

allowed bail, which was readily furnished by his friends. a few weeks later the grand jury was regularly convened, and after a full investigation they refused to indict him, and the charge against him was dismissed.

Fourth of July, 1857, was again marked by a double celebration, the Independents holding theirs at Fort Benson. By this time the feeling of opposition was stronger, and there was little affiliation between the participants in the two affairs.

**Source:** Book entitled "History of San Bernardino County" pages 146-147