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Primrose and Palm Avenues are being graded. They need it.

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We are thinking of printing a “forget-me-not” on our bill heads.

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Snow fell on Wilson's Peak during Wednesday's rainstorm.

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Col. H.H. Boyce was in the city Thursday and attended the sale.

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The best clothes ringer in market for \$2.90 at Smith's Bargain House.

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For sale cheap a first-class ticket to Omaha. G.W. McCabe, Monrovia

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O.C. Carroll will soon commence a residence on J.I.C. Avenue above White Oak.

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A runaway team threw Richard Robinson from a wagon last Tuesday and dislocated his ankle.

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Mrs. Foshay, wife of Professor Foshay, is seriously ill at the Belmont Villa as is also their little daughter.

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Members of the band are called to a meeting at Dr. George's office this evening to complete the organization.

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C.B. Clapp has sold his Duarte branch store and route to Adair & Lyons who will conduct the business there in the future.

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Smith's Bargain House Orange Avenue carry a fine line of scissors and shears also pocket and table cutlery at astonishingly low prices.

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J.B. Nichols has the foundation for his new brick building well under way. It will be on Palm Avenue adjoining a Granite Bank.

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Why do people neglect tying their horses. More runaways are caused in this way than any other. We have on nearly every day in Monrovia.

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We have decided to close out our stock of agate ironware at cost. Here is your change to secure these excellent goods at wholesale prices, Smith Bargain House Orange Avenue.

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C. W. Smith, of Cucamonga, was here Wednesday and says he will soon commence the erection of his handsome new house at the corner of Greystone and Ivy Avenues.

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The new brick building on Myrtle Avenue nearly opposite the *Planet* office is being pushed rapidly ahead. It is being built jointly by Reynolds & Co. and J.W. DeVeny and will be occupied by them.

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There is something rotten in the state of the Pasadena Post Office. Our subscribers complain that they do not get one paper in 3 months were sorry but we can't run the Post Office Department.

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Happy Forward and wife accompanied by Mrs. Silliman and daughter from Vienna, Ohio arrived in Monrovia Thursday morning. Mr. Forward proposes going into the jewelry business and Mrs. Silliman into dressmaking.

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We were in error in an item last week. It is Barnes' Brothers who are going to open business in the Monroe-Reider building on Myrtle Avenue. They will put in stock of groceries. The Well Fargo Express office and a Commercial Telegraph office will also be there.

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The father, mother and two brothers of G.R. Johnson arrived in Monrovia Monday evening with the intention of making this city. Their permanent home. Rockford, Illinois claimed them heretofore. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lockwood of the same place who will remain here for a few weeks and eventually make this place her home.

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Plans have been completed for a large business house 50x50 feet two stories high to be built of brick which will be commenced very shortly the lower floor will contain stores and a restaurant the exact location is not yet made public but will in a very few days. We would like to be able to give fuller particulars this week but are not in a position to do so.

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THAT BABY

Some of the little toddlers say funny things sometimes. We often think they are not observing but in this we are mistaken. The editor of the *Planet* has a little daughter 18 months old and of course she is necessarily the smartest child that ever lived. She frequently bother her mamma who will sometimes say ‘Oh Eva run away and play nice’ while running the sewing machine the other day. Eva would persist in sitting on the treadle much to her mamma’s annoyance when she was scolded for the act and sent away. She looked up into the parent’s face and said “Oh, Mama play nice.”

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TRAPPED COYOTE

OUR LETTER BAG

“Don’t You Feel Just a Little Bit Mean?”
[Editor Planet]

If goods, especially dry goods and gents’ clothing, could be purchased in Monrovia as cheaply as in Los Angeles, there would be fewer bundles made up in that city and carried here. Storekeepers do not study their own interests when they do not see that this is so. Then, people like to deal with those who treat them respectfully. How would you feel, Mr. Editor, when you walked into a store intending to make a good purchase (if they have the goods you want, which is not often the case) if the head of the firm, instead of meeting you with a polite word of greeting, looks over your head and takes no notice of you whatever? And when you find a clerk, whom you ask to show you a roll of flannel or calico, he, or she, seems quite indifferent as to whether you purchase or not, or whether you are suited or not? There is not much accommodation in this line of action. If they are so independent of the customer, the customer feels inclined to be independent of them. Let our merchants sell reasonably, and their clerks put their very best manners on in receiving and pleasing people who call for goods and their business is an assured success. I speak from experience.

A READER OF THE *PLANET*

[The foregoing communication was brought about by a short article in the *Planet* last week, wherein we impressed upon the people the fact that they should purchase their goods of the home merchants and not go to the city. The cap seemed to fit someone and they replied to it. What we contended was, that it EVERY person gave ALL their custom to the home merchants, the latter could afford to carry a better selected stock of goods, and we are still of the same opinion.]

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AMUSEMENTS

The Ramirez and Galistri Excelsior Co., will give an entertainment at Barnes' Hall next Tuesday evening.

Professor Wood, the blind violinist, Professor W.S. Morrow, the celebrated musician and mind reader and Mr. J. Lumley, character and motto vocalist, will give an entertainment in Barnes' Hall on Thursday evening, March 8th.

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E.J. Baldwin's wonderland is looked upon as a formidable entry for the Kentucky Derby.

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The Lick telescope measures 56 feet 6 inches long and is 4 feet in diameter at the center tapering to 38 inches at both ends.

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A slight shock of earthquake was felt up north Wednesday afternoon.

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Anschlag the Garden Grove bloody murderer is to be hung, April 13th.

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County property upon which taxes have become delinquent will be sold Monday.

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TOURIST TICKETS

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R.A. Blair and wife are rustlcating in Santa Monica.

THE RAPID TRANSIT

Frank E. Valentine, who has been at St. Louis and elsewhere east for the past three months, in the interests of the Rapid Transit railway, has returned. He has been engaged in the purchase of steel rails, fishplates, frogs and the necessary iron for our local road, and before he left for home saw the last car shipped – 33 in all. Only one-third of this number has arrived, and the remainder is scattered all along the line. No telling when they will get here; maybe tomorrow and perhaps not for a month. Track laying was commenced this week at Ramona and running this way. About one mile has already been laid and the work is being pushed rapidly.

C.O. Monroe reports that all the bridge timbers have arrived by boat at San Pedro and will be placed upon the ground as soon as possible.

Even should the road be completed at present as far as Ramona, it would give us about double the railway accommodation we enjoy at present. We could then connect with the Southern Pacific going to and from the city.

SOCIETY AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE

The young people of Monrovia have awakened to their own social interests at last. The "parties" are coming thick and fast and the boys claim the credit for starting them. They thought times were a little slow, and so they "chipped in," got up a party and report a good time. That was the first one, and was held and reports a good time. That was the first one, and was held at S. Bowerman's. The second was held last Friday, at Mr. Hotchkiss' residences, corner Lime and J.I.C., and given by Master Thomas Hotchkiss. Of course the young folks enjoyed themselves and went home with the determination to keep the parties going. And that just reminds us; -- one young gentleman was heard to say he was glad the walk home to his girl friend's house was a long one. We would like to know why?

An impromptu was given last Monday by Miss Myrta Lloyd at Mr. Hall's residence on Myrtle Avenue. It is needless to say that the participants enjoyed themselves.

Master Willie and Miss Della Lamport have issued invitations for a fancy dress party, to be given at their home next Monday evening, when the young folks expect to have a good time and we don't think they will be disappointed. We would like to mention here, that Master Willie has a host of boys up to see him (?) quite often.

There are rumors of more parties, and we are glad to see them come. As for the boys and girls, it is one of the best things for them. When they grow up, and the time comes for them to encounter this world's criticism, if they can't talk and act properly they will be put down as know-nothings. Parents encourage the young people and help them with their parties. Throw open your doors once anyway and help them spend a pleasant evening. Introduce new games, throw the boys into the girls' society as much as possible and you will be rewarded by seeing your own children come out well-mannered and able to move in good society.

One of Them.

NEW NURSERY AND GREEN HOUSE

Mr. Coombs, the landscape gardener, who for the past two or three months has been laying out the ground around the elegant residence of M.S. Monroe, tells a *Planet* reporter that he is making arrangements for starting a nursery and green house in Monrovia on somewhat of an extended scale. The location he has chosen is in the small canyon the other side of Diamond Flat. (The present Hidden Valley). This is an excellent location, as it is entirely free of frost. Heretofore there has been no water for this land, but the recent development of water in Clamshell Canyon above makes this property very desirable, especially for a business of this charter. In the planning and carrying out of ideas in Mr. Monroe's lawn and gardens, it is shown that Mr. Coombs, as a landscape gardener, is an artist of no mean skill. He is well up in the nursery and green house business and undoubtedly will succeed in his undertaking.

THE CITY FATHERS

A short session of the City Trustee was held Wednesday afternoon.

A petition from certain citizens was presented asking that Raymond Avenue be opened from Railroad Avenue south. It is desirable that this should be done, as the persons living across the railroad track have no regular road between them and the city. The Gas Company has stopped work in that locality until this matter is settled.

The sewer question received considerable discussion, but was again postponed till this evening, when a special session will be held. It is to be hoped that there will be no more delays, but that some decisive step will be taken to give the city a sewerage system that will answer the purpose of a city of at least 20,000 inhabitants.

THURSDAY'S EXCURSION

\$45,000 Worth of Property Sold in the Crescent Addition

An excursion from Los Angeles to Monrovia took place on Thursday. The train was composed of five coaches, which contained about five hundred people. When they arrived at the depot, all the streetcars of both lines of railway were in readiness, besides numerous private carriages, for the purpose of conveying the visitors uptown. They were driven up Myrtle Avenue to Banana, Thence west to the Crescent addition to Monrovia, which property was offered for sale by auction.

About 12 o'clock the sale commenced, after the excursionists had partaken of a bountiful lunch which had been provided. H.H. Matlock & Son, the lively auctioneers, had the matter in hand, and the bidding was spirited. The property had been divided into half and two-acre lots. Prices on the former ranged from \$400 to \$950, according to location, and the two-acre lots from \$1,300 to \$1,600. This addition commands a magnificent view of the sales was a little more the \$45,000, which was considered a very good sale as only two and a quarter hours were taken in disposing of it.

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What is more beautiful than the yellow poppies, which are blooming this spring, tra la?
There are a great variety of wild flowers, native in California, but none attracts greater
admiration or are more eagerly gathered than the poppies. They seem to be the most
popular, although they are not considered daisies.

THE *PLANET* WOULD LIKE TO SEE

An opera house or large hall built in Monrovia.

All the “For Sale” signs taken in out of the cold.

More big excursions come to Monrovia.

The Southern Pacific Company commence work.

The Rapid Transit Railway in full operation.

Considerable repairs done on our avenues.

Several miles more of sidewalks laid in this city.

Every businessman in the city advertise his goods.

Another thousand names on our subscription list.

A hundred more residences being built.

The boys stop playing baseball on Sundays.

A philharmonic society started in this city.

Some of our young bachelors take unto themselves wives.

The street sprinklers commence operation soon.

JEWELER AND OPTICIAN

A.E. Cronenwett and wife arrived in Monrovia this week from Carrollton, Ohio, with the expectation of becoming permanent residents of this city. Mr. Cronenwett, although a young man, is somewhat noted as a jeweler and optician. He has secured quarters in the north half of the store occupied by Evans, the tailor, where he has spread out what little stock he brought with him, the larger portion of his goods being still en route. He makes a specialty of fine watch repairing and the repairing of musical instruments. By this gentleman's appearance the musical circles of Monrovia receives an acquisition, as he is a performer upon several instruments. The Planet welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Cronenwett to Monrovia.

THE COLLEGIATE INSTUTE

Matters in reference to the Collegiate Institute proposed to be built in Monrovia, should not be allowed to get cold. We want the people to keep it fresh in their memories, because it is for the best interests of the city that such an institute should be in operation here. It would induce a desirable class of citizens to settle in Monrovia, who would not think of doing so if we did not have a school of a high order here. Many people have settles in Los Angeles for no other reason than that of the opportunities offered in the way of educational facilities. Other wise the city would not be desirable for them. A Los Angeles gentleman expects to move to Monrovia shortly. He has two boys to be educated and he would be glad of a school here in which to place them. In going from their home to school in Los Angeles the boys have to pass two or three saloons. This would not be the case in Monrovia, as we have no saloons here nor will we ever have. The people are determined on this.

To the successful carrying on of a collegiate institute it is necessary that there be money at the back of it. Grounds will have to be secured. There are men here who could give and eligible site for the school and never miss it, and we think that when the time comes a site will be offered. About \$100,000 in stock should be subscribed. Half of this sum, or perhaps two-thirds, would need to be used for a building suited for the purpose. The balance would be required for a reserve fund. An efficient corps of teachers would have to be engaged and to pay them money is necessary.

The tuition fees would help defray expanses, as also would the money received from the pupils boarding in the building.

The *Planet* believes that there are men of means, who are sufficiently interested in Monrovia to endow such a school, or to take a sufficient amount of stock to place the institute on a sound basis. Monrovia citizens have never backed down when they undertook anything. They know no such word as fail.

A public meeting is soon to be held in Barnes' Hall, when the matter will be discussed in its various phases. The meeting will probably be held next week. Everyone should attend.

THE DARK SIDE OF CALIFORNIA

If the following letter had not been written from Monrovia, the probabilities are that we never would have replied to it. As it is, we are not sure whether it is worth our time, which could be more profitably employed. Here is the production, which appeared in the Palmyra, New York, Democrat:

Monrovia , California, January 23, 1888

Mr. editor: --- Thinking that perhaps you would like to know a little of Southern California, as a man of small means finds it, I will endeavor to give you a few points.

In the first place, if one is lucky enough to get a tenement or a room at all, he will have to pay from \$5 per room to \$15 or \$20. I have been trying for the past ten days to find a few rooms to keep house in, and have just been told that I could get two rooms near town for \$35 per month, not one bit better than one could get in the east for \$5. Then comes fuel – coal at \$30 per ton and wood \$15 and \$18 per cord. Coal oil for lamps id 30 cents per gallon; vegetables are higher, so it costs for a man to keep house, unless he is able to buy a lot and build, almost twice as much as at the east.

Lots here cost from \$600 to \$7,000 or \$8,000and farming land from \$150 unimproved to \$1,000 improved, so a farm of ten acres costs no small sum, you see, at all improved. A Boston man asked a Californian what they manufacture here, and the reply was “corner lots and climate.” One would say he was just right, for that is all there is. Fifteen hundred people came to Los Angeles last week. Carpenters are offering their labor for a dollar a day and all other laboring men are begging for work. Twelve carpenters started for New England from here this morning.

Any quantity of men with families are in a bad condition for want of work. Everything costs so much more here that wages ought to be just twice as much as in New England, to live as comfortable. It is a great drawback to a person that he or she comes from the east, as California seems to hate the very sound of the east; though I have not yet found out the reason. I hope that some who see this will take the warning that it is meant to convey and stay in the east, although I am., as one might say, enjoying good luck, having a good business and very comfortable rooms to live in.

If something is not done to stop this dreadful flood of emigration from the eastern states, California and everyone here will be ruined; it is only the moneyed class that is successful as a rule or those with a few thousands. There are hundreds and hundreds of

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people here today who would go home if they had the money to get there. A man with a family here will soon spend \$100 if out of employment, so those who come here with \$200 or \$300 extra in hand will soon get drained. Then comes the struggle – no money, no friends, no work, no trust.

People in the east seldom hear the dark side of California, as those who get dispirited do not like to have it known; and although I like California so far, I can see the dark side of it and would say to everyone who has not several thousand dollars to invest stay in the east, as investment is as yet the only business here.

Yours truly,
A (so-called) Tenderfoot

We will dissect it, but will not cut too deep. In the first place, as to rents. We know of cottages that are renting for as low as \$18. He says, "I could get two rooms for \$35 per month." Of course he could; so could other people, but they won't pay it, hence the rooms are vacant. Another thought on this: Wherever you see rents high the town is prosperous. Where houses can be had for a mere song, the town is as flat as a pancake. Good coal can be bought for \$18 per ton. We are to have a new and very cheap fuel in the shape of gas. Wood is only \$10 a cord, unless you buy it in small retail lots, then it is higher. Thank goodness we don't have to use much fuel for heating purposes. Next he says coal oil is 30 cents a gallon. True, but how much less can he get it for in the east? He acknowledges that vegetables and meat are cheaper here, while in the same breath says that groceries are higher, which is not true. He says lots are from \$600 to \$8,000. He should have said from \$300 to \$10,000 to be nearer the mark. He falsely says that unimproved land sells for \$250 per acre and improved for \$1,000. By improved land he means of course an orange orchard. The silly goose; does he not know that sometimes nearly \$1,000 an acre per season is realized from an orange orchard? He probably knew but he was painting the dark side only.

Then regarding his statement about "carpenters offering their labor for a dollar a day, and all other laboring men are begging for work." It is a base falsehood. There are no better paid men than the carpenters, and in most cases they are more independent than the men who employ them. There are very few men, if any, begging for work. Where there is one begging for work there are hundreds begging for whisky. He says there are hundreds of people who want to go home. The people here will never miss them if they do not take the climate with them, and they can hardly do that.

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In another place he says: "I am enjoying good luck, having a good business." This puts us in mind of a boy who has a big orange and doesn't want anyone too come near him, for fear he will have to divide it with them. If this tenderfoot has "good luck, a good business and comfortable rooms to live in" why should he be looking for rooms at \$35 per month?

But there is no use to pursue this argument further, California acannot possibly suffer. Her bright days are only dawning.