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Origin of Oregon Apples.

The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Statistics has compiled the following facts concerning the early history of apples and other fruits in Oregon:

The first apple seeds were planted at Vancouver in 1825.

The cut-leaved or evergreen black-berry came from the Sandwich islands.

The Lewelling and Bing cherries were originated by Seth Luelling.

The Golden prune was originated in 1876 by Seth Lewelling.

The Lambert cherry was originated by J. H. Lambert.

In the year 1848 Henderson Luelling brought yearling grafted apple, cherry, plum, prune, peach, grape and berry sprouts from Iowa, and hauled them across the plains.

The first nursery was started at Milwaukee in 1848 by Luelling & Meek.

In 1850 a Mr. Ladd started a nursery at Butteville. In the same year George Settlemier started one at Green Point.

A nursery was started at Salem about 1850.

The first box of Yellow Newtown Pippins sold in Portland for \$75 per box, or \$1 per apple. They were grown by Henderson Luelling.

In 1853 Oregon apples sold in San Francisco at \$2.50 per pound.

In 1854, 500 bushels of Oregon apples were shipped and returned a net profit of \$1.50 to \$2 per pound.

In 1855, 6000 bushels were shipped, and returned \$20 to \$30 per bushel. The export of 1856 was 20,000 boxes.

In 1856 one box of Esopus Spitzenberg apples paid the shipper a net profit of \$60, and three boxes of Wine-saps were sold in Portland for \$102.

From 1856 to 1869 the bi-monthly fall and winter shipments of apples to San Francisco, by steamer, averaged 4500 boxes.

In 1857 Henry Miller received scions of Italian (Fallenberg) prune and grafted them on bearing plum trees with success.

In 1858 Seth Luelling set the first prune orchard, five acres, near Milwaukee.

J. R. Cardwell claims the credit for having set out the first commercial prune orchard on the coast. He set out 6000 trees between the years 1871 and 1881.