

Continuation of the Slogan Page: Subject This Week, the Grape Industry

GRAPE FOR THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY BY THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY IN OREGON

Prof. Schuster Tells of the Varieties That Are the Best to Grow Under Our Conditions and Gives the Reasons—We Will Have to Depend Mostly on Local and Near By Markets Till We Develop Juice Factories—The Best Locations for Commercial Vineyards

Grape growing in the state of Oregon is limited in extent, and undoubtedly will continue so on a commercial basis. Other parts of the United States better adapted to grape production on a large scale have long been in the industry and have been rapidly increasing their plantings of late.

A few districts outside of the Willamette valley are growing the European grape, but these are grown only in small quantities, and for close by markets. To attempt to dispose of grapes in distant markets will probably be disastrous.

With the heavy production in California, Willamette valley planting must be designed to supply adjacent markets. With the American grape there is the possibility of disposing of certain quantities against the European grape, if well packed and prepared for market. This acreage will undoubtedly be limited.

A juice factory would use large tonnages, but the nearest one at the present time is in eastern Washington, and that apparently has about all the material that it needs.

Grapes as a fruit in the home garden have never received proper attention in Oregon. This may be due to the fact that too many people at first attempted to grow the grape that was the standard of the eastern United States.

Campbell's Early Best The best all around grape for this section is the Campbell's Early. This is the same grape known in the state of Washington as Island Belle, and the one so popular around the Puget Sound district.

A Good Combination The Worden is a little later possibly than the Campbell's Early, but has better quality. The skin on the fruit is so tender it can hardly be handled without breaking, so it is not suitable for commercial purposes, as a rule.

No Satisfactory Red No really satisfactory red grape is at hand. The Delaware has such small berries with small bunches, and is often such a light bearer, that it is not in very good favor.

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growth that appears on the leaves and fruit in the form of a purple stain. Black rot attacks the leaves and then the fruit. It causes them to turn black or curb, and wither and die.

The best way to get rid of these enemies is to spray thoroughly with a Bordeaux mixture. The Salem district can grow grapes because it has the required soil and climate.

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A GENERAL VIEW OF GRAPE CULTURE AS PRACTICED IN THE SALEM DISTRICT

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