

COOPER CLAN GATHERS IN ANNUAL REUNION

The Cooper clan congregated at the J. S. Cooper home in Independence last Saturday, July 5, for their annual reunion festivities. Guests began arriving the day before and continued to come on every train and by automobile until 53 descendants of the family were present for the sixteenth reunion. The spacious home and lawn were full of activity and the hospitality of the host and hostess for their kin was unbounded and every one entered into the spirit of the occasion with great zest. At noon a picnic lunch was served on four long tables on the lawn under the shade of a magnificent maple tree. Here under the protecting branches of the maple trees many interesting events pertaining to the family tree were discussed by the older members while the bounteous repast was also heartily enjoyed.

The six living Cooper brother D. J., J. C., E. W., J. E., R. D. and J. S., who are all pioneers, and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Craft, were present. Of the six brothers, D. J. of The Dalles, who is 83, enjoys the distinction of being the oldest, but J. S. of Independence holds the record for being the champion fisherman among all those interesting, capable, prosperous, pleasant and happy people. The combined ages of the living brothers is 450 years. One brother, W. H. of Stayton, died in 1911 at the age of 86. Of the four generations represented John Francis Kraus, eighteen months, was the youngest member of the family present. During the day greetings were received from several members of the connection including Major and Mrs. Parker from the Canal Zone. Captain J. S. Cooper, Jr., who is still "over there", cabled, "Greetings to Coopers. Well. Mail needed." During the world conflict fourteen of the relatives responded to the call to the colors, several of whom were in foreign service.

Relatives from far and near were remembered with clever invitations written in rhyme. Some were busy with strenuous commercial duties and declined. Others, including Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Price of Dallas, Texas, couldn't leave their "oil gushers" but hoped to be present next time.

Those enjoying the reunion were D. J. Cooper, rancher, The Dalles; Dr. Belle Cooper Ferguson, Portland; Mrs. C. I. Thomas, Troutdale; Miss Elizabeth Thomas, Troutdale; Fred Bayley, The Dalles; Mrs. Fred Bayley, The Dalles; Mrs. Ruth Fish, Los Angeles, Calif.; Miss Mary Emily Fish, Los Angeles, Calif.; J. C. Fish, Los Angeles, Calif.; Miss Frances Rinehart, Portland; David Northrup, Portland; Dan Northrup, Portland; Miss Nancy Northrup, Portland; J. C. Cooper, orchardist, McMinnville; Mrs. J. C. Cooper, McMinnville; Miss Nellie Cooper, McMinnville; Mrs. Fredric G. Cooper, New York; Miss Leona Cooper, New York; Master Paul Cooper, New York; M. H. Craft, Hood River; Mrs. M. H. Craft, Hood River; E. W. Cooper, merchant, Albany; Mrs. E. W. Cooper, Albany; Mrs. Paul Belt, Portland; Miss Evelyn Belt, Portland; J. E. Cooper, farmer, Canby; R. D. Cooper, merchant, Chehalis, Wash.; L. L. Mann, Pendleton; Mrs. L. L. Mann, Pendleton; Master Layton Mann, Pendleton; Miss Margaret Adams, Pendleton; Dr. E. A. Mann, Portland; Mrs. E. A. Mann, Portland; John Gildon, Aumsville; William Gildon, Albany; Mrs. William Gildon, Albany; Master Rex Gildon, Albany; J. S. Cooper, retired capitalist and hop grower, Independence; Mrs. J. S. Cooper, Independence; Mrs. C. E. Ireland, Independence; Major W. D. Moreland, Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. W. D. Moreland, Tacoma, Wash.; W. D. Moreland, Jr., Tacoma, Wash.; J. C. Moreland, Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. George M. Williams, Centralia, Wash.; Mrs. John Kraus, Aurora; Master John Francis Kraus, Aurora; Mrs. J. S. Cooper, Jr., Independence; Miss Betty Cooper, Independence; Master J. S. Cooper III, Independence; Miss Genevieve Cooper, Independence; Mrs. I. H. Curtis, Corvallis; Master Dick Hallway, Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. Anna Coad, Dallas.

OWNER OF WATER RIGHT SEEKS FIGURES

Frank Pepin of Chitwood, who owns a water right on Teal Creek twelve miles west and one mile south of Monmouth, the same one once owned by Independence parties, is getting figures as to the cost of a gravity system and hopes to interest Independence or Monmouth or both in the project.

LAUNCH INDEPENDENCE BURNED

The launch Independence, which saw much service on the Willamette at Independence a few years back when it was owned by G. C. Skinner of this city, was burned in a \$100,000 fire at the Portland docks last Saturday night. The fire was started by the explosion of the gasoline tank of the Independence.

CELEBRATIONS FIZZLES THEY SAY

Independence people who went to other places to celebrate the Fourth generally report said celebration a fizzle. Lack of attractions seems to be the most serious charge against the celebrators. All a fellow had to do was to spend money they say and think he was celebrating. Those who picniced in some woody dell or hied away to a fishing hole had the best time. Automobiling was also a popular pastime.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, JULY 14 AND 15

"VIRTUOUS WIVES"

A WONDERFUL COMBINATION—A STORY OF REAL MARRIED LIFE IN NEW YORK—A BEAUTIFUL STAR AND A REVELATION FOR HUSBANDS

PROGRAM FOR REMAINDER OF THE WEEK

WEDNESDAY JULY 16—VIVIAN MARTIN in "You Never Saw Such a Girl." This picture is fresh as a Spring morning, redolent of perfume as the greenwood after a rain, as full of comedy as one could desire—but love, romance, adventure—these are the principal ingredients. Mack Sennett Comedy "Never Too Old." A great fun producer.

No Show Thursday.

FRIDAY JULY 18—CHARLES RAY in "The Girl Dodger." Yes, its the sad, sad truth. He was afraid of girls! What are you going to do with that sort of kid? How can you make his nature over? "Pinkie" LaRue knew. There was a kick in her chorus girl method. The thing that makes "The Girl Dodger" a great picture is—the "kick" that "Pinkie" gave him.

SATURDAY JULY 19—BILLIE RHODES in "In Search of Arcady." Billie more clever than ever in the role of a mopeap heiress who runs away to become a Gypsy and peddles hats. She meets a handsome nobleman fleeing ambition mammas.

SUNDAY JULY 20—WILLIAM FAVERSHAM in "The Silver King." This is one of the most intensely dramatic motion pictures ever screened. Its thrilling depths could not be better sounded by any living actor than William Faversham. It is a picture of love, of life, of death, and will touch the deepest chords of your being.

ISIS THEATRE

INDEPENDENCE

CITY AND COUNTRY

D. M. Duvall was here from Mosier over Sunday.

Big Dance Friday night, July 18. Tillotson's Jazz Band on the job.

Mrs. Johnson of San Francisco is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Hubbard.

Glen Smith has been discharged from the service and arrived home July Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bice were greeting their many friends in Independence on July Fourth.

Miss Lora Chute, who formerly taught in the Independence schools, will teach in Portland next year.

Roy Collins was visiting his relatives and friends in Polk county the Fourth. He is employed in a store at Camas, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Auger of Portland and Mr. Goodfellow of Victoria, B. C., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Smith.

Senator I. L. Patterson has been generously mentioned for warden of the state penitentiary, but under the law he cannot accept the place.

Charles Staats and family of Washington were guests of his sister, Mrs. J. E. Hubbard, this week. The Staats were motoring to California.

An 8½ pound boy was born to Mrs. Frank E. Dickson in a Portland hospital. Both mother and babe are doing well, and for Frank he expects to get back to normal next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith were visiting relatives and friends here this week, Walter having received his discharge from the navy. They will leave in a few days for Alaska where his parents live.

The Civic Club met in special session on Monday, June 30, and allowed the several bills which were incurred for the Fourth of July celebration. The last regular meeting was held June 25 at which time the Club adjourned until September.

ANN JANE COOPER, PIONEER, PASSES AGED 88

The oldest inhabitant of this section of Polk county in years of residence passed away on Monday, July 7, when Ann Jane Cooper died at her home in this city. While others had trod the soil of this section before her, she could look upon our homes, farms, fields of grain and orchards and say, "It all came after me."

Ann Jane Stewart was born near Portland, Maine, on March 16, 1831. But soon after her birth her parents moved to Illinois and lived there until 1849 when the family went to Sheridan county, Missouri, to reside. It was there she met and married Harbin M. Cooper Feb. 23, 1851. Two years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper crossed the plains, locating at what is now known as Cooper Hollow. They moved to Independence in 1868, their home standing on the site of the present opera house. Mr. Cooper died in 1904. Seven children were born to them, two daughters, Ella and Lavilla dying when little girls and a third daughter, Mrs. Viola Sloper Hall, passing away in middle age. Four sons survive. They are Armine W. of Independence, Theodore T. of North Yakima, Wash., Wilmar S. of Independence and Curtis L. of Weed, California. There are twenty living grand children and several great grand children. At the time of her death Mrs. Cooper was a few months over 88 years of age.

The funeral services were held at the Christian church this afternoon, Rev. P. J. Burnett preaching the sermon. The flowers and the many words of sympathy spoken to the bereaved sons gave proof of the high esteem in which the departed was held by friends and neighbors. Interment was at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

As a pioneer Ann Jane Cooper assisted in building and uplifting. As long as she was physically able every movement for the good of the community or the good of neighbor she upheld and extended a helping hand. When she reached that time in life when the infirmities of age confined her to her home, she took special interest in flowers and making her surroundings more beautiful and happy. Until a few weeks ago she maintained her faculties and she was bright, witty and entertaining. Mrs. Cooper was a good mother, good neighbor and a good Christian. At an early age she united with the Christian church and lived the life of a true Christian. Living in Christ, she died in Christ knowing well that she has earned the reward the Redeemer promised the faithful.

HIGHWAY AGAIN CHANGED "PERMANENTLY"

(Monmouth Herald.)

The location of the route of the West Side Pacific highway south of Monmouth has been definitely settled once more. This last decision is the same as the first survey, following Monmouth avenue to the city limits and then angling across Strain's land and the railroad right of way until the highway is connected with whence it goes straight south over the cemetery ridge to the Helmick bridge. Engineer Smith, a new man man on the Polk county work is in charge of this survey which is to be final and a preliminary to the letting of contracts for grading, it is reported. A delegation of Luckiamute farmers recently visited the commission to urge that a portion of this tract be done this fall, this being the tract immediately south of Monmouth.

CITY AND COUNTRY

Miss Gladys Childs will teach in Salem next year.

Only four Independence boys, as far as known, yet remain in Europe.

Mrs. Josephine Balch of Sodaville was visiting in Independence last week.

Lieutenant Floyd Brown has done no flying at Salem. His machine is laid up for repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Kirkland are now at Long Beach, Wash., enjoying the ocean breezes.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Fischer have moved to Independence, occupying the DeCoster residence on Fourth street.

Miss Gretchen Kreamer, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis in a Portland hospital, is recovering rapidly.

Marvin Richardson arrived in Independence last Friday. He was in a number of the great battles in France and has many interesting experiences to relate.

Mrs. Adelia Moore and daughter, Mrs. O. D. Rider of Portland arrived in Independence last Thursday. Mrs. Rider will return home soon, but Mrs. Moore will remain several weeks at the home of her son, A. C. Moore.

Thirteen Independence people will start at 10 p. m. Saturday night for a resort on the McKenzie river, 65 miles hence. They expect to get home at 3:33 a. m. Monday morning unless they are so heavily loaded down with fish as to interfere with the schedule.