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PRUNE CULTURE. Facts as to Cost and Yield of this Fruit. ACTUAL RESULTS IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

The Cost of Putting in the Trees, Care of the Orchard, and Results. PRUNE CULTURE. There seems to be a general awakening to, and recognition of, the fact that the Willamette valley is an especially favored country for fruit culture.

MORE FACTS ON THE PRUNE. As we have stated before, this country is especially adapted for fruit raising, and it has been demonstrated by the demand for fruit this season and the prices paid here that it does pay to raise fruit, and pays well right here at home.

FACTS ABOUT PRUNE YIELDS. "The quantity of prunes in Pomona valley, and dried here this season is about 1100 tons. Some people estimate the quantity at 1200 tons, but the former figures are conservative. The value of this crop and amount paid for the labor in picking and drying the same make prunes worth fully \$60,000 to the valley.

Why don't farmers engage more extensively in this industry? Ten acres planted in fruit will yield more profit than 100 acres of wheat. Dairying carried on in conjunction with the above increases the profits and render them more certain.

MONEY IN FRUIT. The following remarkable statements of the output of the 12,000 acres comprised in the Vaca valley, are given by the Enterprise: During the month of August there were shipped to Eastern points 155 carloads of green fruits, and twenty-one carloads of dry fruit.

Human Frailty. We are frail creatures physically - the most robust among us. The unhealthy man or woman is in great measure incapable of benefit to society. If, for instance, billions of dollars are spent in vain, and obstinately resistant to ordinary medicine, obstructs the harmonious action of the liver and the bowels, the sufferer is sure to be dyspeptic.

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gather the fruit. What business will return a greater profit on the labor and investment made? Had Mr. Alderman left his orchard go uncared for, as there are thousands who do in Oregon (and then say that it does not pay to raise fruit) he would have realized but a small return from the sale of fruit, and the result would have been unsatisfactory.

Some will say, oh, yes, fruit raising will pay well for awhile, perhaps, but the market will soon be glutted, by everybody going into the business. Everybody is not going into the business. It is like all other business, some are adapted to it and others are not; those who are not adapted to fruit raising will soon give it up.

Now let us consider the cost and profits. 10 acres of land at \$150 per acre. \$1500 1000 trees at 20 cents each 200 Plowing the land 25 Digging the holes 50 Planting the trees 25 Cultivating 25

PROFITS. The fifth year you will have 1000 trees, bearing at least 60 pounds each, or 30 tons, equal to 10 tons of dried prunes, worth 10 cents per pound, or \$300 per ton. \$3000 If you deduct 10 per cent for labor, you will have a balance of \$1800 net, paying for the whole investment and \$300 profit left.

VICE-PRESIDENT MORTON has put a stop to the sale of wines and liquors at retail in the Shoreham at Washington. As an instance of the way young men go to the front in the west, D. P. Reid, a young lawyer, who opened his first office in Eureka, Cal., five years ago, is now the democratic candidate for the superior judge of Trinity county.

MRS. M. E. SHERWOOD, the author of that well-known story of New York society "A Transplanted Rose," has recently won deserved distinction abroad as a lecturer. In the past few months she has appeared before select audiences in Paris and other European cities, where her lectures were received with marked favor and attention, not inferior to the enthusiasm with which her public readings have been already so often greeted in this country.

THE SEATTLE, Wd., Press says: It is estimated that there are 2000 acres planted in prunes, 1000 of which are in Clarke county. The average number of trees to the acre is 100. The average number of pounds of dried fruit for trees of two years' growth is 2500 to the acre. The average price per pound during the last five years, has been, Italian prunes, 10 cents; French, 9 cents; German, 8 cents. Italian prunes, grade, per hundred fresh from the tree, 35 to 50 cents; German, 60 cents to \$1. It is estimated that there are 500,000 acres of land in the state that can be profitably devoted to the cultivation of the prune, thus showing that it is destined to be one of the great industries of the state.

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can be made in ten years from a fruit ranch of eighty acres or even forty acres, mostly by anybody blessed with that amount of good land. I will demonstrate how any enterprising man with a very limited capital can also make himself and family very comfortable and even rich with ten acres of bottom land if planted in French prunes or Petite prunes of Oregon, which is the same thing.

The trees must be grafted or budded on plum stock and be one or two years old - I prefer one-year-old trees. They must be planted about twenty feet apart, so it will take 100 trees per acre. Good trees ought to be had for 20 cents a piece, or by the thousand for 15 cents. The holes must be dug from two to three feet square, according to quality of the soil.

The fourth season after planting and even the third, if your trees have been well taken care of, you will obtain about ten pounds of prunes to each tree, enough to initiate yourself into the drying business. The fifth year you will get about sixty pounds to each tree; the sixth year, 120 pounds or more to the tree. After that your trees are in full bearing, producing according to location and care, 150 to 300 pounds to the tree.

It does not take much perception to see that this, on an outlay of not a dollar more than \$2900, a person can have an easy income of \$5000 annually in ten years' time. I do not know of any better or easier way of insuring a larger income than this. I have made these figures with care and prudence on the basis of financial results from the profits of my own four-acre prune orchard.

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