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To Farmers and Land Owners of California.

The vast tracts of country in the San Joaquin and other valleys of California, destitute of timber, and the necessity and great advantage to farmers and land owners of having plantations or belts of timber and avenues on their properties has induced us to make a specialty of raising forest trees. For this we have chosen the Eucalyptus or Blue Gum of Tasmania and the Iron Bark Gum and other varieties of Australian forest trees. Their rapid growth and value for fuel and other purposes gives them no equal for forest culture. Important items in cultivating these trees are, that after they have attained five years' growth they can be cut down and a new, vigorous growth of timber springs up; and secondly, sandy and gravelly land and hill land, too poor to produce good crops, is well adapted to grow a forest of gums. We have placed them at such rates that each farmer can well afford to have a belt of timber on his own place, and in a very short time bring his firewood, fence-posts, etc., at his very door. To men who have large tracts

of land nothing would more enhance the value of their property than to plant out belts of timber around each hundred acres. No fence is required as no cattle will eat them, and what few they may destroy could be replaced at a small cost.

When we look at the hills which for eight months in the year hurt our eyes by their barrenness we think that the man who would start to cover them with a graceful and useful evergreen tree would lay both nature and society under a lasting obligation. To what other use can some of those hills be put? Cover them with a forest of gums, and in five years they will become the source of wealth and comfort. We must have care, not only of the present but of the future as well. But here is an article in point, that applies to this State as well as to Colorado, for which it was written :

TREE PLANTING IN COLORADO.

BY F. J. EBERT.

From year to year, tree planting will be looked upon in our territory as an operation of more and more importance. It will even soon attract the attention of our Legislature, and ought to have done so already but for the newness of the thing in this country. It just begins to loom up from the distance in all its magnitude. When I speak here of tree planting I mean tree planting