



Editor Statesman:

PRUNE DISCOVERER

Prune Orchard Will Be

A Gold Mine Again

As next Thursday, October 13,

s the Slogan number date for

prunes, when every one who really

feels that he has something worth

while to offer for the prune grow-

er can do so on this special date

Noble Andrews

much more profitable; and that there is plenty of cheap land yet to be had in this district for the growing of prunes, and new growers who will produce quality fruit and quality fruit only will be made welcome?

The new cover crop work that the prune orchards of Polk county

Free Delivery, says the experts who have looked into the matter.

Some of the Mistakes

That the shipping of green prunes was the biggest fool thing we ever did is apparent to all who sot a little early money, and lost Mr. Andrews Believes a lot of later money by the venture, for a prune is enough of a plum that it is neither palatable nor wholesome until it has ripened on the tree and falls off of its own es, and no consumer ever bought "green" prunes twice Then some growers were not care ful to plow under such prunes as tell unripe before picking, and these, gathered and dried with the good ones, was another proliftic cause for complaint and worked hardship on those who did gather only good fruit. A third complaint has been the incompetence of drier help, who made prunes like marbles with too ong and too hot-fires, and if it is true that "a little leaven leavens the whole," so also do a few hard, sour prunes spoil your enjoyment of a dish of good ones.

Working on Valley Prunes The Portland plant referred to is working on Willamette valley nes, and is turning out two and a half carloads daily of the packed and processed (steamed) goods, which in figures we can understand is 150,000 pounds, and that the company (Rosenberg & company) looked to the future may be noted when they selected a cite where 53\_steamship lines and four transcontinental raiload lines meet, and this season the orders booked are for shipents to go to Vienna, Finland. Italy, Spain, Cuba, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, England and the Mediterranean, gon made boxes, of Oregon grown lumber and under Oregon labels. thank the Lord!

Fill Vacant Places

And now that our prunes may getting accurate knowledge from e cared for it is proper that we hould plant a few more to take the place of those we believed to have been winter killed, although Prunes. hey looked more as if suffering prune orchard was called by the n sunstroke, and which it other fellow a gold mine, because a out died from a remote and many of us were making good nected cause-field mice. money. The many thousands of Many planted vetch in their or- acres of prune trees now growchards to plow under for fertiliz- ing and the many large and costly er, and on this the field mice fed buildings to care for and handle when it suited them, and also it the prunes prove the statement. Conditions Have Changed ed as a hiding place for them while they dug holes about the ts of the trees, and finished up

by skinning the bark from the I am glad to note that present s so that the trees died in a conditions have brought forth may that haffled growers until great efforts from our best busithey took out the dead trees for ness men to help adjust the prune situation, and I firmly believe that There may have been and no with the ability of these ardent

were many instances of workers we will bring the prune as dying from cold when the back to its own.

warm to cause the sap to flow and consequently burst the bark market the better prune for the open, but there is no good reason again constitute a gold mine. why the trunks of young trees The Noble French

very promising; a large sweet enough for all comers. prune, tested at the Oregon Agri-| Mr. Andrews' farm is about cultural college at fifteeen and three and a half miles east of the wo-tenths sugar. It dries extra state hospital (insane asylum). Salem. He has lived there since made the early rapid growth. Rape well, looks fine when dried. It sold last year, also this year, October 25, 1920. He has grown

for 25 cents a pound. sweet prunes for more than a I have about 4000 of the Noble quarter of a century. He believes in the prune industry. He knows to \$3 and sometimes more per French prune trees now for sale. prunes are good for the diet: For further information. I refer you to J. O. Holt of Eugene; to health giving. The Noble French prune tree. Professor Brown, \ Long and appears to be hardy, a vigorous gen to offset the non-leguminous Schuster of the Oregon Agriculgrower, a profitable bearer, with a rape which does not fix hitrogen tural college; also to Max Gehlfruit that will make a splendid in the soil. har, the man who dried my prunes

shipper and that will dry 37 1/2 this year. pounds to the box, going in the NOBLE ANDREWS. 20 to 30 size; is very sweet, and is more or less of an experiment. Salem, Ore., Oct. 11, 1927. ripens in the early part of August. The address of Mr. Andrews is Rt. 6, box 67, Salem.

**Noble French History** Things Made From The Noble French prune was

discovered five years ago, at Myrtle Creek, Douglas county, Oregon. The five original trees

There are getting to be a good are now eight years old. They many things made from prunes. have borne five crops of fruit. PrunPort. described elsewhere in The five original trees are exactly this paper, is one,

B. F. West of Salem is making alike. They are growing close toconfection composed mostly of year. Almost without exception gether. They are grafted trees from the which he calls Prun-Wal. It has Summerville nursery near Port- attained a considerable sale.

land. They are an accidental dist has a great future. Mr. West is covery. The Summerville nursery planning several different forms. akin to Prun-Wal. people hunted for two years for A million dollar company in

their origin, and 'gave up 'the' fee. It has made a good start

fixed and arranged by the Slogan editor of The Statesman. I would the farm of Fred Weaver, three expect to make it a world-wide like to say that I am sure that and a half miles south of Myrtle product. There are other prune confec-

many farmers and fruit growers Creek. As soon as he was sure tions. There will no doubt be regard the Slogan campaigns as that he had a new variety Mr. Weaver wrote to Noble Andrews, new outlets for the marketing of more. All these will help to make one of the greatest values which all of which are going out in Ore- The Statesman or any other news- who had been his neighbor in prunes; for popularizing the fine paper could give them: taking up Douglas county and had moved to qualities of and the tast for the diversified fruits, vegetables Salem.

> and grains and handling them one" Noble by one, making a specialty of each. those directly interested. Now back to the subject

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with the use of Dwarf Essex Fertilizer Demonstrations Rope seeded in the fall in the In cooperation with various Willamette valley. three orchards referred to above, prune growers in the county the as it has been extremely difficult county agent's office has some to grow a satisfactory oats and vetch cover crop. Rape offers a possibility of a green tonnage jectives in mind.

where these other crops have not **Commercial Fertilizer** can be seeded at a seed cost of about 30c to 60c an acre, while oats and vetch will cost from \$2

acre for seed, leaving a decided margin which could be used in the purchase of commercial nitro-

Another trial that is under way on the C. L. Crider orchard, which is in a seeding of an annual burr

clover that was discovered growing along the Southern Pacific tracks near McCoy where it has made an extraordinary growth in Prunes Popular the spring of 1926 and again in 1927. The outcome of this is

purely problemmatical. About every view and opinion regarding the Italian prune 'game" has been expressed verbally and written during the past ous sections should not expect

prunes. walnuts and chocolat. in nearly every meeting or similar place where it has been discussed. the matter of size and yield has been acknowledged to be an important factor.

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One of the commercial fertilizer trials in the county that gave in the spring of 1926 on the Jos broadcasting:

Eisle orchard near Buell. Coopera-A Tour of the Plant ting with the county agent's office "I, want to tell you of my visit Mr. Eisle put on different applica- to the plant of the Major Fruit tions of nitrate of soda on April Products company, manufacturers 6, 1926. Everyone remembers of that wonderful prune beverage, that an extremely dry spring and PrunPort, which you are hearing summer followed that date, and no so much about. In fact I only results were observed in 1926, wish that it were possible for me but they showed up in the crop to tell the whole world of just of 1927. On Thursday, the 22nd what I found out there. of September, the writer shook "I was afforded the opportunand picked the entire crop from ity to look into some of the intri-

the fertilized and unfertilized cate working of PrunPort making trees that were used as checks through the courtesy of Mr. Mulwith the following results: check lineaux (Mull-in-o), the plant sutrees, average yield, 17 % pounds perintendent,, who very kindly of green fruit; six pounds of no- avoided technical references when trate of soda per tree, average describing the different processes.

Ore

vield, 87 pounds of green fruit. The company is buying prunes This is a rather extraordinary increase, and prune growers in vari-

that everyone's orchard would

respond in the same manner. In

fact, it is rather doubtful whether

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definite demonstration projects full information concerning their ness, and I was told that the under way with these same ob- operations and prospects, and the great consumption of PrunPort date when the removal of the indicates the appreciation of consumers for a genuinely clean beyplant to Salem is to be made. They were too busy to send erage. I was impressed that the more than the following matter manufacturers are making a very outstanding results was started which was recently prepared for sincere effort to produce for the

a large amount of the production public of a fruit drink which is

thirsty public a good, wholesome, (Continued on page 12.)

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