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## ROGUE RIVER VALLEY ORCHARD NOTES

BY CHARLES MESERVE Secretary Grants Pass Fruit Growers A sociation

Valuable Information for

and thence on east.

It was this firm that made the world's graded to size as carefully as apples. record sales of pears last fall when Mr. Day ins sta that the appearance lems connected with the shipping and they suctioned off a car of Comic- of fruit has quite as much to do with marketing of fruit would be of the pears for J. W. Perkins of Medford its selling as has the quality, greatest value to the orcharditss of for the fabulous price of \$4558, this Strictly faucy fruit, if slovenly packed Rogue River valley. Mr. Day hopes car netting Mr. Perkins over \$3000 and in a dirty, carelessly nailed box to again visit Rogue River valley after the expenses of picking, pack- with only a pencil marking to indiing, freight and commission were cate what the box contains, will only meet with the fruit growers and give paid, and as the growing of the sell as second grade and slow selling them all the pointers on the fruit inpears and the interest on the invest. at that. It pays big to grade with the ment and land taxes probably stood greatest care, pack honestly and artishim \$500 be had a net profit of \$2500. tically and to use lithographed labels wonder that Mr. Perkins has re- the boxes should not be given the orchard. The other record sales that and the fruit squeezed too tightly in shipped by the Medford Fruit Growers be taken to give sufficient pressure is not to be had from the usual sources Association, one a car of Comice with for should the truit become loose in and the other a car of Comice and broise and ruin. In packing pears helpful and encouraging to all who are Sgobel & Day also made some record boxes and all other kinds in full tain to be the chief wealth producer sales of California pears but at not boxes. son, principally Tokays. Mayhews dis- is little difference in the Bartletts, trict, California, they sold 35 cars of Winter Nellis and D'Anjous. Tokays that averaged \$1585 a car. Of apples Mr. Day said for Rogue

refrigeration.

but though fresh from the trees, for and it is steadily gaining in favor the Australian, as also the South with the Eastern trade. African, fall comes at the same part | While apples will always be a profitcan apple and consequently were the big money makers for this valley.

slow sellers.

accountery free from blass es or have a consignment of grapes sent to oti er faults. In S, i zenbusgs and his firm this fail that he might test Horace W. Day, managing member Newtowns the low, squatty a, p. s acre them and sobmit them to other grape of the firm of Sgob-1 & Day from not good sellers, the rather I my and experts of New York. The heat selldealers of New York, arrived in ") metric I tpy s being th favor tes. ing of the Pa ific coast grapes in the Grants Pass Saturday evening and re as to color and size the Am rican New York market, Mr. Day stated, mained over until Suncay evening wants a big, rea apple, the big and are the Toksys, Cornichons, Malagas, to interview Secretary Meserve, of the reader to better be is used, Moroccos and Muscats, the price the Fruit Growers Association, and while the Englandman and his neight ranging usually in the order here the leading fruit growers of this ditrict. Mr. Day makes a trip each Europe insist on having a rath yellow a standing in the Eastern markets suring through all the principal fruit apple of medium size. The best sizes such as has its pears and apples, grape districts of the United States. On or Newtowns for the London market growing would vie with that of pears this trip he came direct to California are 4 and 4% tier running mem 128 to and apples for big pronts, for the deand from there he came to Medford 160 to the box, while for New York mand is rapidly growing and there are and thence to Grants Pass and from the best sellers are the 3 and 35 tier but few sections of the United States here he went north to visit the various with none smaller than 112 to the that can grow a strictly first class fruit distircts of Northern Oregon box. No Spitz aburg apples are externed and especially of the fancy and of Washintgon, Idano, Colorado perted and for the American market European varieties. the 3, 3% and 4 tier are in most de- Had Secretary Meserve known in The firm of Sgobel & Day has been mand the A erican not wanting a time the date that Mr. Day would be in business for 38 years and it was small apple. In pears the trade de. in Grants Pass a meeting of the fruit they who organized the auction system mands a megrum size, the extra large growers and others interested in this of selling fruit that has now come to be adopted in all the big fruit marsetters. Of Bardetts the 140 to the addressed by Mr. Day. A talk such kets of the United States and Europe, box seil the best. Fears should be as would be given by a man thoroughly

With such a profit as this it is little to show what the box contains. And fosed an offer of \$75,000 for his pear big belly, as was formerly the rule, by all the fruit growers of Rogue Sgobel & Day made were two cars the box, yet the greatest care should Winter Nellis that sold for \$3420. Comice should always be put in half interested in the industry that is cer-

the fancy prices had for Rogue River Sgoel & Day have handled Rogue valley pears. A car of Comice of River Valley fruit since the begin-1100 half-boxes sold for \$3986. A car ning of eastern shipments and in Mr. of Comice and Winter Nellis sold for Day's opinion, as based on the mar-\$3789 and two cars of Winter Nellis ket demands of the past and present sold one for \$3736 and the other for and the outlook for the future, the \$3514. These pears were all from only pears to be grown in this Val-Santa Clara valley, a smail mountain ley are the Comice, Bartlett, Winter locked valley that is the only district Nellis hand D'Anjou. Their order in California that is able to grow a of preference being as here given, the pear that can successfully compete with character of soil and local conditions Rogue River pears for fancy prices, governing the kind the Rogue River The Saramento and San Josquin val- orchardists should plant. Mr. Day is leys are the other pear districts of firm in the belief that the Comica will California and while a good pear is always bring extra fancy prices until raised the quality is not such as will superceded by a better pear, and that bring fancy prices. Of grapes Scobel has not yet been brought out by the & Day handled over 100 cars last sea- nurserymen. As to selling prices there

These cars each contained 960 crates River growers to plant only Spitzenand each crate contained four backets burgs, Newtons and Winesaps. As of six pounds of grapes to the basket. the American consumption of fruits is From Lodi district they sold 44 cars incrasing faster than is that of Europe of grapes that averaged \$1486 a car. and as the American will have noth-Sgobel & Day also handle large ing but a red apple the Spitzenburg quantities of foreign grown fruit, is steadily gaining in demand and Just before Mr. Day left New York Mr. Day thinks this apple will conearly in April his firm got in a cou-tinue to lead and to go still higher signment of pears, peaches and plums in price. As Regue River Spitzenfrom South Africa. This fruit was burgs rank with the best that are repacked in excelsior with one layer of ceived in the New York market he fruit in a box, the boxes being about holds that growers here should plant the size of our cherry boxes. This principally of that variety, yet the fruit was brought from the interior to character of the soil would govern Cape Town by rail and thence by the variety to grow. The Newtons, steamer to London and then reloaded considering all factors, will conon another steamer for New Yerk, tinne to be a profitable apple for The fruit was under refrigeration all Rogue River orchardists. The oldthe time at a temperature of 84 de- time Winesap, Mr. Day believes, is grees and it arrived in perfect coudi- sure to be one of the big money tion and sold well. Last May Sgobel makers for Rogue River valley and & Day got in a shipment of apples he would recommend its planting. from Australia, being brought by The Winesap stands up well in shipsteamer by way of London and under ping, keeps well in storage and is a good seller if of large size and of rich. The apples arrived in good shape red color such as can be grown here,

of the year as spring, in America, able crop to Rogue River orchardists they lacked the quality of the Ameri- yet Mr. Day thinks that pears will be Rogue River pears by reason of their Mr. Day is one of the best posted perfect quality now lead the world in men in the United States on all that price, and all the other fruit districts pertains to marketing fruit and be of the United States having been willingly replied to all the questions tested there is no likelihood of this that Secretary Meserve asked him valley loosing its prestige as a leader relative to the best selling varieties of in growing fine pears. Such is the fruit on the New York market and ravages of the blight in all the Eastthe quality of fruit and methods of ern states that the crop of pears is packing required. As to quality Mr. steadily decreasing each year and as Day stated that it must be strictly the blight is now in every fruit disfancy and that it was sheer folly that trict in the United States and has would entail little profits or more exterminated every pear tree in likely a loss to the grower to ship to whole districts the outlook for this long distance markets anything but fruit is not encouraging except in liso the very best of fruit. In the East lated, mountain locked valleys, such and in Eurpoe there are thousands of as Rogue River valley. Mr. Day people having plenty of money who sees no reason; why the corchardare large consumers of fruit and who ists of this [valley should not be able will pay a big price for it provided to keep their forchards free of the it has the high quality they require, blight. If they are vigilant and have This class of buyers are so particular the pest laws rigorously enforced the that they will not buy an apple or Rogne River pear growers will have other fruit that is the least ill shapen no trouble from blight and as the rich or off in color, even though it may be people will have pears regardless of

the price the record price of \$4558 for a car of pears of the crop of 1907 will become the average price for pears from this valley. Being told that Rogue River valley can excel California in grapes as it does in apples, pears and peaches, Mr. Day ssked to

posted, like Mr. Day, on the probdustry that he can.

The interview with Mr. Horace W. Day, of Sgobel & Day, New York, herewith published in this department should be out out and preserved River valley for future reference. The information that Mr. Day gives available to fruit growers and the some D'Anjous that brought \$3924 the box while in transit it will facts and figures he gives are both for Rogue River valley.

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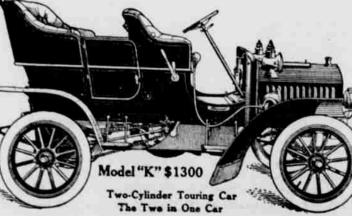
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