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## FOURTH PASSED IN SAFE AND SANE WAY

Coming as it did, the day following Sunday, the Fourth of July this year was not only a time of celebration but was utilized as a vacation also. The 48 hours of rest and pleasure were a most welcome relief after a stretch of strenuous summer activity. That great body of water to the west of us proved to be the most inviting to a plurality of our citizens. Many departed for the seashore Saturday night, thus giving themselves two full days of pleasure, sand fight on the beach surf, bathing, etc. Albany was another drawing card. Here an old time celebration of parades, horse racing, merry-go-round, red lemonade, fire crackers, fire works and street dancing formed the amusement. Then in every shady nook along stream and hill side little parties of four to twenty could be seen with well filled lunch baskets, and pillows on which to recline their weary bones. Along rippling streams where the wily trout might be, hopeful fishermen walked to and fro using every known art to entice the speckled beauties into the frying pan. Those who did not celebrate in either manner mentioned remained at home and spent the day in peace and comfort and to show their loyalty to the Stars and Stripes furnished fire crackers to the kids and let Young America do the rest.

## Happy Beach Party

The C. O. Slopers, the George Carbrays, the James Robbies and the W. H. Cockles formed a motor party to Pacific City the Fourth. The party also went to Neakowin where they visited another Independence colony, consisting of the Earl Ruefs, the Ralph Porterfields, the A. C. Moores and the Frank Riders from Portland.

## Body of Drowned Girl Recovered Sunday

Following a five days' continuous search the body of Miss Elsa Schwabbauer was recovered from the waters of the Willamette last Sunday morning. Since the young girl met her death by drowning just a week before, the entire town had bravely given all possible aid that might result in the recovery of her body. While patrolling the river Sunday morning Jim Hilliard and Eli Fluke discovered the body near East Independence. The funeral services, under the direction of A. L. Keeney, were held from the residence on 2nd street Tuesday afternoon. Dr. H. C. Dunamore offered words of comfort to the family so sadly bereft. Many out of town friends from Silverton and Salem, where the Schwabbauers formerly lived were present at the service. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The body will rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Morris Parker of Los Angeles is the guest of his great niece Miss Pauline Perry at the home of Mrs. Nora Mattison. He is also visiting a great nephew Jabe Parker. Mr. Parker is 83 years of age and made the trip alone from Los Angeles and declares he enjoyed every minute of the journey.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Macy and Miss Margaret Dunsmore Macy were here from Portland the Fourth visiting Dr. H. C. Dunamore. Mr. Macy and Ben Smith spent the day fishing on the Luckiamute. They report wonderful luck.

There will be a joint meeting of the Dallas and Independence library boards at the Independence library next Monday evening.

## James Shelby Cooper Joins Silent Majority

James Shelby Cooper has passed from earthly scenes, his remains rest in the Mount Crest mausoleum of Salem where many another gallant Oregonian sleeps his last sleep. But the influence of his life time still walks abroad and makes for higher aspirations and nobler efforts in behalf of home and fireside, country and its altars. His idea was "to do noble things, not dream them all day long and so make life, death, and that vast forever one grand, sweet song". His was a successful life filled with service and devotion to his family and his associates. A loving and dependable father, husband and friend, a noble soul. The passing came at 10 a. m. Sunday at Kings Hill Apartments, Portland, where the family had lived for some time. The funeral services directed by A. L. Keeney were held from the family residence at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Dr. D. V. Poling of Albany paid a pretty tribute to the departed. A quartet, consisting of Mesdames Conkey and Drexler, Messrs. Underhill and Campbell sang comforting numbers. Mr. Cooper was a charter member of the Royal Arch Masons and this organization had charge of the last rites. The body was entombed in the Mount Crest Abbey mausoleum. The numerous and magnificent floral offerings were a fitting attestation to the splendid steem in which he was held. He lives in the cause of truth, right and justice; he lives in the memory and fond recollections of his friends; he lives enshrined in the hearts of those who loved him. And thus continues the work, the influence and life of this just and upright man. His was a successful life. We mourn with his bereaved family, but we console them with the reflection that his long and honorable career leaves behind him for them a record of which they may well be proud. Tears, idle tears, cannot avail. Our consolation lies in the beautiful lines of a great American poet:

Were a star quenched on high—  
For ages would its light,  
Still traveling downward from  
the sky  
Shine on our mortal sigh.  
So when a great man dies  
For years beyond our ken  
The light he leaves behind him  
lies  
Upon the paths of men.

James Shelby Cooper was born in Lawrence county, Missouri, January 9, 1841, attending school there in his boyhood days. April 15, 1860, he began the trip across the plains to California by ox team. His sister, Mrs. Van Buren Mann, who died several years ago, accompanied him and they joined an immigrant train, Mr. Cooper taking charge of the cattle of the immigrants and acting as herdsman for them on

the trip across the plains. The train arrived in California in September, where Mr. Cooper settled on a ranch near Stockton. Later on he drove a team between Virginia City, Nev., and Stockton, when the silver mines in Nevada were enjoying a big run.

In 1862 Mr. Cooper went to San Francisco, where he spent the winter of 1862-63 and then started overland for Oregon, arriving here in March of 1863 and settling near Salem in Spring valley. He engaged in farming and attended McMinnville college when John M. Johnson, later the first president of the University of Oregon, was teaching there.

Mr. Cooper married Frances Graves, daughter of C. B. Graves of Independence, a pioneer of 1844. They had three children, all of whom survive him. They are Mrs. C. E. Ireland of Klamath Falls, Mrs. George M. Parker of the canal zone, Panama, and Mrs. W. D. Moreland of Tacoma.

Mr. Cooper organized and was president of the First National bank of Independence, and continued in the banking business until 1900, when he retired and began growing hops, which he continued until the last few years. Following the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Jennie McNeal Logan of Dallas, and four children were born to them. The four children and his widow survive him. The children are Mrs. George M. Williams of Centralia, Wash.; Mrs. John Kraus, Aurora; J. S. Cooper Jr. of Portland, and Miss Genevieve Cooper. He is also survived by five brothers and one sister. They are D. J. of the Dalles, J. C. of McMinnville, E. W. and Riley of Alsea, J. E. of Portland and Mrs. N. P. Craft of Hood River. All were present for the funeral. All the children were with their father when the end came.

Mr. Cooper was a prominent and public-spirited citizen, well known throughout the state. He took an active part in the early government of Independence and was sent to the legislature from Polk and Lincoln counties in 1905. He was at one time president of the Independence Commercial Club. He also was active in politics, being a delegate to the republican national convention which nominated Harrison.

All aboard! Next Tuesday at 9 a. m. in the morning the Baptist Sunday school will gather at the church and there board machines and journey to Rickreall and spend the day in eating, playing, racing and picnicking. Leave your worries at home and pack up your lunch basket and come. Let's go. Get up early and get yourself and the kiddies ready. There will be machines to take you out to the picnic grounds.

## Mrs. Kayes Passes at Oak Point

Following an illness of about 10 days, Mrs. Lillian Kayes, aged 53 years, passed away at her Oak Point home Thursday afternoon. A. L. Keeney has charge of the body which will be conveyed to Tillamook for committal. The deceased is survived by 2 sons and a daughter.

The W. H. Cravens passed the Fourth at Spongs Landing.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Goodman were here from Portland this week.

The J. G. McIntoshes and A. D. Davidsons returned Wednesday night from Bar View where they enjoyed several days' outing at the Davidson cottage.

Verd Hill has returned from Tillamook.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henkle have returned from a visit with Corvallis relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Trip celebrated the Fourth in Albany.

## ANYWAY, HE HAD AN EXCUSE

How Small Boy Solved Difficulty of Making Embarrassing Explanation to the Grocer.

Little Joe, age five, was sent to the bakery for some ginger snaps. He came back with pickles that he had obtained at the grocery. Whether this was because he liked pickles rather than ginger snaps just then has not developed.

"Joey," said his mother, "you go right back with those pickles, get the money and go to the bakery and get ginger snaps."

The grocer tells the story. He says Joey came in with eleven pickles and said:

"Muvver cated one of them and didn't like it. I want my money back." Whether he ate the pickle or threw it away is not known, but apparently he wished an excuse for returning them and figured one out for himself.—Indianapolis News.

## CITY AUTO PARK GETS MODEL CAMP STOVE

Another ambition of the Woman's Club, begun before the calendar year closed, has been realized. Feeling the need of more comfort at the city park for tourists, a committee was appointed to look after having a brick or concrete stove made. The stove, which was made of brick, was completed last week. The work was done by Ben Johnson and is said to be of the very best workmanship. The Post has been informed that since the completion of the stove a party of tourists who has traveled from Minnesota to California have passed this way and have camped at the park. One of the ladies using the stove said she'd cooked on stoves of similar construction all along the line and the one in the Independence city park was the very best she had been privileged to try. The cast iron top was donated by C. A. McLaughlin and D. P. McCarthy. Mr. Johnson will make some individual stoves along the same line of construction.

Hubert Bulloch of Los Angeles who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. M. J. Bulloch left Tuesday for his southern home.

Mrs. Mabel Parker Higgins is recovering nicely from a major operation which she submitted to in a Salem hospital Wednesday.

Clyde Ecker, who is convalescing from an illness of several months, is home for a few days from a two weeks' sojourn at Cary Hot Springs and Portland. Mr. Ecker expects to return with the hopes of gaining further benefit.

George DeWitt of Portland was here for the Fourth.

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