to come, in order tbover-
come the competition of the tremendous Ealifornia tonuage of French prunes-
And then the California growers will be trailing along behind the Oregon gtowers, unless they change from the
petite tittle) Californial kind to the Noble Frech © (big)
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of sugar would not be missed, from present major crops,
minor crops, either. On the conitrary, it would a add to th output of every other crop, by providing proper rotation and
with its by-produets, beet tops and pulp and molasses, givin with its by-products, beet tops and pulp and molasses, givi try keeping, etc.
Then why send away for sugar? Why spend the freight money? Why deprive ourselves of the enormous be
of home grown sugar; direct and indirect benefitsNot the least of whicn would be a beginning of irrigation
development that would end in making the Willamette valley development that would end
one vast orchard and garden?

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