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BAD NURSERY STOCK.

The loss which has occurred in the
planting of trees in Josephine county
this year is a great misfortune to a
worthy class who are trying to bring
prosperity to themselves and this val-
ley. Much of the stock was frosted
and was really dead at the time of
its arrival in the country. On what
we consider good authority we can
make the statement that 50 per cent
of the trees delivered in this county
were unfit to plant, either the trees
had been frosted on the road or had
been dried out and were dead. In
some cases the trees were so weak as
to lack the life necessary to make
growth. This nursery business is the
worst feature of orchard planting in
this valley. Here is an illustration of
how the business is done. A gentle-
man who wanted some peach trees
was induced to place his order
through an agent with a nursery in
this state for the reason that its
trees were grown, as it was claimed,
in the nursery. The order was filled
after considerable delay and the
trees were at least third class, though
they were to have been of the very
best, and later it was learned that
the order was filled by an eastern
nursery. Instead of being two years
old they were only one, mere
switches. It being late they were
paid for on delivery and before they
were carefully inspected. They are
in the ground, but many of them are
not worth the room they occupy.

What we need is home nurseries
where the stock can be seen before it
is purchased. This stock when taken
from the nursery can be planted in
the orchard without being frosted or
dried out. Home grown trees will
live and make a vigorous growth the
first season; whereas, with the fore-
ign tree it is a serious question if
it will grow at all, and as the pur-
chaser takes the risk it is a one-sided
arrangement. There should be start-
ed in this valley without delay a
number of first-class nurseries to
supply the home demand, which will

be constantly increasing. There is
one such nursery at Grants Pass, the
Earl Ingalls establishment, which is
doing business in a reliable way, and
while this place can not supply a
quarter of the demand, what it does
will be satisfactory to the fortun-
ate people who get the stock.

PRACTICAL WORKING OF PROHIBITION.

Much has been written pro and con
as to the effect of prohibition on
business and morals in those places
where it has had a fair trial. Opin-
ions are usually colored by the pre-
judices or interests of those giving
them expression.

The recent business men's excu-
sion from Portland to Klamath Falls
has given the best kind of an oppor-
tunity for securing an absolutely un-
biased judgment, and in the follow-
ing editorial from the Evening Tele-
gram of May 5 we have it. We com-
mend it to all fair-minded readers.

HOW LOCAL OPTION IS WORKING

(Evening Telegram, May 6.)

During the recent business men's
trip down the valley to Klamath
Falls, there were many inquiries
made as to the result of local option
experiments in the various towns in
which it has been tried. It was
found that the result was everywhere
satisfactory, and that the business
men of the various communities were
most enthusiastic in commending it.
They say that the greatest sufferers
from the unrestricted sale of liquors
are the families of the working peo-
ple. Since the advent of local op-
tion they find that bills are better
paid than ever before, that long de-
linquent accounts are being settled,
because money which many of these
people devoted to drink heretofore
is now spent in giving better homes,
better clothing and better food to
their families and in settling obliga-
tions as they arise.

They say, too, that there is now
very little work for the police, that
the public peace is maintained in a
most remarkable manner. As to
withdrawing money from circulation,
they say that is all a bugaboo, that
local option has had precisely the
same effect as abolishing public
gambling had in Portland. Here it
was claimed that money would be
withdrawn from circulation and
things would not be nearly so lively
as they had been when public gam-
bling ceased, but that proved a mis-
take. As one of Portland's local
merchants put it, after the Christmas
holidays their sales had been just as
great as the previous Christmas, but
more people bought and seemed able
to pay.

When asked whether they wanted

to return to the old system, every
one spoken to, and it is business men
alone that are being quoted here,
said they would never think of it so
satisfactory had been the experiment
so far, and so much had it improved
conditions, morally and financially,
in the communities. As for boot-
legging—it was a case of making a
mountain out of a molehill. So with
the occasional drunkard that was
picked up in the streets and osten-
tationously landed in the calaboose and
his case afterward proclaimed to the
wide world as something frightfully
criminal and proving the failure of
the system. While there was some-
thing of this sort going on, the fact
still remained that the working peo-
ple, who were usually most affected
by the other system, were better off
than ever before, and their families
much more comfortable, and that
young boys were not being trained
in the boozing habit. Likewise,
not being constantly under their
noses, most people were likely to for-
get its existence, and after a little
while the habit, which, with associa-
tion, so largely influences drinking,
would be practically destroyed. No
town along the line which had given
local option a fair trial would think
of returning to the old system, was
the invariable report of every busi-
ness man spoken to, and every one
who was met was casually spoken to
on the subject.

The Grants Pass strawberry has
been for two weeks gladdening the
tables of our citizens and brings a
better price than shipped-in berries.

The expert who has examined the
Shank orchard figures that the crop
of apples will this year equal 16,
000 boxes. As the trees have had
the very best care the fruit will be
first class and will bring good prices;

that is from \$25,000 to \$30,000. That
orchard is no stranger to bumper
crops, as it has done so before.

The Carson vineyard can be
counted on this year to supply the
market with many choice grapes;
that is, the present outlook indicates
a bountiful crop this fall.

This part of the Rogue River val-
ley will produce the largest fruit
crop in its history, and when it is
understood that the fruit of the mid-
dle west has been practically des-
troyed by frost, it will be seen that
Oregon, and especially Rogue River
fruit, will bring handsome returns
next fall.

GRANTS PASS ROSE GROWERS, ATTENTION!

Every rose grower in the city is
urged to keep in mind the Third
Annual Rose Festival of May 24 and
25. All should be planning to enter
for one or more of the prizes offered.
One general suggestion might be
followed during the next ten days.
Cut your roses freely, that the
strength of the bush need not be
wasted upon roses already or very
nearly in full bloom. The strength
of the bushes will then be reserved
for the perfection of those buds
which are to mature by May 24.
Look for final directions in next
week's issue. And by all means do
not fail to enter the best you have.
There is something like twenty
prizes offered. Get one.

Don't fail to see "Esmeralda"—
opera house, Friday, May, 20. Re-
served seats 35c; anywhere in the
house. Tickets on sale at Russell's
Wednesday, May 18, at 1:30 p. m.
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Alabastine at Rogue River Hdwe.

COMING EVENTS.

May 15, Saturday afternoon—Recep-
tion given by auxiliary in club
rooms to all new comers.
Tuesday, May 17—Sells Float circus.
May, 20, Friday—Class play, "Es-
meralda," opera house, 8:15 p. m.
May 22, Sunday Evening—Gom-
mencement sermon at Newman M.
E. church, 8 p. m.
May 23, Monday—Class Day exer-
cises, opera house, 8:15 p. m.
May 24-25, Tuesday and Wednesday,
Grants Pass rose carnival.
May 27, Friday—Commencement ad-
dress, Rt. Rev. Chas. Scadding,
bishop of Oregon, opera house,
8:15 p. m.
May 29, Sunday—Memorial Day.
May 30, Monday—Decoration Day.
June 8, Wednesday—Edith Coburn
Noyes in a recital under auspices
of Ladies' Auxiliary.

Commencement Week.

Reserved seats for "Esmeralda,"
given by the seniors on Friday, May
20, will be placed on sale Wednes-
day, the 18th, at 1:30 p. m., at
Russell's.

Tickets for "Class Day" exercises
also on sale the same day. The
Class Day exercises will be given at
the opera house, Monday, May 23.

The commencement sermon will
be delivered by Rev. Frederick Bart-
lett at the Newman M. E. church,
Sunday evening, May 22, at 8 o'clock.

Reserved seats for the commence-
ment exercises and address by Bishop
Scadding Friday, May 27, may be
secured free on application at Rus-
sell's any time after 1:30 p. m.
Tuesday, May 24.

Remember to secure your reserved
seats in advance for "Esmeralda,"
for the class play and for the com-
mencement address.

BUSINESS POINTERS

Dr. Flanagan,
Physician and Surgeon.
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J.E. Peterson, Pioneer Insurance Man.
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A cool ice cream soda on your
way to the bridge, 514 S. 6th. 5-6-11
Alfred Letcher, Registered Opto-
metrist and Jeweler in Dixon's old
stand, Front st. Eyes tested free.
Curtiss & Co., jewelers, are still
in business at the same old stand.
Ranne, the plumber.
Class Day exercises, opera house,
May 23. Admission 15c. 5-13-11

Good Roads.

A special representative of the
United States department of agricul-
ture, Washington, D. C., Dr. Maurice
Eldridge, best known authority on
goods roads in this country, will
speak on that subject at the follow-
ing points on the dates shown: Mc-
Minnville, May 30; Forest Grove,
May 31; Oregon City, June 1; Salem,
June 2; Albany, June 3; Corvallis,
June 4; Eugene, June 6; Roseburg,
June 7; Grants Pass, June 8; Med-
ford, June 9; Ashland, June 10.
5-13-11

The work of laying the foundation
for the Claus Schmidt two-story con-
crete building opposite the Courier
office was commenced this week.
E. W. Britton, of this city, having
the contract.

Herbert Smith is excavating on
his 100x100 foot lot at the corner
of 5th and H streets, and the dirt
is being used at the new depot and
the balance being distributed and
used for various fills. Mr. Smith
has not yet announced his building
plans.



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The friends and patrons of the undersigned
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"ROSE FESTIVAL" to be held on May 24th
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