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In Memoriam

to Our Late Fellow-Student

Henry C. McDonald

There is always a pleasure in the opening of the Autumn term. It is good to get back to school and to see again the faces of old friends. To those of us, however, who are here not for the first time, pain is mingled with our pleasure. Shortly after the opening of school we received the sad news of the death, by drowning, of Henry McDonald.

Mr. McDonald was to have returned to the Polytechnic at the beginning of the Winter term, expecting to graduate with the class of 1911. During his school life he was a well known member of the Student Body. He identified himself strongly with athletic affairs, being one of the star players on our basket-ball team last year. To teachers and students alike, his death came as a shock, nor will we soon forget the boy who for three years lived amongst us.

For his mother we feel the greatest sympathy. Her only son is snatched from her in the prime of his young manhood. May the Great Comforter be with her in this hour of deep sorrow.
Henry C. McDonald
IN MY short paper to-night, I shall not endeavor to give you a Historical view of the early days of California, but merely a glimpse of the home life, as it has been given me.

The large Spanish ranches of California, were grants of land, given by the King of Spain to people of high rank, usually for services rendered the State. The recipients would go to Mexico, obtain their household necessities there, and then proceed by ship to their homes in California.

These ranches were scattered throughout the state. They were of different sizes, varying usually from 11 to 50 thousand acres. Indeed, the exact size mattered little in a country where land was the cheapest commodity.

The ranch once reached, the house was built by the Indians. About the main building clustered the smaller houses of the servants; and as the family grew, the houses of the sons, until quite a community was formed.

The main building was built in the form of a rectangle, with wings extending back from either end, thus forming a court. The floors of the house were boards or dried brick. The ground of the court was made very hard by repeated watering and sweeping. Floors in the homes of the lower classes were also made in this way.

Tiles were the general roof covering, although frequently tiles or rods were placed on the rafters, over them a coating of mud, and then straw or asphaltum.

In the towns, the houses were clustered about the Missions. They were smaller than the ranch houses and usually of but one story. Walls varied from three feet in thickness in dwelling houses, to seven feet in the Missions.

For the Californian life moved easily, with but little work to do, there was no need of hurry. The
men had the supervision of the cattle, to be sure. Each ranch had its orchard and vegetable garden, but there were always the Indians to do this work, and thus no need for the senor to rob himself of pleasure and repose.

The work of the women was more arduous and continuous than that of the men. They had the supervision of the kitchen, which was no small task of itself. Then needlework was in constant demand; the women making a large portion of the garments for the family, and putting much work on them, such as fine stitching and hand embroidery.

The family washing was done by the Indian women at a stream. The washboard used consisted merely of a rather long smooth board, having a border about three inches wide. The clothes were much beaten during the process of cleaning. Pressing was done by smoothing the article with the hand until no wrinkles were left in it. Five or six days were usually spent in washing, but once it was done, there would be an interval of several weeks before the occurrence of the next washday.

The method of cleaning house was rather unique. During the year, sea shells would be allowed to accumulate in a certain spot. Once a year, these shells were spread upon the ground in layers, alternately with layers of stable refuse, until a large pile had been formed. This was then set afire and thoroughly burned. Next it was dampened throughout. Shortly afterwards a loud explosion was heard, after which a quantity of excellent white lime was deposited. From this all the people in the neighborhood helped themselves. Use was made of it, for whitewashing the entire house.

Often the juice of the cactus was obtained, and used as a glue. It was frequently mixed with the whitewash, that the wash might stick better to the walls.

In making butter, the carefully cleaned skin of a pig would be made into bags; two of these, filled with cream, were hung one on either side of a donkey's back. The donkey would then be made to trot about, until butter was produced.

Wine making was the occasion of quite a festival. The wine was kept in large leathern bags, made of the hides of cattle.

The most common articles of food eaten by the Californians were beef, beans, and tortillas. Peppers, pumpkins, squash, and tomatoes were also grown quite commonly. The tomatoes were of the small Bell variety. These were often cut in halves, dried, and stored for winter use.

Meat as well, was preserved
by the process of gradual drying in the sun. When thus preserved, it would keep indefinitely.

The Indian servants did all the cooking for the higher classes; one person often being retained to cook but one certain dish, as tortillas. These were made fresh at every meal, and took the place of bread. The man or woman engaged to do this, was called the tortillere.

Many varieties of dishes were made, and much time spent by the servants in attending to the cooking.

The usual order of meals, in well to do families was as follows: First the desayuno, at daybreak, consisting of milk mixed with a little pinole of maize; or chocolate or coffee. Next between eight and nine, the almuerzo, or regular breakfast was served. Dinner took place at noon, and was a heavy meal. In the afternoon a cup of cha', as tea was called in California, a cup of coffee, or of some other liquor was taken. Then at night there was the supper.

In the lower classes the table was never set, but the members of the family would go into the kitchen and have the food taken from the kettles, and passed around in plates. Forks and spoons used were made of horn.

The Spanish people were exceedingly fond of dress. Linen was the chief material worn by the higher classes; silks, velvets, and other costly materials were worn when they could be obtained.

Cotton was the common fabric among the lower classes. Flannel was never worn.

Cloth was not made in the settlements, but was obtained from Spanish ships which came to port occasionally. The coming of a ship was always accompanied by feasting and merriment, which lasted several days. The shopping of the women was often done on the sea-shore. A large canvas would be placed on the ground, and from it the articles auctioned off to the admiring Senoras, who were quite willing to pay enormous prices for them.

The Spanish, as a people, were very pleasing in appearance. The women were brunette, clear-skinned and lustrous eyed, with long, black, glossy hair. They carried themselves with much grace and had the fine manners and attractive personal appearance characteristic of the Latin races. The men were lithe, well-formed and handsome.

Social rank among the colonies was determined by the amount of Spanish blood.

The Californians were very devoted to their church. On the large ranches, there would be the little chapel where the family and
servants worshipped. Priests would come once a month or so, to hold services.

In the towns, the Missions were the places of worship. In addition, each house usually had a sort of shrine, where a statue of the Holy Virgin or a patron Saint was kept, and here the members of the family would do their penances and say their prayers.

Every day, at six, twelve, and eight o'clock, bells would ring for prayers. These were heeded by even the careless.

The christenings were also considered great occasions. It was customary to select a rather wealthy person as Godfather. Very often, after the ceremony he would shower money, which the children would all scramble to get. Much money was spent in this way, gold and silver alike being generously offered.

The prodigality of the people was shown in many ways. When the missions of San Luis Obispo wished to send money as a loan to a sister mission in temporary embarrassment, we are told the treasure of the vault was measured by the shovelful, poured into the sacks, and sent with no more careful reckoning.

Both men and women loved music and gaiety. Fiestas lasting several days were frequent. Relatives and friends would gather to feast, and dance to the music of the beloved guitar.

Wedding festivals of Spanish families often lasted three days or more. At one such fiesta, held near San Luis Obispo, the bride, who was a young girl of about thirteen years, wearied of the continual round of merriment. She would lie down on a bench near the wall and sleep, while the groom danced gaily on with the other maidens.

Bull fights were also a common amusement. The plaza in San Luis Obispo was on Monterey street, in the small block below the post office. Here many sports were held, and women of San Luis Obispo, who are still young, remember stopping on their way home from school to obtain surreptitious glances of the fighting animals.

The people of the early days in California, were exceedingly generous. It is said that if a traveller came to pass the night at a Spanish home, he might be shown a pile of money, and told to help himself to what he needed. A traveller was hailed as a bearer of news, and his coming often celebrated with a fiesta. He would be urged to stay as long as possible, until his visit sometimes extended to several weeks duration.

A person might travel from San
Diego to Sonoma without a cent in his pocket, yet never want for a roof to cover him, bed to sleep in, food to eat, --- or tobacco to smoke. If one attempted to pay for services rendered, the poorest Californian would say, "Senor, we are not in the habit of selling food."

Hospitable to extreme, pleasure-loving, unprogressive, and picturesque, the Spanish had not the elements of perseverance, or growth. They were a happy people, quite content with their condition.

We look back to their time with an attraction unwarranted by its importance in history, or its duration in time. The interest of the tourist in our missions, is but one sign of its fascination. Perhaps the reason for this is that they lived the natural life of a carefree people in a sunny land.

The Anglo-Saxon intrusion has transformed the life of the country. In place of simple gaieties and a calm exterior, is the rush and stir of the north. The old life has gone, but the glamour of the country still remains. Its sunshine and its charms, are still fresh as in the old days, the romantic days of California.
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The Black Ghost

THE riders of the Bar X Ranch were lined up along the bar of a saloon, in a small town in Texas.

They were discussing the events of the next day for it was the Fourth of July and among other things, was a riding contest, in which a fine saddle was to be given as a prize. "why not run in the Black ghost," asked the bar tender.

"Aw what's the use," said one of the riders who was called Bud. "He would only kill some body."

Just then the stage drew up at the door; for the saloon was also the tavern. The men all crowded out to see who had arrived. The driver was taking a suit case from the stage, and a well dressed man was standing on the ground.

After brushing the dust from his clothes he walked inside. He treated the crowd and while standing at the bar his gaze fell on a Fourth of July announcement.

"That interests me," he said, "I want to see some riding while I am out here," adding, "of course it will not be so interesting as it is at home, we have such well-bred and high-spirited horses."

"You don't happen to care about riding your-self do you?" asked Bud.

"Well, yes, thats what I came here for," and opening his suit-case he took out a fine pair of spurs. "I have ridden to hounds all my life, and I think I can ride any of the miserable horses you have out here."

"I have a hundred dollars that says there's one you can't," said Bud.

The others edged closer and began to bet. The stranger took them up and agreed to ride the Black Ghost or forfeit his money.

The next day the crowd was gathered around the corrals at the edge of town. The regular contests were carried out first and then the corral was cleared for the outlaw, Black Ghost.

No one dared go in while he was on his feet, so one of the boys managed to lasso his front feet from the fence. There was a thud and a cloud of dust as the horse fell on his back. The stranger climbed the fence and running to the horse slipped a hackamore on and then planting a knee on his head held him while the other men tied his feet.

They got the saddle on him.

The stranger then ordered every body over the fence. When the corral was clear, he reached down
and pulled a knot loose. There was a roar, and a cloud of dust. Out of it arose the horse with the stranger on his back.

The horse reared and plunged. He crashed against the fence in an effort to crush the rider, who standing in one stirrup swung his leg out of the way just in time.

Rebounding from the fence the Ghost threw himself, and tried to roll but the man was standing beside him; again he arose in the air with the man still in the saddle. He bucked all around the inclosure and, without warning, threw himself over backwards, but the man slipped from the saddle and landed on his feet.

The horse rose again, and this time the man was only half in the saddle, but the horse was beginning to weaken, and he had no trouble in settling himself. The Ghost drew his breath in hoarse gasps, his jumps had lost their spring. He stopped. The rider raked one shoulder with his spur, but there was no response for the horse was completely beaten.

The stranger climbed out of his saddle and left the corral.

The riders of the Bar X Ranch did not stay for the dance that night. The next day when the stage came in the saloon keeper asked the driver who the stranger was who had come last trip. The driver laughed and said, "Oh, that was the Bronco Kid."

--Fred Southard
We have with us this year a number of new teachers, including Misses Willett and Palmer taking Misses Secrest and Howell's place; Prof. E. B. Smith from Pacific Grove and Prof. A. O. King from Bedford, Iowa, take the place of Prof. Berringer and Prof. Ewing.

Prof. Berringer is now teaching history in the Sacramento High School.

Prof. Tavener is in Provo, Utah, in charge of a large power house.

Prof. Ewing is now in attendance at Yale University.

Mrs. Johnson, the well remembered matron to the boys of the Dormitory last year, is now with the Art Department of the Emporium in San Francisco.

The New Power House is now fully equipped and running in fine order.

Attilio Pezzoni, a former graduate, was here from Guadalupe, for a few days, visiting with friends.

Prof. and Mrs. Coleman are on their ranch near Modesto.

Misses Secrest and Howell are still traveling in Europe.

Mr. Elmer Murphy, a former graduate, was here for a few days, visiting friends.

Prof. Lee McDowell is now working in a new creamery near Visalia.

The total enrollment for this year numbers 170. We had 150 last year.

The Hon. Mr. Shackleford, the President of the Board of Trustees for the school, was here on the opening day and gave us some very good advice during the assembly period.

We have with us again on our faculty Prof. Heald who has been absent for sometime.

Mr. Arthur Elberg, a graduate of the class of 1910, has resigned his position in the San Luis Implement Co. and is now chauffeur for his father Mr. Mark Elberg.
At the first meeting of the Senior Class, Mr. Lester was chosen President; Mr. Lawrence Swerdferger was chosen Vice-President; and Mr. Anson Pearce was chosen Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. John Lennard has resigned his position as Josh Editor of the Journal and has been appointed Business Manager of the Student Body.

Miss Mirian Steven was appointed Josh Editor of the Journal owing to John Lennard's resigning.

Prof. E. B. Smith has been appointed Faculty Advisor for the Journal.

Mr. Ray Evans, a graduate of the class of 1910, came into town on Sept. 24 with a four point buck which he killed near his home in Cambria.

Mr. Jas. R. Willoughly and T. Thompson visited the San Luis Hot Springs and Pizmo on Sept. 24, on business connected with the Journal.

Mr. Oswald Judd, a former well known Polytechnic Student, passed through here, on Sept. 15, to his new ranch in Yuma, Arizona.

Miss B. Webster was here visiting Miss M. Stevens on Sept. 24 and stayed until Sept. 26, when she left for her home in Paso Robles.

Miss Mirian Stevens, one of the most popular young ladies of the Polytechnic School, visited her home in Paso Robles on Sept. 17.

Mr. Jas. R. Willoughly, the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal, made a business trip to Pizmo on his motorcycle Oct. 1.

The Junior Class held a meeting on Oct. 3, and elected following officers: Sophia Hutchings, President; Bernard Murray, Vice-President; and Ralph Pease, Treasurer and Secretary.

Mr. C. C. Fuller, a cousin of Mr. H. B. Waters, was here Sept. 24, and gave us a very interesting talk on the Cities and the Kimberely Diamond Mines in South Africa. He is Director of a large industrial school in Rhodesia, South Africa.

Congressmen S. C. Smith was here for a few hours visit on Sept. 23, and wished he could have stayed longer to have seen the school together and talked to us.

At a meeting of the Senior Class on Oct. 4, Lawerence Swerdfergen was elected Basket Ball Captain; Donald Cox was elected Base Ball Captain; and Harold Rielly was elected Track Captain for the Senior Class for the year 1910 and 1911.

Needom Paul, better known as Morro Bill, went duck hunting on Oct. 8 at Morro Bay. Came back Sunday evening with the limit—minus twenty four.
Reception at Polytechnic

The California Polytechnic school was the scene of one of the most brilliant society events of the seasons on Saturday afternoon, when a reception was given in honor of the new lady members of the faculty.


The affair was given to enable the new members to meet the ladies of San Luis Obispo. It was perfectly arranged by Mesdames Leroy B. Smith, E. B. Walens, C. W. Rubel, and Miss Chase, who were assisted in receiving by Mesdames Myron Angle, H. L. Kemper, B. G. Latimer, Harry Hillard and Miss Castle.

The many guests from San Luis Obispo were received at the Girls' Dormitory, which was decorated with a profusion of choice cut flowers, a number of palms, ferns and potted plants.

A delightful social time ensued and refreshments were served.

The Y. M. C. A. gave a stag party in honor of the Freshman boys on the evening of September fourteenth. After two short lectures and initiation of the Freshmen, all were invited to partake of the water melon which the boys had secured.

On September sixteenth a very delightful time was spent by the whole school. The Y. M. C. A. gave a reception in honor of the largest Freshmen class that ever entered the California Polytechnic school. A short program was rendered, during the early part of the evening and later refreshments were served, consisting of chocolate and cake. Nearing the mid-night hour, all departed homeward, wishing the California Polytechnic School many more such openings.

A very enjoyable time was spent at The Corona Hall on Friday evening, given by the Protestant churches of San Luis Obispo in honor of the Polytechnic Students. A very good program was enjoyed,
by all, and later light refreshments were served. All who were present enjoyed visiting with one another and getting acquainted with the new Polytechnic Students.

On Tuesday evening a reception was given by the Congregational Church at the home of Mr. L. W. Hill. A great many Polytechnic Students attended and all had a good time.

Friday evening, September thirtieth, a reception was given in honor of the Polytechnic students at the Presbyterian church. Games were played and at a late hour refreshments were served and all departed having a very enjoyable time.

On Saturday evening, by special permission, (the lucky number) thirteen girls of the Dormitory had a Kimona party, Miss Effie Hillard being hostess. At a later hour a large bowl of apricot sherbet was given to the girls and was set in the center of the floor. Each girl rushed to the bowl with a spoon and in a very few minutes the bowl was scraped clean. After a few hearty laughs each girl went stealing through the dark halls to her own little room where she dreamed of more such happy events.

The Editor Exchange has nothing to say this month, as no exchanges have come in, but we hope to see many before next issue.
NOW that our institution is growing in numbers from year to year, seems as if more interest should be shown on the part of the students, in putting out a school paper that will make a showing with any of its size in the State.

The question now arises, have the students this year showed it? Certainly not, the first year the Journal started, the enrollment of the school did not exceed twenty-four students, and still the Journal flourished, having twice the number of joshes that this issue contains. Last year the josh department in the first issue contained three times the amount in this; also a number of stories. This year joshes seem to be an impossible thing. As to stories, not so much as an effort has been made. The stories that appear in this issue are some that have been saved from last year.

As students of the Polytechnic, are we going to see the Journal gradually decline, and be a thing of the past?

The Journal is a school paper, published monthly for the students and by the students; not for the Staff or by the Staff. The Staff is merely a representative body to direct and publish a paper for the school. It's up to every student to help and not leave it to some other person. Kindly give this subject thought, so that in the next issue, the Journal will have no complaint as to lack of material.
Foot Ball

Since the other schools of the league have decided to play Rugby, S. L. H. S. has adopted it. Poly's men have started off, as usual, with the snap that has made them famous in the league. With Prof. Rubel as coach, the team is making a much better showing than was expected.

A meeting of the football men was held Oct. 1 and Thompson, who is an old hand, gave a rousing talk and explained some of the fine points of technique in the field.

By the use of blackboard diagrams, he showed the different scrum formations and gave some pointers on the work of the forwards and halves.

The league games are as follows: Nov. 19, Santa Maria vs. Poly at Santa Maria; Dec. 3, S. L. H. S. vs. Santa Maria at San Luis; Dec. 10, Poly vs. San Luis H. S. at Poly.

We have a hustling business Mgr. this year, John Leonard. He expects to book games with Watsonville, Salinas, Santa Barbara, and several other schools.
Boys' Basket Ball

Boys Basket Ball has started out in earnest this year and several freshmen, besides the old players, are making a splendid showing. Capt. Roberts is showing up with the snap that made him popular last year. Freshman Bush has also started out to be a star. Coach Snyder has been drilling the team on old tricks and also showing them some new ones. The team will probably line up as follows: Robert, Bush, Malloy, Weymath and Shipsey --- Subs. Taylor and McCormick.

Girls' Basket Ball

The Basket Ball team is somewhat handicapped as we have remaining only two members of the last year's team, which was so well trained by Miss Chase. We have plenty of good material to draw from and two good coaches, Misses Chase and Willets, so our team should be equal if not superior to that of last year. Our first game will be on Saturday, Oct. 8, at which time we hope to be in good trim for playing.
Why is Miss Rapp's door always locked?
Why does Miss Hoskins admire hot-house flowers on Sunday morning.
Why does Mr. Pease take Math. I?
Why does Effie Hilliard like "Curl-ews"?
Why does Eva Heartt like creamery butter?
Why does Mr. Clayton like physiography excursions?
Why is 23's Heartt as hard as Flint?

Gelve (?) is Dr. in the Girl's Dorm.
Miss Rapp is General Rouser for the Roof Sleepers.
Mr. John Flint has been appointed Vice Director of the Calif. Poly. School.

Foolish Questions
Where is the hot water in the Girls' Dorm.?
Who's going to pay for the damage done Gelve(?)?
Where is Miss Rapp during the evening study hour?

Mother--- I want you girls to stop flirting with my son, John. He's altogether to young to flirt or go with the girls.

What course are you taking, Cayacus?
Cayacus --- I don't know, but I'm taking dairing.

Mr. Edwards --- Have any of you boys got any nails?
Mike U. --- Sure, but I'll have to trade for a button or I'll loose my pants.

Favorite Dishes
Miss Hoskins'--"Pease".
Miss Campbells'--"Welch Rare Bit."
Signe Rapps' --- "Jello".

New Officials
Mr. Welch has been appointed General Assistant for girls in Math. II.
Heard at Faculty Table

Dad W. --- The girls have better figures this year than they had last year.
L. B. S. --- Uh, hum!
Mrs. S. blushing.
Miss. Willits --- Girls, don’t forget to sew with your needles!

Mr. Akins --- If you had too much moisture in your butter, what would you do to get it out?
Cayacuus --- I’d use a sponge!

“Lust”
A “Heart”. Can you find it?
One tiny nighty. Return to “Slats.”

(To the tune of “What’s the matter with Father.”)
What’s the matter with Maye, Where’s she been?
What’s the matter with Ralph, Where’s he been?
Over the hill and far away,
Ralph and Maye have been making hay,
What’s the matter with those kids--they’re alright.

Merton. --- Say, Briggs, have you got my bottle?
Briggs. --- Naw --- I’m too big for such things.

Clayton --- Mac. --- don’t you think that I’m the best queener at the Poly.?

Mac. --- Sure, but I’m the best looking.

Bailed Out

McCormick and Shipsey (aside)
Let’s take Manawool into Rowans an have him treat us to an ice cream soda.
Mc. --- Come Manawool lets go in and have an ice cream soda.
Manawool, “sure I’ll go.”
While drinking. Manawool, An’t this grand.
Shipsey: Manawool have you got any coin, we are broke.
Manawool: I got fifteen cents.
Mc. I guess we are due here all night till some body we know bails us out.
Time-- two hours later Freeman and Morro Bill to the rescue with the Bail.

Forgot Something

Miss Chase: --- Miss Stevens did you have company last night.
Miss Stevens: --- Well--er, yes a girl.
Miss. Chase: --- Well you may tell her when she calls again that she left her tobacco pouch on the piano.

First Chauncey, Wright--- Gee Mac, Claytons been pondering.
Second Chauncey --- Naw, he walked to school with Edith and the wind was blowing.
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