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ROSE AND SUGGESTIONS AS TO ITS CULTURE

The following contribution was written by request of the Ladies' Auxiliary:

In order that the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Commercial Club may be productive of the best results, these suggestions about the planting and care of roses may not be out of place at this time.

The winter climate of Grants Pass is so mild that rose bushes come through their dormant season with very little, if any, winter killed wood. As roses are subject to the ravages of the San Jose scale it is necessary that they be sprayed thoroughly with a sulphur spray before the new sprouts become too long.

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New roses can be successfully planted up to June 1, but March and April are the best months. While it is possible to buy good roses in the "sixteen for a dollar" collections, the better way is to buy two-year-old plants, as in the latter case the roses will give a large crop of blossoms in the first season.

In setting out your new roses be careful not to plant them near large trees or where there is little or no sun. The roots of large trees cover more space than one would think and roses will not do well where the deeper soil is drained of its strength by tree roots.

Spread the roots of the new bush so they will not be crowded, and sift in the earth, pressing it firmly around the roots and stalk, being careful to plant the rose just a trifle deeper than the earth line of the previous planting.

Severe cutting back will be beneficial in enabling the new rose to make a good start in its changed location. If your ground is not of the best, it will be well to sift in a handful of commercial fertilizer with the loose earth when planting the rose.

These hints regarding the care of roses during the season apply to old as well as new plantings. As early as the ground can be worked old rose beds should be treated to a generous supply of coarse stable manure, which should be well spaded under.

It is always difficult to pick out the "best varieties," as tastes differ greatly as to what is "best." There are, however, a large number of standard roses of tested merit which

all acknowledge as such and these will be found in all good catalogues. Perhaps the most favored is the La France family of pink and white, and the Caroline Testout, which has many of the characteristics of the La France. They are profuse bloomers, fine in bud and full bloom and will grow almost anywhere.

The above enumeration does not exhaust the choice roses, but gives those which are known to be among the best for our climate. Other varieties will doubtless do equally well, but it behooves us to be cautious in buying the high-priced, floridly advertised "new roses" until a few years of testing have shown their true worth.

THEO. P. CRAMER.

Clarence Pummill Wins a Prize. Some time ago the Oregon Association of the Sons of the American Revolution offered prizes for essays on either of the following subjects: "The Turning Point of the Revolution," "Alexander Hamilton's Influence on the Revolution."

There were four prizes offered for pupils in the high schools and also in the graded schools, which were divided into three districts, the amounts of the prizes in each case being \$10 for first and \$5 each for second, third and fourth.

Clarence Pummill, of the Grants Pass high school received the fourth prize on "Alexander Hamilton's Influence on the Revolution." This was the only prize received in the Rogue River valley, the first and third prizes going to Portland and the second to Brownsville.

Death to All Knockers.

Roseburg some time ago inaugurated a war on the knocker and this has been pushed to a considerable extent. These pestiferous creatures are no longer to be tolerated in that community and it is generally whispered about that hanging is none too good for those who invariably do all they can to injure the town in which they live.

Medford long ago got rid of the knocker. If one should drop in to that town and start his hammer, certain death would await him. Asland has been much annoyed with these characters, but of late active hostilities have been declared against this class, and they are now electrocuted whenever caught.

Grants Pass has long been afflicted with this class of pests and has struggled hard to get rid of them. The Commercial Club finally took the matter in hand and did some good work in cleaning up the town by declaring the knocker an outlaw, but he was only suppressed for a time and the result was his return in full force in all his pristine glory.

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PERSONAL AND LOCAL

August Fetsch and family left on Tuesday for Montague, Cal.

H. E. Gale returned to his Merlin home on Tuesday, after several days spent in this city.

M. T. Utley is erecting a neat 8-room bungalow on Sixth street for the use of himself and family.

Harry Smith visited Medford last week to attend to business matters, returning to this place in the evening.

Russell Sowers, formerly baggage-man in the employ of the Southern Pacific Co. at Medford, visited this city last week, but has not yet decided whether or not to locate here.

J. D. Cook went to Jump-Off-Joe on Monday to look over his property there. Mr. Cook is having a new mill erected for the Three Pines Lumber Co., in which he is interested, at that place.

It will be noticed by a glance at the coming event column that Laurant, the man of many mysteries, will appear at the opera house March 29. This is the last number of the entertainment course.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Borgerding stopped off in this city last week to spend the day with their oldtime friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Saur, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Borgerding were from Minnesota and left for the north this Friday morning.

Earle Young, mining expert in the forest service, came up from Portland Monday to spend a day with his mother, Mrs. Anna Fisher, and to visit Galice to inspect some mining property. He left Tuesday evening for Portland.

I. M. Davis went to Portland last Friday morning in answer to a message announcing the death of his brother, P. T. Davis, who passed away on Thursday. The deceased was well known all over Portland and the Willamette Valley and was prominent in business circles.

Frederick Schmidt, who has spent the past few weeks in Klamath Falls for the benefit of his health, returned last week to his home in this city on account of the illness of his little son, Lawrence. The boy is much improved at this time and Frederick will leave in a short time for Southern California.

In a recent debating contest between two college clubs of Los Angeles, Randall Hood, a former Grants Pass young man, took first prize. The club to which Randall belongs had been carrying off all the honors so it was decided to choose three of the best orators from each six to represent the two clubs in a debate to decide the championship.

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GERDA NELSON AS "EDNA" IN "ST. ELMO" AT GRANTS PASS OPERA HOUSE, FRIDAY, MARCH 13.

THE RULES FOR WEATHER OBSERVANCE

Grants Pass, Ore., March 7, 1910. Editor Courier: I am very glad that Mr. Paddock has been so kind as to furnish us with a report of weather conditions at Grants Pass, which town, owing to its location in this sheltered valley, seems to me to hold a unique and specially favored position as regards climate.

But though I arrived at Grants Pass only a few months ago, I have already taken on the booster habit and hence venture to take exception to one statement of Mr. Paddock's, which, in my opinion, misrepresents the climate. I, too, have made daily observations on the weather, though not having the instruments for recording maximum and minimum temperatures and amount of precipitation, my observations were necessarily amateurish in character.

If Mr. Paddock means to say that there were 17 days in February on which the sun did not shine, he must be mistaken, as I have recorded only 5 such days, which I put under the head of "cloudy," leaving 18 "partly cloudy" days. Probably Mr. Paddock classes every day as "cloudy" on which the sky was not entirely clear all day long, even if the sun broke his way through the clouds and shone brightly for a time, perhaps even the greater part of the day.

Will Mr. Paddock kindly give us his definition of a "cloudy" day? And will he or some one else let us know what the term designates in the technical language of the weather bureau? By so doing he would oblige many readers of the Courier, among them, yours truly. CELIA DOERNER.

Editor Courier: In compliance with your request I will state that the rules of the weather bureau for recording "cloudy," "partly cloudy" and "clear" days are as follows:

"The general character of the day should be recorded as 'clear' when the sky is three-tenths or less obscured; 'partly cloudy' when from three-tenths to seven-tenths obscured, and cloudy when more than seven-tenths obscured."

A brief study of these rules will show that if the sky is not more than three-tenths covered during any day it is recorded as clear. Also that the sky may be three-tenths clear during the day and yet must be recorded as "cloudy," while between three-tenths covered and three-tenths clear will constitute a "partly cloudy" day. Sincerely yours, JNO. B. PADDOCK.

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Engineer Visits Mountain Lion. J. H. Hottendorf, of Fort Jones, Cal., a short time ago came across a copy of the Rogue River Courier containing an account of the electrolytic amalgamation process being installed at the Mountain Lion mine near Murphy and being interested in new mining processes, he came to Grants Pass last week and made a visit to the Mountain Lion. Mr. Hottendorf, who is a mining engineer, was very much pleased with what he saw and also with the courteous treatment received at the hands of Superintendent Thos. Brinckerhoff. He pronounces the process a complete success.

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