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**To Advertise Oregon.**

A meeting of citizens is called for this evening at the City Hall to take steps to properly advertise Independence and Polk county. An opportunity will be given tomorrow (Friday) to meet the representatives of the Harriman railway system in an informal way to discuss ways and means of making known our resources. The Harriman system is willing in a general way to do all it can to attract homeseekers to the Pacific coast, but it is dependent upon each particular locality to do its own advertising. If Independence and Polk county want their share of this immense influx of settlers now is the time to act. Turn out this evening and let us see what can be done.

**Let Us Plant Strawberries.**

MR. EDITOR.—When in Salem a few days ago making inquiries concerning the strawberry industry, I had the pleasure, through the courtesy of Mr. E. Hofer, editor of the Salem Journal, of visiting with him his two-acre strawberry patch. Here Mr. Hofer has planted fifteen different varieties of berries and all of them are in bearing this season. I tasted and examined the finest lot of strawberries it was ever my good fortune to see.

Mr. Hofer, while being the prime mover in establishing the industry in the vicinity of Salem, is doing the berry industry a great service, from the fact that he will be enabled to judge accurately which of his fifteen varieties are best suited to this climate and soil.

Now is the time to get the strawberry industry started in Independence so that when the 1905 Exposition is held in Portland the Willamette valley will be in a position to furnish Portland with berries and thereby reap a rich harvest. Let us meet, organize and get at least fifty acres planted this autumn. Sincerely,  
STRAWBERRY CRANK.

One hundred acres of strawberries will bring \$15,000 clean money into this vicinity annually, besides doubling the population of our town. Let us make an heroic effort to get at least half that acreage planted this season.

Polk county is on the eve of one of the most prosperous eras in its history. With hops going skyward and wool, mohair, beef, mutton, poultry, butter and eggs bringing fancy prices it is no wonder everybody feels good.

The price of hops is soaring with every prospect of going higher. Twenty cents is the highest price yet paid for the Willamette valley product, but over in the Yakima country 22 cents is the reported price paid.

Facts and figures prove clearly that there is more net profit from one acre of Magoon strawberries than from one acre of hops.

A fierce summer wind-storm visited this section Tuesday afternoon and continued all evening. Hay was blown down and apples were shaken from the trees. In some timber sections trees were uprooted, though no such violence is reported closer than Falls City.

**Crops Around Pedee.**

Special from Pedee.

We are now harvesting a hay crop that bids fair to break the record of any previous year. There is not only a material increase in meadow acreage, but as a result of continuous damp weather, the yield is unusually heavy and the quality excellent.

While our wheat crop will probably fall a trifle below the usual yield, oats give promise of a heavy crop, which will offset the shortage in wheat and bring the money value of the two crops up to or above that of ordinary seasons.

**J. B. V. Butler Remembered by Friends.**  
Special from Monmouth.

On Friday evening, July 11th, Mr. J. B. V. Butler, attired in his "working costume" was surprised by the arrival of several interested relatives to learn that he was supposed to have a birthday on that date. The news, though startling, was most gracefully received by Mr. Butler and he retired for a short time, re-appearing in his Sunday best, ready to smile a welcome to the large number that arrived later. The evening being a very pleasant one, numerous outdoor games were indulged in, tennis being the most enjoyable, after which a bountiful supply of refreshments was served. At a seasonable hour the party disbanded wishing Mr. Butler many returns of the day.

Oregon had a compliment paid her when J. W. Bailey was elected president of the National Pure Food Association.

I Have

Something new and up-to-date in the

Photo Line

To show you. All the latest things in

Mountings

And Novelties, and would be pleased at any time to show you samples and give you prices.

**McCaleb's.**

C Street, Independence.

**Fire Insurance.**

**V. O. BOTS**

Monmouth, Oregon,

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

Fire Association of Philadelphia

AND THE

London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co.

Losses promptly paid.

**NOW**

That the stock, in our several lines, is full and our store crowded on every floor, we feel that it is time to tell the people of Independence and vicinity of a few of the things which we are offering at very close prices. If you are needing anything in the line of

**FURNITURE**



You will likely find what you want at our store. We have a good assortment of *Child's Cribs*, both in wood and iron.

Our line of **Iron Bedsteads**

Is not surpassed by those of any

store in the valley. Nearly everybody nowadays buys Iron Bedsteads in preference to the older and more objectionable wooden ones. You should consider their advantages before buying.



You can bank your money on our

**Dining Tables**



Being good values. They are the finest make and finish we ever had. The style is up with tables of higher cost made by other factories. They are made 6, 8, 10 and 12 feet in length. We have them as low in price as **\$4.50.**

Some people do not know that they can get a **Lounge** made to order at our store, which will out last several common lounges and not cost any more. We make all of our upholstered work and by so doing put dollars into the pockets of every purchaser. Why? Because we make each piece upon honor. We try to see how good, not how cheap and poor, we can do our

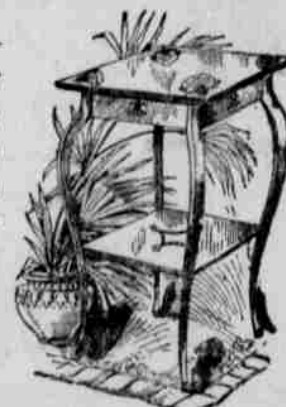


work. Box couches for cosy corners and bed rooms are quite popular at the present time, and quite a lot of our time is occupied with special orders of this kind. We have them as low as \$4.



If you are thinking of furnishing an office we would like to show you our office desks and revolving chairs. A full line of different sizes of roll and flat top desks in quarter-sawed oak.

We have Artificial Palms for decorative use. Why bother with live plants when you can have artificial ones with so much less trouble. From 60c to \$2.50 each



**Buren & Hamilton**  
**HOUSE FURNISHERS**

SALEM, - - - OREGON.