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LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11.—Don Pio Pico, one of the best known characters in California, died this morning at his residence at the advanced age of 93 years.

Pio Pico, the last Governor of Alta, or Upper California, under the Spanish or Mexican regime, was born at the Mission of San Gabriel, May 5, 1801. He was the son of Jose M. Pico, Sergeant of the artillery company stationed at the Presidio of San Diego, and Donna Maria Eustaquia Gutierrez. The family residing in San Gabriel removed to San Diego after the death of Jose Pico, in 1819.

Don Pio's life of nearly a century in California has been one of many years connected with public affairs. He was one of the most capable and influential men in the early history of California.

In 1828 Don Pio was appointed Secretary of a commission which was ordered by the Governor to try some charges against a citizen, in which the precedence of civil over the military authority came up and was vehemently contested.

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The Pio house on Main street, one of the landmarks of Los Angeles, was built by him, and at the time it was built, one of the finest buildings in the city.

Don Pio was a large landowner, having acquired large possessions during his public career. Among his ranches was that of the Santa Marguerita, at San Juan Capistrano, an immense tract of land, including thousands of acres.

At the time of his death, however, nothing of all this remained in his possession. Don Pio was liberal, generous and a gentleman of the old school.

Rev. Albert T. Perkins of Alameda, the inventor of a plan which does away with refrigerator cars, was introduced by Mr. Mills as one of the great inventors of the age. Mr. Perkins is also the inventor of a plan which does away with the use of ice in refrigerator cars.

A. T. Hatch of Solano and William H. Mills considered Mr. Perkins' invention worthy of a prize of \$10,000. They were the direction of the board.

Edwin Berwick read a paper advocating the Government ownership of railroads.

John P. Irish, in an extemporaneous manner, replied to the paper of Mr. Berwick. He took the position that the East would be benefited by the railroads if they were in the Government's hands.

"The East," said Colonel Irish, "is opposed to low freight rates, and that is in the policy of the Government, and naturally it would be to their advantage to keep the freight tariff as high as possible."

Officers Elected by the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar completed its work to-day by electing officers and selecting Seattle as the next meeting place. The new officers are as follows: George N. Alexander, Seattle, Grand Commander; H. W. Taylor, Spokane, Deputy Grand Commander; George E. Dickson, Ellensburg, Grand Secretary; J. Weatherly, Aberdeen, Grand Captain-General; H. W. Eagan, Grand Priest; Charles F. Leavenworth, Olympia, Grand Senior Warden; William McKen, Olympia, Grand Treasurer; Yancy C. Bialock, Walla Walla, Grand Recorder; B. W. Colner, Tacoma, Grand Standard Bearer; E. Dempsey, Spokane, Grand Warden; John Lillie, Port Townsend, Grand Chaplain of the Grand; The visitors to-day being for Colima, to attend the annual convention of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch.

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PITTSBURG, Sept. 11.—Forty thousand of the men who fought to save the Union marched through the city of Pittsburg and Allegheny to-day, and the old and young war veterans filled the air. While they stepped out boldly and bravely, the veterans could not straighten their bent forms nor conceal the gray hairs and furrowed cheeks. They carried no heavy rifles with glittering bayonets, but aided their aged limbs with walking canes, while here and there in the line of blue came a comrade upon crutches. On every corner and vacant lot rose for their shelter of human faces, and as the veterans passed cheer after cheer greeted them.

At 10:30 the parade started from the historic Monongahela House, on the banks of the river. The Second Battalion, Naval Reserve, National Guards of Pennsylvania, acted as guard of honor to Commander-in-Chief Adams. They followed the veterans in the following order: Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New Hampshire, Vermont, Potomac, Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Nebraska, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon, Kentucky, West Virginia, South Dakota, Washington, Alaska, Arkansas, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Florida, Montana, Texas, Idaho, Arizona, Alabama, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Indiana and Pennsylvania.

The decorations were of the most lavish order. It was stated by men who attended the parade that the decorations were individually more numerous in Pittsburg than in any other city. They never had