

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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### **Colton Hall Alums Gather Today**

Monterey Museum in Colton Hall has a list of 139 men and women who attended school in Colton Hall before 1897. This is a very representative group of Californians, most of whom were born in Monterey County and all are past 70 years of age.

These former students have been cordially invited to attend the third annual all-day reunion in California's Constitution Hall, today by the Monterey Museum Board, whose members are James Tolagson, chairman; Mrs. William O'Donnell, Miss Ann Martin, Mrs. Andrew G. Reinhold, Mrs. Stuart Weill, Mrs. Leo C., Young, Mrs. M. R. Gragg, Myron Oliver and Rollo Peters.

A school lunch was to be served at 12 noon. Former students were invited to bring members of their families to this delightful affair.

The Jedediah Smith Society sponsored first by the University of the Pacific at Stockton is to have a Fall Rendezvous Oct. 15 at Lynnewood, 2 miles west of Pleasanton in Alameda County with Mr. and Mrs. Reginald S. Stuart as the hosts.

Primarily it will be a day to get better acquainted with other admirers of the great American explorer and cartographer. There will be no formal speeches, but many informal introductions. Mrs. Hugh C. Tye of the University of the Pacific is president of the society.

A History of California Newspapers, 1846-1858, by Edward C. Kemble, has been published by the Talisman Press of Georgetown, Eldorado County, California.

Besides being one of the most important books ever written relating to the early history of California, this is a definite account of newspaper publishing, in California. The arrangement of the history is chronological, following the development of printing and publishing in California first, in the cities of Monterey, San Francisco, Sacramento, Stockton, Marysville, etc., next in the gold mining camps - Sonora and the southern mines; and, lastly, in the agricultural and coast counties.

The author Edward Cleveland Kemble published the "History of California Newspapers" as an extensive supplement to the Sacramento Union of Dec. 25, 1858. Kemble was a contemporary of the events chronicled in

the history, an important pioneer - coming to San Francisco in 1846 with Sam Brannan aboard the "Brooklyn," and associated as editor and publisher with many great newspapers of early California: The California Star, Alta California, Sacramento Union, etc.

When Kemble published his account in 1858, newspaper publishing in California was scarcely 12 years old, but its history was already an adventurous, rowdy and complicated one. Hundreds of papers had been started, and hundreds already had perished, their fortunes rising and falling with those of the Gold Rush camps that gave them birth. Their history was in danger of perishing with them. The period of individual journalism was fast coming to an end; the transcontinental telegraph would soon bring uniformity. Kemble preserved the story of California's early press while the material still was available. Needless to say, the body of Kemble's work and research could not now be reproduced today, according to the introduction written by Helen Harding Bretnor, reference librarian of the Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley.

The edition is limited to 750 copies. The price is \$10.00 per copy in regular edition and \$27.50 in special edition of 50 copies, numbered and signed.