

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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### **Inquiry About Judge Tonner**

Today I will use another letter of inquiry concerning a Judge Tonner who once lived in this county and taught school here and in San Juan. He was also an early pioneer of Pomona.

Judge Tonner was an amateur poet and some of his poems were published in the "Monterey Democrat". There are references in his poems to the Spring School House and the San Juan school and Monterey County where he apparently lived and taught. Two of his poems are signed "Confederate X, Roads," which is now Hitchcock Road to the south of Salinas.

"Judge Tonner's few remaining relatives know nothing of his life prior to his coming to Pomona. I would sincerely appreciate any information you could give me concerning his residence in Monterey", writes S. Denis McDonald.

The publication of the California Book Club "The Seacoast of Bohemia" has arrived at my desk and is all and more than I anticipated when I ordered it. It is certainly a history of Carmel; and many of the early residents, writers and artists.

The club has announced an exhibit devoted to the new publication by Franklin Walker "The Seacoast of Bohemia, an account of early Carmel through 23 of September, in its headquarters, 545 Sutter St., San Francisco. The photographs are excellent, many of those pictured I knew well and it took me back to 1925, the year I came to live in Monterey.

Another fascinating publication which comes out of Mexico is "Bibliografia Iconografica, Del Traje Militar de Espana." a pictorial bibliography of Spanish Military dress.

This company, specialized guide was compiled to aid in the research and study of Hispanic military dress through four centuries. It contains an annotated, classified listing of 250 works, from the most ancient to the most up-to-date, that describes and illustrates armor uniform, weapons and equipment of Spanish soldiers as found in many books, plates, albums, documents and allied sources existing in different parts of the world, accompanied by brief biographies of the authors and artists who created them. It constitutes a unique and important reference to anybody concerned

with Spain's military history, including her former American and overseas colonies and the present West and South of the United States.

The notice of the publication says: "It is illustrated with vignettes and 12 full pages of plates in colored uniforms, with an offering of life time reference, a manual that took years to compile and edit. The introductory texts in English, Spanish, French and German. The edition is limited to 500 numbered copies at a cost of U.S. \$6 per copy. The address is: J. Hefter, Apartado 517, Mexico I, D.F. Mexico.

Here is another letter of inquiry written to the History and Art Association: "I am writing in reference to my family, my grandfather's name was Buelna, called "joe" all his life, but I believe his name was Luis, born about 1845. What I am trying to find out, if you anything on the Buelnas. I would certainly appreciate any information you might have. I have date of his death. I was born in Monterrey in 1905 and lived there until I was 14 years old. I am trying to get the history of my family." Signed, Mrs. F. Hyla, 6461 Mt. Adelbert Dr., San Diego, 92111.

Much information regarding this family has been sent to Mrs. Hyla.

A story in San Jose newspaper tells that Gilroy is to build a new city hall on the site of the old city hall and that the City of San Jose has acquired this large brick building of another architectural period with the plan in mind to move the structure on the highway from Gilroy to San Jose then sit it down in Kelly Park there where many old, historic buildings are being placed, to be used as a museum for the pleasure of those who visit the park.

The San Jose article warns the traveler that when they see this huge object traveling along the highway they need not worry about their eyes or their mentality for it is really a real thing taking a trip of several miles.