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STUDENT DIES OF INFLUENZA

James Nugent died of influenza-pneumonia at the San Luis Sanitarium December 18. His home was at Lost Hill but during the vacation he was staying at Mr. Sellers' ranch near Pozo. While there he contracted influenza. Nugent was a freshman at Polytechnic and had made many friends through his upright character and pleasant disposition. The California Polytechnic School extends its sincere sympathies to his parents and other relatives.

MISS HARTZELL DEAD AT MEDFORD, ORE.

Students and faculty were shocked and grieved over the sudden death of Miss Mary K. Hartzell. Miss Hartzell contracted influenza and was taken to a hospital in Medford, where she died in a few days, pneumonia having developed.

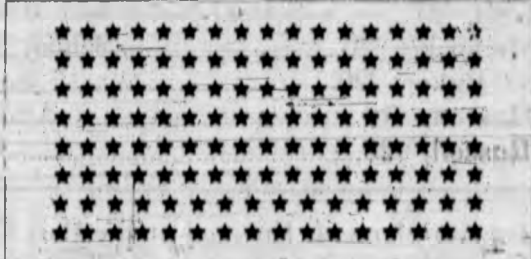
For six years Miss Hartzell taught Science at Polytechnic. She also coached girls' athletics. Miss Hartzell took an active part in all of the affairs of the school, especially as an advisor and friend of the girls.

Miss Hartzell began her work as instructor in the Oregon Agricultural College last September, and according to a letter received here the day before her death, was delighted with her work and the opportunity for advancement which it offered.

Miss Hartzell was a graduate of the University of Minnesota and had taken her M. A. from Columbia.

PERRY MARTINSEN WRITES FROM FRONT

"But we had one consolation, for every shell Fritz gave us, we handed back twenty and with a better result," Perry Martinsen assures his mother, Mrs. Lina Martinsen of 900 W. Mission street, in a letter from the front dated October 7. Martinsen is with the 91st Division, having left Santa Barbara for the service September, 1917. He was a mechanical engineer and was attending the Polytechnic School at San Luis



Obispo. His brother, Martin Martinsen, is also in the service.

Some of the letter was cut short by the censor. He writes:

"Somewhere in France.

"Dear Mother: Just back from the front. I don't know whether this is Sunday, Monday or Tuesday, but they say one day is as good as another over here. One of the boys told me it was the seventh so I guess I have that correct at least.

"I received two letters from you, also about ten others; the first mail I have received in three weeks. I am having now just one continued round of news, which I surely appreciate. Where we have been we could not even get hold of a newspaper, let alone a letter. Believe me, mother, I read your letters first as they were the first I have received from you that have come to me direct from the States. I read all the clippings you sent me too. They were rather interesting to me, as I have been through and seen the very same things myself in the last few weeks.

"You surely must have read in the papers what the boys have been doing over here. I have had some real exciting times and I have also seen some of the gruesome sights I ever laid eyes on. I'll say Sherman made a correct statement, and I don't believe he had seen as bad a battle as some of these over here.

"We were between two and three weeks under shell fire which was surely quite enough for me at one time. Not to be bragging, I don't believe

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

While each day marks the beginning of a New Year, yet it is only natural that we employ a set date for our resolutions. We have all been very fortunate indeed for our long vacation just ended; therefore, it behooves us all to show our appreciation by making good resolutions for this year of 1919.

We should resolve to carry on our studies with the renewed vigor obtained from our vacation, and to make the most of study hours. As figures (especially red ones) showed before vacation, the Dorm. boys in particular should make the most of this resolution by giving it careful thought and then making it practical.

We should resolve to have as few absences, and as few tardy marks as possible. There is little excuse for being tardy.

We should resolve to enter some sort of athletics as we bring benefit not only to ourselves, but to the school as well.

Our last and most important resolution, that none should break, is to use united efforts to keep the "flu" in check; especially when one of our number has already succumbed to the dread disease, and the danger of others following a similar course is only too much a reality. It is therefore no more than fair that all students having bad colds should remain at home till cured, and others should not expose themselves needlessly. This resolution can't be too carefully observed.

Let's made this year, 1919, one of good accomplishments derived from time well spent.

there was once that I was actually frightened or scared by the shells dropping near me. In fact one did not have time to get scared. When we would hear a loud whistle coming in our direction there was only one thing to do, and that was to fall flat on the ground, a hole or a ditch was preferred. Some times this step couldn't be taken, then we would be assisted to fall by the concussion of the explosion of the shell. The few I experienced in that manner, I hurriedly got up (cut out by censor), about 2 p. m. Fritz began dropping a few over. A man on a wagon near me was pretty badly wounded. At that hour and in that locality there didn't happen to be any help about, so it was up to the buddy with me, and myself, to get him to a dressing station. Well, to make a long story short we had some time, as he was a big man and we didn't know where the next shell would fall. (Fritz never did let us know that.) I could tell you many other incidents I was in, but it takes too long to put it down on paper, and besides I can't find words to describe some of them. I will mention the air raid (cut out by censor.) Thank God I haven't even got a scratch on me, and I now am quite a distance behind the lines.

"I believe I am going to sleep good and sound tonight for several reasons. First, because I have a bunk and a straw tick to sleep on, and second, because we have four walls about us and a roof over our heads, and I'll tell you we were tickled to get that. The way we have been sleeping on our campaign wasn't by far the best. Any place out in the open air was our room, and a hole in the ground for protection was our bed. We had some experiences lying in those holes with the shells bursting all around us, not knowing where the next one was going to fall. But we had one consolation, for every shell Fritz gave us we handed back twenty and with better result.

"There are a lot of things I could tell you about, but telling you on paper isn't half as good as telling you personally, so we'll wait. What's happened is past, so I am not going to worry about that as I am very comfortable at present. We've even got an old fireplace going full blast.

"Closing with lots of love to you all.

"Yours,

"PERRY."

From the Santa Barbara "Daily News and Independent."

"WE HAVE WITH US"

After many weeks of fortunate immunity the flu has at last taken up its abode among us. Before the vacation there were very few cases of influenza on account of the care taken by students and teachers. But students and teachers, as had been feared, were exposed while at their homes. Some have not come back, while others have developed the disease since returning to school. Most of the cases are very mild, and so far as known, none is dangerous as yet.

Since the opening of school eight cases have developed at the Dorm. and at the time the paper went to press some others were complaining of influenza symptoms. Probably a large number of the students are suffering from mental suggestion or a cold or stomach ache, rather than the influenza. Those at the Dorm. known to have the flu at this time are: Hodges, Glines, Huxley, Kerr, Young, Hutcheson, Waterman and Floaten. It is reported that Word and Cann are ill at home.

Mr. Redman brought back a case of flu with him as a souvenir of his visit to San Francisco, while Mr. Doxsee has the souvenir without having had the pleasure of the visit.

Mrs. Ray and George Smith had pneumonia during vacation. Smith is now attending school but Mrs. Ray has had a relapse.

Just before vacation Miss Jones and Miss Whiting were ill with the influenza. On this account the girls were dismissed two and one-half days early. Both teachers were as well as ever at the opening of school.

Usually we are very hospitable and try to prolong the stay of our guests. Now, however, we are inclined to say: "Here is your hat, Miss Flu; what's your hurry!"

SCHOOL NOTES

The county has recently completed a bridge over Steiner creek, thus opening up a new road leading from the main Cambria road to the school grounds. The dozen students living on the west side of the creek greatly appreciate this improvement as formerly during rainy weather they had to go around through town to get to school.

Ted Erickson visited school Tuesday, January 7th. He was received with open arms as he was the first hero back from the war. He wears a gold stripe for six months' overseas service. Very much to his regret he did not get to France; however, he feels that he became well acquainted with England and her people. He appears very robust, and his increase in weight testifies that Uncle Sam is a generous provider. Erickson

reports that the influenza worked havoc among the civilians of England. He says that whole families died because their resistance had been weakened on account of the long shortage of food. He intends to return to school in the near future and graduate this year if he can make up his work.

Mary Chaves returned to school after the holidays. Miss Chaves has been a student for two years, but was compelled to stay out the first part of this year.

Mr. St. John's brother, a corporal in the 116th Engineers, after about fourteen months of active service in France, has been ordered home.

Mrs. Bland's mother and brother returned to school with her. The brother, Mr. Day, is now employed on the farm.

Lee Otto, a former Polyite, has left the University of Southern California where he was connected with the training unit. He now intends to enlist in the Merchant Marine. Lee visited Poly the day before New Year's.

Peter Melschau has been discharged from service, and is back at home in Nikoma.

The gardener is planting many fine shade trees, which, it is hoped, will improve the already attractive grounds.

L. Thralls, M. Sellers and B. Cramer recently left school. Kate Schanklin, Cora Philbrick and Sam Wright, who is very ill, intend to be back in school soon. It is not definitely known whether Russel Davis, Paul Stangeland, Charles Barnett, Meredith Chatten and Louis Ramage intend to come back or not.

The librarian recently received 26 books ranging from History to Agr. In the near future she expects to receive many more. The librarian has recently obtained a book-trough, which offers a convenient way to display the new books. She has also listed by subjects all of the "Experimental Station Bulletins" of the several States. This has been done to get the valuable material into shape for immediate reference. The library is also completing its files of U. S. Dept. of Agr. Bulletins.

Lloyd Nix, a former Polyite who enlisted in the Aviation Section when the war was declared, was recently awarded the Croix de Guerre for distinguished service in France. Poly feels very proud indeed to have such a hero represent her in the service.

Art Kynaston, who came from England with Erickson, visited a friend in San Luis recently. At the cessation of hostilities Kynaston was an aerial gunner of a bombing section in England.

Lee Dolch, a graduate of the Class of '18,

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holds a responsible creamery job in the Imperial Valley.

Mr. Brown's son, when last heard from, was in Paris with two months' pay and "Woody had nothing on him."

Miss Hoover's cooking classes have been spending very enjoyable class hours preparing candy for the recent sales.

The girls are practicing basket ball as part of their athletic course. This game, which has not for many years been played here, is meeting with much enthusiasm.

Friends of Miss Karo Smith will be interested to know of her wedding in San Francisco on January 4, 1919, to Mr. Jorns. The wedding took place after a thrilling elopement and several adventures which all ended well. The bride and the groom, who is a sailor, will reside at Avila.

The Misses Lucile Terrill and Ethel Colon have graduated from Heald's Business College in Santa Cruz. Miss Ethel Colon has accepted a position in Richmond. Miss Lucile Terrill is here with her relatives.

Miss Hazel True, of the Class of '18, who is attending a school of telegraphy in San Francisco, spent the holidays with relatives in this city.

Miss Lea Thralls has moved to San Francisco, where she will reside in the future.

Mrs. D. D. Humphreys, formerly Miss Eileen McQuaide, and her daughter of San Pedro spent Christmas with friends in this city.

Miss Ada Forbes, who is attending the University of California, spent the winter vacation with relatives.

A plot of pasture land near the dairy barn has just been fenced off for a calf-run.

The class trophy has just been engraved with a '21 because that class last year won the championship in athletics.

A pen of hens, which the students selected according to the Hogan system laid 17% more eggs than those rejected. This test will run through the year.

At a meeting of the Ag. Club on January 9th, Mr. Doxee talked to the boys about forming a pig club. He explained the method of conducting the contest and gave reasons why the boys should join. He then allowed them several days to think the matter over before deciding whether to go in.

Miss Howe—What is meant by density?

Tatjes—I can't define it, but I can give an example.

Miss Howe—The example is good. Be seated.

J * O * K * E * S

Mr. Hudspith—Why did you cut Carpentry yesterday, Sandercock?

Sandercock—I didn't. I was there.

Mr. Hudspith—Did you answer the first roll-call?

Sandercock—Yes.

Mr. Hudspith—And did you answer the second?

Sandercock—Sure I did.

Mr. Hudspith—Well, that's strange. I only called the roll once.

Cann—What is it we often return but never borrow?

Hodges—Search me. What?

Cann—Thanks.

Dago—What is the difference between the quick and the dead?

Bach—Don't know.

Dago—The quick are the ones that dodge Miss Chase's Ford and the dead are the ones that don't.

Mr. Kinsmen—So you know my son at school?

C. Hodel—Yes, we sleep in the same English class.

Mr. Brown—Do you know that you remind me of a flying machine?

Gunnel (who has been disturbing the class)—No. Why?

Mr. Brown—Because you are no good on earth.

Murphy—When is it good to lose your temper?

Young—When?

Murphy—When it is a bad one.

Tuley—Why is a spider a good correspondent?

Webb—I don't know.

Tuley—Because he drops a line by every post.

Hodel—Why do the leaves turn red in the fall?

Word—Why?

Hodel—They are blushing to think how green they have been all summer.

Indoor Sports

A great noise was heard in Dago's room. Lieutenant Beard came running to see what was the matter. Dago and Fat Pete were having a rough and tumble upon the bed, and when they were interrupted, Dago exclaimed: "Our mothers told us to take care of each other so we are trying to put each other to bed."