A SECONDARY SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE,
MECHANICS, AND HOUSEHOLD ARTS ....

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CALENDAR, 1908-1909.

Entrance Examinations, - - - Monday, September 14, 1908
Registration, - - - - - Tuesday, September 15, 1908
Instruction begins, - - - Wednesday, September 16, 1908
Quarterly Meeting of Board of Trustees, Wednesday, November 11, 1908
Thanksgiving Recess, Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, 1908
First Term ends, - - - - - Friday, December 18, 1908

CHRISTMAS VACATION.

Second Term registration, - - - - Monday, January 4, 1909
Instruction begins, - - - - Tuesday, January 5, 1909
Quarterly Meeting of Board of Trustees, Wednesday, February 10, 1909
Washington's Birthday, - - - - Monday, February 22, 1909
Second Term ends, - - - - - Friday, March 26, 1909

SPRING VACATION.

Third Term registration, - - - - Monday, April 5, 1909
Instruction begins, - - - - - Tuesday, April 6, 1909
Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees, - - Wednesday, May 12, 1909
Memorial Day, - - - - - Sunday, May 30, 1909
Commencement, - - - - - Friday, June 11, 1909
Quarterly Meeting of Board of Trustees, - Wednesday, August 11, 1909
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LOCATION AND PURPOSE.

The California Polytechnic School is a State institution established at San Luis Obispo under an act of the Legislature of 1901. The government of the School is vested in a board of trustees, consisting of the Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction as ex officio members, and of five persons appointed by the Governor for a term of four years each. The school is located one and one half miles north of the center of the city of San Luis Obispo, on high ground commanding a beautiful view of town and valley.

"The purpose of the school is to furnish to young people of both sexes mental and manual training in the arts and sciences, including agriculture, mechanics, engineering, business methods, domestic economy, and such other branches as will fit the student for the non-professional walks of life." The peculiar aim is to give boys and girls a training in the arts and sciences which deal peculiarly with country life—the life of the home, the farm, the orchard, the dairy, and the shop.

EQUIPMENT.

The Farm and Grounds consist of 310 acres of land, the most of which is rolling and typical of a large portion of the coast counties. Thirty acres of rich and level land was added by means of appropriation made by the last Legislature. The farm has a full equipment of tools and machinery, including grain drills, corn harvester, silage cutter, and the like. It is stocked with Jersey, Ayrshire, and Shorthorn cattle, Percheron and Clydesdale horses, Berkshire and Poland-China swine, and White Wyandotte, Buff Orpington, and White Leghorn fowls, all of which are used for class study, as well as for their customary purposes.
Buildings. The main buildings are two stories in height, with a well-lighted basement. The administration building contains the main office, assembly hall, library, class rooms, and laboratories. The household arts building contains sewing rooms, kitchen, dining room, pantries, botany laboratory, class rooms, and instructors' offices. The dormitory contains thirty single rooms besides dining room, sitting room, and baths. The other buildings are a power house, carpenter shop, forge shop, machine shop, pumping plant, dairy barn and silo, creamery, propagation house, greenhouse, incubator cellar and poultry houses, swine houses, tool sheds, hay barns, and cottages for employés.

Shops. Three fully equipped shops, 40 x 100 feet, furnish opportunity for training in wood and iron working. The carpenter shop contains benches and tools for a class of thirty men. A planer, band saw, swinging cut-off saw, power rip saw, and turning lathes are included in the equipment. The forge shop contains sixteen double down draft forges of the latest pattern, accommodating a class of thirty-two men. The machine shop is equipped with a half dozen iron lathes, polishing lathe, universal milling machine, drill presses, shapers, power emery wheels, cut-off saw, and a variety of high-grade
finishing tools and measuring devices. Electric power for all machinery of the various shops is furnished from a central plant, which is itself operated by student engineers.

Laboratories are well equipped with instruments and apparatus for work in general and agricultural chemistry, physics (including photometry and X-ray apparatus), drawing, electricity, land surveying and irrigation, botany and plant propagation, horticulture, dairy and creamery, sewing, cooking, and poultry incubation and brooding.

A New Creamery Building, 40x60 feet, with engine and boiler room in addition, will be constructed during the summer of 1908, an appropriation of $12,000 having been made by the last Legislature for construction and equipment. The building will contain independent heat and power, a complete refrigerating plant of five-ton capacity, separators of various standard makes, cream ripeners, churns and cheese-making apparatus—in fact, a complete and varied equipment which will not only provide for the manufacturing and handling of dairy products, but will also afford an opportunity for comparative study of dairy apparatus.

A New Dormitory containing fifty rooms will be erected during the late summer or early fall. Announcement concerning occupancy of this building can not be made before September.

The School Library now contains about fourteen hundred volumes, and this number is being steadily increased. In addition to a good collection of standard English works, there is included standard present-day works on agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, the household arts, electricity, and various mechanical lines.
CARPENTRY.

FORGE SHOP.
THE COURSES OF STUDY.

Three main lines of work are undertaken by the school, viz: Agriculture, Mechanics, and Household Arts. The courses in Agriculture and Household Arts comprise all the leading subjects usually grouped under these heads and as detailed below. The course in Mechanics includes, in addition to drawing, academic and science branches, practice in carpentry, forge, machine and electrical work. In all courses the work is about equally divided between class-room and laboratory or shop work. A student entering upon a certain course of study at the beginning of the year is expected to continue the same course throughout the year. Upon the completion of the three years’ course the student is given a diploma stating the course of study and training pursued.

The courses of study are each three years in length and for 1908–9 are as given below. The first, second, and third terms of the school year are indicated by $a$, $b$, and $c$, respectively. Each school day is divided into eight 45-minute periods. The number of periods per week each subject is taken is indicated by figures. When the periods are the same for the three terms, the number is given but once.

AGRICULTURE.

FIRST YEAR.

*Arithmetic, $b_3$, $c_3$.
Botany and Plant Propagation, 8.
Poultry, $b_3$, $c_3$.
Algebra, 5.
Soils and Fertilizers, 5.

SECOND YEAR.

Horticulture, $b_{11}$, $c_7$.
Dairying, $b_7$, $c_6$.
Mathematics II, 5.
Animal Husbandry, $a_{11}$, $c_4$.

THIRD YEAR.

Irrigation and Surveying, 4.
Agricultural Chemistry, 5.
Animal Husbandry, 3.
History and Civics, 5.

Carpentry and Forge Work, 8.
English, 5.
Freehand Drawing and Farm Buildings, $a_5$, $b_4$, $c_4$.

English, 5.
Chemistry, 8.
Drawing, $a_7$.

Physics, 7.
Animal Physiology, 3.
Mathematics III, 5.
### MECHANICS.

#### First Year.

- *Arithmetic, b₃, c₃.*
- Algebra, 5.
- Forge Work, 4.
- Carpentry, 12.

- English, 5.
- Freehand Drawing, 5.
- Mechanical Drawing, a₈, b₆, c₆.

#### Second Year.

- Mathematics II, 5.
- Elementary Physics and Electricity, 6.
- Forge Work, a₄.

- Machine Work, a₄, b₈, c₈.
- English, 5.
- Mechanical Drawing, 4.
- Chemistry, 8.

#### Third Year.

- Mathematics III, 5.
- Steam and Electrical Machinery, 7.
- Machine Work, 8.

- History and Civics, 5.
- Physics, 6.
- Surveying 4.

### HOUSEHOLD ARTS.

#### First Year.

- *Arithmetic, b₃, c₃.*
- Algebra, 5.
- Elementary Chemistry, a₅, b₅.
- Sewing, Dressmaking, Millinery, 11.
- Sloyd, 4.

- English, 5.
- Freehand Drawing, 5.
- Physiology, c₅.

#### Second Year.

- Cooking Laboratory, 8.
- Dairying, a₅, b₅.
- Domestic Science I, 3.
- English, 5.

- Chemistry, 8.
- Mathematics II, 5.
- Gardening, c₄.

#### Third Year.

- Cooking Laboratory, 8.
- Domestic Science II, 3.
- Home Management b₂, c₅.
- Mathematics, a₅, b₃.

- History, 5.
- Sloyd, a₄, b₄.
- Botany, 6.
- Sewing, c₅.

*Students who fail in algebra are required to take five periods of arithmetic per week for the remainder of the year.*
MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING.

PRACTICAL ELECTRICITY.
BUTTER AND CHEESE.

COOKING.
ADMISSION AND CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS.

The school is open to any boy or girl upon the following conditions:

Applicants must be at least fifteen years of age, and must give satisfactory evidence of good moral character and of good behavior.

Applicants thus qualified will be admitted without examination upon presenting a Diploma of Graduation from any grammar school (eighth grade) of the State.

Applicants who do not hold a grammar school certificate, but who submit a recommendation from their last teacher or their Superintendent of Schools, will be admitted upon satisfactorily passing an examination in English, arithmetic, United States history and geography. The examination in English will consist of a test of the applicant's ability to read, write and spell; in arithmetic, it will include all subjects as far as fractions, decimals and percentage; in history and geography, the leading facts as covered in the usual grammar school course. The examination for 1908 will be held in the school buildings on Monday, September 14, at 1:30 P.M.

Applicants should enclose their grammar school certificate when sending their application for admission to the school. If not possible to send the certificate at the same time, it should be sent before September 10, 1908. The certificate will be returned to the applicant after the opening of school.

Applicants who expect to be admitted upon examination must send their recommendations at the same time with their application for admission. All applications for admission to the school must be made on the regular form as found in this circular and should be sent to the Director of the school not later than September 10, 1908.

School is held five days a week—from Monday to Friday inclusive. If found necessary, Saturday may be used for excursions or field work. The daily hours for recitation,
laboratory, field, and shop work are from 9 to 12 and 1 to 4. Each student is occupied at some school work the whole of
this time.

Regular Students. A regular student is one who is admitted
to full standing upon a Diploma of Graduation from a gram-
mar school or upon passing an equivalent entrance examination
and who takes one of the full courses of study as heretofore
outlined. All students are advised to register as regular. The
essential qualifications are easily obtained by all, and the
student will receive much more value from attendance upon
the school if he or she follows the regular course of study,
which has been carefully planned by the faculty.

High School Graduates. Since this institution is of like
grade to the high schools, it follows that our academic work is
of a somewhat similar nature to that of the high school.
Graduates of high schools will, therefore, be given credit for
work done elsewhere, such as English and mathematics.
Students who have not been graduated from a high school, but
who have been in attendance therein for two years or more,
may be given credit for academic work for which the proper
credentials are presented. Any high school student who
receives credit upon entrance for the academic work should
complete our course in two years.

Special Students in Agriculture. Those who do not feel
that they can take the full course in Agriculture, but who
desire a training in the more practical subjects of the course,
may elect such subjects as they are qualified for. They must
be at least eighteen years of age and possess the same educa-
tional qualifications as those who enter for the full course. A
list of studies is given below, from which they may choose,
subject to the approval of the faculty. One or two full years' work may be very profitably selected from this list.

Soils and Fertilizers, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture,
Gardening, English, Forge Work,
Poultry Culture, Botany, Dairying, Drawing, Carpentry.
GENERAL INFORMATION.

Expenses. No tuition fees are charged. The student is expected to pay for the materials used in the shops and laboratories. To cover these expenses all students, except first-year girls, are charged $15 per year, regardless of the course of study pursued. This fee is payable in three installments of $5 each on registration days of the three terms. Regularly enrolled first-year girls are charged $10 per year. The fee is payable in three installments, $4 on registration day of the first term, and $3 the second and third terms.

The materials supplied under such payment are chemicals, wood, gas, iron, drawing paper, and the like. At the time of registration a deposit of $5 is required from each student to pay for individual breakage of tools and apparatus. Such portion of the deposit as is not needed to cover breakage is returned at the end of the school year. Students are required to furnish their own books, drawing instruments, and special clothing, such as overalls, etc., needed in the shops and laboratories.

The total expense for books, drawing instruments, and other supplies needed by each student at the beginning of the school year will be about $10. The drawing instruments will last during the entire course. The expenses for additional books at the beginning of the second and third terms will not exceed $5. The total cost of books, supplies and fee for the first year will, therefore, be about $40. Books and other supplies may be purchased at reasonable prices in San Luis Obispo.

Room and Board may be secured in private families in San Luis Obispo at from $20 to $25 per month. There is opportunity to rent furnished rooms for light housekeeping.

Self-Support. A limited amount of employment can be given to students who find it necessary to earn a portion of their expenses while attending the school. The farm, buildings, and grounds afford opportunity to employ a few students more or less regularly during the year. No remuneration will be made for manual work of any kind which carries instruction with it.

Opportunities for work are found in San Luis Obispo, chiefly with private families caring for lawns and gardens or doing
housework. Many students, especially boys, are paying for a part or all of their living expenses in this way.

No student should come to school expecting to pay his entire expenses by labor during the school year. The school work occupies the most of the day, and the evenings are required to prepare the lessons for the following day. Provision may be made, however, for students who need to do much work in order to pay their way, whereby they may take less than the full school curriculum and thus be a longer time completing the course.

**Reception of New Students.** Regularly organized reception committees composed of old students will meet all trains at the opening of the school year. New students will be assisted in finding their way to the school and to their new homes, in registering, and in becoming acquainted with the surroundings of the school and its activities.

**Public Speaking and Debate.** Training in practical public speaking is not neglected. Students in the English department from time to time are given opportunity to present before the morning assembly papers on subjects of current interest. A series of debates between the Polytechnic School and local high schools serves to stimulate interest in practical public speaking.

**Athletics.** A general association, officered by the students, has charge of the athletics of the school under the guidance of a faculty adviser. The playgrounds are ample and include separate tennis and basket ball courts for the girls. The Polytechnic is a member of the San Luis Bay Athletic Association, and participates with the other schools in football, baseball, tennis, and track events.

**Discipline.** It is expected that all persons who attend this school have an earnest purpose to make the best use of their time while in attendance. It is expected, therefore, that their behavior will always be exemplary in school and in the town. Failure to do the work laid out by the school or neglect to conduct one’s self as a lady or gentleman will result in the suspension of the guilty student. The parent or guardian will be notified of any disobedience or misconduct on the part of the student.

Correspondence concerning the school should be addressed to the Director of the California Polytechnic School, San Luis Obispo, California.
ABBREVIATIONS.—A, agriculture; H, household arts; M, mechanics; S, special student.
The year in the course is indicated by the numerals.

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JUDGING PERCHERONS.
SAN LUIS OBISPO is a city of about 5,000 people, charmingly situated in a valley of the Coast Range Mountains, and ten miles in two directions from the Pacific. The ocean is reached at Port San Luis (formerly Port Harford) to the southwest and at Morro Bay to the northwest. The climate is a pleasing combination of sea and mountain environment, which moderates both the summer and winter temperature.

San Luis Obispo has churches representing the following denominations: Baptist, Catholic, Congregational, Episcopalian, Methodist, and Presbyterian. The Catholic congregation occupies the famous Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, which was established in 1772.

A free public library established in 1897 now contains 5,500 bound volumes and 6,600 unbound pamphlets and magazines. It occupies a $10,000 library building, which is the gift of Mr. Carnegie. Students in the Polytechnic School are granted equal privileges in the library with the residents of the city.

San Luis Obispo is on the coast line of the Southern Pacific Railway, about midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Three through trains leave each of these cities daily—one in the morning and two in the evening—and arrive at San Luis Obispo in the afternoon and in the early morning. The city may also be reached by water by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company’s line of boats, connecting at Port San Luis with the Pacific Coast Railway for San Luis Obispo and other towns in the interior.