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Now that election is over let us give a little attention to civic matters. Nothing attracts the permanent resident or the transient guest more than good well-kept streets, neat and attractive lawns, with well-trimmed hedges. These things cost nothing in Independence but a little labor. And they are vital if you want to impress the stranger with the stability of our town. They show that we have confidence in the place, and that we are here to stay.

Clean up your back yards and vacant lots. Their hideousness becomes all the more apparent when contrasted with some of the beautiful lawns of our fair young city. A good clean-up will serve many purposes. It will make the town more attractive. It will lessen the possibility of disease during the hot weather. It will diminish the danger from fire and indirectly, if not directly, enhance the value of your property. Clean up.

What's the matter with organizing a civic improvement league in Independence? Live, wide-awake neighboring towns have them and much good has resulted. Independence is a beautiful city, but what a lovely spot it could be made with concerted action on the part of all our people. By means of the league we could have the united effort of every man, woman and child in the city. We have written to an expert on modern methods of beautifying cities, and expect to have a good deal to say about the matter later on.

A gentleman from the Hood River district has been corresponding with one of our citizens regarding the matter of securing land for extensive strawberry culture. It is recognized that Polk county would make an attractive field for such an industry. We have the soil, climate and facilities for marketing the product. When the project was mentioned to several of our farmers it was evident that there would be no trouble about securing enough land to engage in the industry on an extensive basis. This gentleman, who has been engaged in the berry business for years, seems quite enthusiastic over the matter. He claims that berries are much more profitable than hops; that it takes less money to handle them and less capital to start with. He says, however, that cultivation must be extensive enough to insure shipping in large quantities. Polk county is famous for its hop yards, why not add strawberry culture to the list?

LEWISVILLE.

Miss Ruby Lewis, of Portland, and Miss Bertha Henkle, of Corvallis, are visiting the former's father, Mr. John Lewis.

Mrs. J. W. Craig and friend, Mrs. Chittie, of Washington, left for Portland last Saturday, where they will attend a meeting of the grand lodge at that place.

Mrs. Susan Lewis and daughter, Leota, were Dallas visitors last Tuesday.

Ellis and Sonney Canney visited their brother at Popcorn last Sunday.

Mr. H. S. Smith and daughter, Myrnie, were Monmouth visitors last Tuesday.

Albert Williams, of Dallas college, came up last Friday and visited with his parents here until Sunday.

Presiding Elder, Rev. E. L. Fitch and family came down from Corvallis last Saturday and he held the fourth quarterly conference at this place Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Bodle, of California has been visiting the family of A. A. Lindeman at this place.

Mr. J. Wood left Tuesday for Grass Valley, Eastern Ore.

Next Sunday, June 15th the Sunday school of this place will have children's day exercise at 11 o'clock a. m. It will take place of the regular preaching services.

Rev. J. W. Craig left last Monday and took Rev. E. L. Fitch, of Corvallis over to Tillamook.

On the fifth Saturday of this month the regular county Sunday school convention will be held at Montgomery. The meeting will be held in the grove. All are very cordially invited to attend. Bring baskets.

Mr. B. F. Smith butchered five hogs last Monday and sent them to Independence, where he had sold them to the butcher at that place.

Bring your old Tin Types
and have them

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I also have the agency for the

Premo Poco and Cyclone

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Monmouth, Oregon,

.....REPRESENTS THE.....

Fire Association of Philadelphia

AND THE

London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co.

Losses promptly paid.

Notice to Correspondents.

Contest to Begin Next Week.

We have now on exhibition in our office a very handsome Morris chair, elegantly upholstered, retailing for \$20, to be given as the first prize to our correspondents, under the same conditions that have prevailed heretofore in these contests. The other prizes will be announced next week.