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SANTA CLARA DAY - Bull-Bear Fighting

(From the files of the Alta California, August 15, 1851)

This little village has been a scene of unusual excitement during the last few days. Yesterday being the anniversary of Santa Clara, the patron saint of this mission, was celebrated with great pomp and ceremony.

...Father Nobili and Father Goetz, another Jesuit, denounced, in the most unmeasured terms, bull fighting and other similar practices.

The influence of these clergymen, however, did not appear to have the desired effect in regard to bull-fighting, for in the evening this disgusting and brutal practice was exhibited to a large number of persons of both sexes, many of whom were Americans, and, must I say it, American females! During the performance, a stage that had been erected around the circus fell down, precipitating all who were on it to the ground. One young man had his foot severely bruised, and a little girl received such injuries that she died this day, in the greatest agony. Several others were hurt more or less, but none of them seriously.

Another performance of a similar kind was exhibited today, also attended with loss of life. The Indians, who were fighting the bulls, were killed, and a boy severely injured. A horse also was gored to death.

It has been remarked by several intelligent and right-thinking people as being very strange that the authorities here did not put a stop to this inhuman and barbarous practice. They could not plead ignorance of such performances being intended, for the circus where the bulls and bears were fought, has been in process of erection for several days past - the sanctity of Sunday even having been violated for that purpose. It is to be hoped the more enlightened and humane portion of this community will exert their influence to prevent a recurrence.

Historical Library
Clyde Arbuckle

Most native San Joseans over fifty years of age know how their home town got the majority of its early street names. "Fifth Street," they tell us, "was named Main Street by Chester S. Lyman in 1848. Prevost Street got its name from Louis Prevost, a French nurseryman who came to California in 1849." And so on.

But they occasionally get stumped on streets such as Rosa and Goodyear, neither of which was ever seen by its namesake.

When civil engineer Thomas White surveyed San Jose in 1850, he wished to commemorate his sister, Miss Rosa White of Milledgeville, Georgia, who stayed home when he came West in the Gold Rush. So he gave her baptismal name to what long remained the city's northernmost street.

Then, after serving as Mayor of San Jose from 1851 to 1854 inclusive, he returned to Georgia for the remainder of his days.

Goodyear Street bears the name of Miles Goodyear, native of Connecticut.

Goodyear came across the Plains with Dr. Marcus Whitman's missionary party in 1836, but joined a fur trapping company on reaching the Rocky Mountains. In 1844-45 he built the first permanent white habitation in Utah, a log cabin on the site of the present Ogden. In 1847 he sold his Utah holdings to the newly-arrived Mormons, and made his way across the deserts to Los Angeles with "a cache of furs."

After selling his furs in Los Angeles, Goodyear dropped from view until March 24, 1848, when he bought fifty acres of land in what is now the southern part of San Jose.

Goodyear intended to establish a farm and live here, but news of the Coloma gold discovery changed the course of his life. We next find him and his brother Andrew in the Yuba River diggings, mining at the place now called Goodyear's Bar. There he died of some unrecorded ailment in 1849.

Goodyear's San Jose land appeared on the Assessor's Map as "M. Goodyear Estate" until it was subdivided in the 1880's. It now appears as "Goodyear Tract," with Goodyear Street traversing it from First Street to Lick Avenue.

By-Lines from the President
Auston D. Warburton

There is increasing concern in this country over the roll of the individual, particularly as we move forward in an election year. We see attempts to appeal to the individual by appeals to his emotions, his economic requirements, and social attitudes.

In pioneer times the individual played a much greater roll in political life, probably because the organizational arrangement of our political system was simpler and the appeals to the individual, due to the means of communication, were much more direct. Today we are deluged with material designed to appeal to masses of people, and there is sometimes the belief expressed that government has removed itself from the ability of the individuals to control. It is important for us, who believe in the pioneer tradition of the importance of the roll of the individual and of the preservation of his rights, that such an idea be laid to rest. This, however, can only be done if we as individuals insist upon understanding the problems of government and requiring candidates for office to express themselves on those problems in the old fashioned American way.

We should analyze and reject any appeal that is not in accordance with our traditions or sound thinking, or which is based upon improper emotional appeals to hates and prejudices. Our own organization has now grown to the point in numbers where its influence can be felt on matters of importance to us. This, however, entails also a responsibility, for such influence should only be brought to bear when it is consistent with the rights of individuals and the worthiness of the cause that we wish to espouse. Let us keep our rights by vigorously protecting them and using them, together with the obligations which they necessarily also involve.

Some organizations simply urge their members to go to the polls and vote. We, on the other hand, urge our members not just to vote, but to vote intelligently!

Similarly any pressure to be exerted by our organization for whatever the cause, must be exerted in the same intelligent responsible way, and only after we are sure that that which we are to espouse is proper and in accordance with our ideals.

The winter of 1861-62 our rainfall was 25.61 inches.

Pioneer Anecdotes

At the top of Pacheco Pass was a small house known as the Mountain House. One night when Henry Miller stopped there, a bandit approached him. The bandit was Tiburcio Vasquez. He held up Miller and robbed him of \$500. Miller turned to him and asked for a loan of \$25 for his expenses to get home, saying; "I'll pay it back." The request was granted.

About a year later at a dance in San Jose, Henry Miller recognized Vasquez, he advanced toward him and said, "here is the \$25 I owe you." Vasquez replied, "for what do you owe me?"

Miller explained, and said, "I never forget to pay my debts."

In the Los Banos - Dos Palos area during the colonization period of the 1890's, Henry Miller had certain set policies.

Anyone who bought land could borrow one or more cows for milk, as long as they returned the heifer calves to Miller's pasture, which surrounded the two villages.

Miller also made it a policy at Christmas to give each widow a sack of flour and suitable dress material for herself and children.

My mother, sister and I were recipients of his generosity before we moved away.

Pearl B. Drake
Editor's note: March 19, 1875, Tiburcio Vasquez, one of the most noted criminals of California was executed in San Jose. The San Jose Mercury at that time stated, "The occasion brought hundreds of people into the city from all parts of the Pacific Coast, and the streets most of the day presented the spectacle of a surging mass of humanity."

I was born at Hamilton Avenue and Leigh some years ago. I was there the morning Dunham killed the whole family and fled never to be found. My father was sworn in by the Sheriff as were others near Campbell, but it was of no avail.

Lorena M. O'Fallon
Editor's note: James C. Dunham, 32 years of age, murdered six persons, near Campbell on May 26, 1896. They were his estranged wife, her parents and their servants. He was never found, although \$10,000 in rewards were offered by the community. The deceased were buried at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Look for it Here

CLYDE ARBUCKLE HONORED

A distinguished honor was bestowed upon our Historian and Director, Mr. Clyde Arbuckle on February 18th at a ceremony dedicating the new Clyde Arbuckle School. His many civic contributions have added much to our community.

At our quarterly meeting March 3rd our Society honored Franklin Hichborn of Santa Clara, the dean of California political writers. He is the author of California Politics, 1891 - 1939, which is the most complete political history of California ever published for that period. From 1897 to 1939 he was legislative correspondent for the San Francisco Examiner. During this period he was also a free lance writer. Dr. Dean H. McHenry, Chancellor of the new branch of the University of California at Santa Cruz, reviewed Hichborn's work as a writer, publicist and civic leader.

Wednesday morning, March 7th a redwood tree was planted in the south-west corner of the Rose Garden, in memory of the Pioneers of Santa Clara County. Representing our Society were: Austen Warburton, President; Clyde Arbuckle and Arthur Fisk, Directors.

Senator Herbert C. Jones, one of our Directors, was honored at a redwood tree planting ceremony in Backesto Park, Wednesday afternoon, March 21st. Tribute was paid him for his many activities in helping preserve our redwood groves for posterity.

On January 20th your Editors hit an oil slick on highway 80 in the Lagunas Mountains east of San Diego, turned over $1\frac{1}{2}$ times and wound up 60 feet down the canyon, wrapped around a large oak tree. We made our egress where the wind shield had been. After getting patched up in the Mercy Hospital at San Diego, we arrived home safely on the "Daylight Limited" January 23rd. Moral; "Next time try the train."

We were delighted recently to receive a letter from Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Todd, Cornwall, England. Dr. Todd spoke to our Society at our quarterly meeting in March 1961 in regard to the Cornish miners at New Almaden.

Several of our members left March 16th on an extended Greyhound bus tour of the Southern States including Florida and Washington, D. C. Our touring members includes Mrs. Lottie H. Osen, Mrs. Edith B. Hichborn, Mrs. Elisabeth B. Telfer, Mrs. Elsa Jensen, Mrs. Anne R. Whitaker, Miss Helen T. Hasen, Mrs. Nina M. Grube, Mrs. J. Walter Forward and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor.

Remember When
Laurence E. Bulmore

Do you remember when President and Mrs. William McKinley visited Santa Clara County? It was May 13, 14 and 15, 1901.

Were you present at the Carnival of Roses held in San Jose in their honor?

Did you stand on the sidewalk to watch the numerous horse-drawn floats, pass by; hear the bands play and applaud the many flower decorated carriages?

Were you fortunate enough to get close to the reviewing stand in St. James park to see the mammoth bouquet, containing contributions from 2,000 ladies of Santa Clara County, presented to the President by Mrs. E. O. Smith?

Did you hear Miss Maude Lillian Campbell of San Jose recite the special poem "Greetings to the President" which ended ---

That flowers and leaves may utter
With myriad lips, today
The wishes and the welcomes
Of the hearts of San Jose.

Did you cheer when the float "Harmony" carrying California's first Ladies Brass Band passed by?

Did you wave the little flag you carried when the Mayor, C. J. Martin rode by in his open carriage?

Do you recall the names of the County Supervisors, George Rea, Gilroy; Fred M. Stern, San Jose; F. W. Knowles, Los Gatos; Paul Austin, San Jose and John Roll, Santa Clara? They were all in the parade.

Did you swell with pride when you saw your sister, brother, perhaps your son or daughter, in one of the school floats?

No gasoline fumes in those days and you could smell as well as see the beautiful flowers.

Today we sit in front of a TV and watch a parade on the other side of the globe. Progress? Yes, but isn't it nice to "REMEMBER WHEN"?

Anonymous

One of our members has spearheaded a drive for a fund to increase the size of THE TRAILBLAZER with a five dollar donation. Thank you.

Welcome

Congratulations to our new members: Aimee M. Combatalade, Esther Cowan, Iril V. B. Crowe, Vivian Woodward Crowe, Bess Dolan, Ethel M. Douglas, Frances C. Duarte, Irene A. Fulton, John S. Hasen, Effie M. Hawkins, George F. Hodges, Dr. O. S. Hubbard, Margaret Hubbard, Helen Boynton Johnson, Della Lanfear, Ella Mathewson, Marvin E. McCart, Devida McCart, Mary W. McKay, Mabel Pacheco, Hazel E. Sayles, Jack Thompson, Gladys L. Thompson, Walter B. Welton, Elva A. Welton, Zetta White, Madeleine Jobson Williams, Virginia H. Williams, Howard L. Worcester, Edna I. Worcester.

Under the Weather

Mrs. Earl Rhoads fell and broke her hip, on February 3rd. After several weeks in San Jose Hospital, she is now at home recuperating.

Mrs. Laurence Bulmore is now at home after an operation on her foot and has been able to discard her crutches. She still uses a cane ;for support.

Mrs. Louise Noakes fell and broke her pelvis, and is now confined to a rest home in North Sacramento, 2045 Forrest St. She would enjoy hearing from her friends.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gould after undergoing surgery at San Jose Hospital is now at home recuperating.

Senator Jack Thompson is convalescing at home after surgery in San Jose Hospital, March 13th.

Kindly keep your officers informed as to the condition of any ill member, and report any sickness or deaths to the Chairman of our Good-will committee, Mrs. Irene Lial, phone CY 4-2057.

Beyond the Horizon

Lella M. Cameron

October 9, 1882 - January 21, 1962

Linda Cassingham

March 3, 1888 - February 1, 1962

The officers and members of the California Pioneer Society of Santa Clara County extend their sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of our departed members.

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The Social Club of your Society meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday afternoon of each month. Card playing and various activities highlight each meeting. For further information concerning Club activities call Mrs. Kate L. Owen, CY 5-1153.

For information concerning chartered bus tours for members of the Pioneer Society, phone Gertrude A. Bernhardt, CY 3-3087.

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