BURGLARY OF THE DEPOT

Burglars entered the Monrovia depot of the California Central railway on Tuesday evening of this week. They broke the lock on the outside door entered through the ticket delivery into the agents' room, and prying open the till went through it. However, there was no money there. They also broke open a trunk, belonging to Mr. Vivian, scattered the contents around the baggage room, but did not carry anything away but a photo. The burglars did not appear to be adepts at the business.

If Monrovia is not to have gas or electric lights for some time, wouldn't it be a good ides to put in some streetlights? A few people have done so in front of their places of business, and their example should be followed by many others. A large lamp will not cost much, and any businessman can afford to have one in front of his place of business. The streetcar track is treacherous and many wheels of buggies came to grief in the dark.

CALIFORNIA PALACE MEAT MARKET

A *Planet* representative paid a visit to the California Palace Meat Market on Thursday, opening day, and found everything in fine shape. The shop 24x50 in size, nicely painted, well ventilated and has wire screens both front and back. Meat was artistically served up by Messrs. Adair and Affleck in white coats and aprons and everything looked clean and inviting and so much beef! It would do your eyes good – also your stomachs. The mutton, veal and pork were also fine. Charlie Haberkern, the proprietor, says he is going to kill all his own stocks so that he can choose his own meats, not take what the city shops sell. He also says that when completed there will be no better shop on the coast, as he will have everything required in a first-class shop. There will be 5 different sausage machines, which will manufacture all kind of sausages. Avery large refrigerator is now being built so that the meat can always be kept cool. The marble counters have not yet arrived but will be here soon. Two teams are employed on the routes. The public is invited to pay a visit to the California Palace of Meat.

CHURCH NOTES

Items of Interest in and About Our Houses of Worship

Until further notice, the evening service in the Methodist church will begin at 7 o'clock.

The Congregational Church has called a council to meet December 1st, to recognize the church and install the pastor.

The young people's meeting at the Methodist church on Sunday will commence at 6 p.m. All are invited. At the service last Sunday every chair in the Sunday school room was occupied.

The State Executive Committee of the YMCA: ask that the week, November $13^{th} - 19^{th}$, be observed as a weeld of prayer for young men and the work of the YMCA, and that a collection be taken for the International Association.

At the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a.m., the subject will be: "The belief of the Methodist Church on the ordinance of baptism, and the reasons for that belief." At night the sermon will be on "Prohibition of the liquor traffic."

The audiences at the morning and evening services at the Methodist church last Sunday were the largest since the day of dedication. The opera chairs have been placed in position and a much larger number can be accommodated next Sunday

Congregational services in the hall as usual. Morning service at 11; evening service at 7; Sunday school at 10. Rev. D. H. Colcord will speak in the a.m. on the W.C.T.U. work. In the evening the sermon will be to young men on "Purpose."

Don't forget the entertainment of the W.C.T.U. at the Baptist church, Monrovia, at 2:30 p.m. today. There will be some fine recitations, good music and other interesting exercises. Mrs. Ida Partridge, our new elocutionist, will read. The public are cordially invited to attend. Admission free to all.

DUNN WITH A GUN

He Fires a Few Shots at E.M.. Wardall but Don't Hit Him

W.C. Dunn had two black and swollen optics when he appeared before Justice Norman on Monday. The why and wherefore of all the trouble is about as follows: Dunn got hold of some bad whisky somewhere Sunday night and got full. Now when Dunn is full he is a bad man and imagines that he can whip his weight in wildcats. Going home at Duarte he commenced to abuse his wife and children. The racket and yells of the wife brought E.M> Wardall upon the scene, who took Dunn's family away from him and brought them to his own home, but short distance away. About daylight the next morning Dunn appeared at the Wardall's home and was about to enter the house when E.M. objected forcibly; hence one of the black eyes. A second attempt met with a like resistance and another black eye was the result. Dunn then left, vowing that he would have revenge. He came up town, secured another bottle of whisky, drank it, purchased a revolver, and went back. When Wardall saw him coming with the revolver in hand, he ran away from the house out into the orchard, so as not to endanger those in the house. Dunn commenced firing but luckily for his intended victim he could not shoot straight. Wardall ran over to a neighbor's, borrowed a revolver and came back. When he saw Dun, revolver still in hand, he shot off one charge, which did not do any damage. Dunn ran and another charge followed him. A warrant was sworn out against him, he was arrested and brought before Justice Norman, as stated, who after hearing the evidence, committed him to Los Angeles to stand trail. Dunn was considered a quiet and peaceful citizen but like many another, when whisky is in, the devil must come out.

LAST EVENING'S CONCERT

The first entertainment, under the auspices of the Monrovia Club, was given in Barnes' hall last evening. The affair had been well advertised; the result being that the hall was filled. It is the intention of the club to continue these entertainments throughout the winter, and give the public a pleasant hour or two every fortnight. This is one of the aims of the club – the advancement of the social interests of the place. If all their concerts are equally as good as the one last evening they will deserve the thanks of the general public. The principal attraction of course was Miss Scrafford, the elocutionist, whose imitations of the songs of birds was something wonderful. This alone was well worth the price of admission.

The program opened with a piano duet by Miss Myrtle Monroe and Miss Lizzie Miller, entitled, "Tattoo," composed by Karl Merz. These young ladies always please their audiences. Miss Scrafford followed with the selections, Pareppa Rosa" and "Milking Time." A very pleasing number on the program was the banjo quartette by Miss Pomerence and Messrs. M.S. Monroe, E.J. Chess and F.E. Hawkesworth. An encore was responded to. Miss Scrafford then followed with two excellent pieces, "The wind and the Moon," and "The Door is Locked."

Part two opened with an excellent piano solo by Professor F.W. Wilde, which elicited an encore. "Birds Lessons," by Miss Scrafford, captured the audience and carried them away upon a flood of applause. It was the gem of the evening. Her "Countess Laura" was also very much appreciated. Then followed Mrs. M.J. Farnham's vocal solo, "Sing Sweet Bird." "The Tell Tale," by Miss Scrafford, was another jewel of the first water. Her concluding numbers were "Sioux Chief's Daughter" and "Aunty Dole_____ Visit." The latter was especially fine and showed how quickly she could change the expression of her face from that of a vivacious, bright young lady, to a sour old maid. Miss Grace Scrafford was a decided success, and we hope to soon again have the delightful pleasure to listening to her.

Another entertainment is announced for two weeks from last night.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

On Wednesday afternoon a Ladies' Aid Society was formed in connection with the Methodist Church of this place. The objects of the society are to visit the sick, help the needy and like work. They will also aim to develop the social interests of the church to which end a social will be given in the church every 2 weeks on Monday evenings. The first one of which will be given a week from Monday evening next. No charge is made at these socials. The society will meet regularly every Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the church. Officers were elected as follows:

President – Mrs. W. Stevenson
Vice President – Mrs. J.W. Harvey
Treasurer – Miss L.V. Phelps
Secretary – Mrs. E.W. Little
Executive Committee – Mrs. I.A. McCrary,
Mrs. E.S. Armstrong,
Mrs. W.S. George,
Miss Beck

Miss Emily A. Rice, one of the assistant teachers for our public schools arrived this week and will assume her duties Monday.

F.N. Myers and family arrived from LeMars, Iowa, last Thursday evening. They will reside on Myrtle Avenue. Mr. Myers has been instrumental in bringing a large number of people to Monrovia from his old home.

WELLS FARGO BUSINESS

Once more the agency of the Well Fargo Express has changed quarters. It has been removed to the Depot again, and Mr. Barnes, the railway agent, takes charge. These changes are not made because former agents were incompetent, but because the express company won't allow them enough commission to attend to it. For instance: Mr. Brown, the late agent, was compensated last month to the extent of \$38, out of which he had to keep a horse and pay office rent. Who could afford to attend to the business for this sum? No one. There is a large business done here, but it won't pay anyone to attend to it at the present figures. The office is now one mile away from the center of business, and when a package comes for you, you have to go that distance after it, unless you want to pay extra for it to be brought to you.

The Queen Dining Parlor is something new - and it is good to. For we have tried it. Mrs. D. C. Mount is the caterer. The first dinner was given last Saturday evening. A good business has already opened up.

W. Gerry and son of Ventura are having built two four room cottages in the Pacific View tract which will be for rent when completed. The enterprise of these gentlemen is commendable would that others would follow their example.

M.S. Monroe and wife have moved into their new home.

G.A. Lawrence and family of Norwalk, Ohio have come to Monrovia to reside. Mr. Lawrence spent last winter here.

Our public schools commenced nearly one year ago with 12 pupils and one teacher. There are now 4 teachers and 170 pupils.

N. A. Wheeler, wife and two children of Minneapolis, Minnesota, will become residents of Monrovia in a few days. Mrs. Wheeler is a sister of E.P. Large.

Jacques and Frame will open business in Monrovia next week. They will do horseshoeing, general jobbing and carriage blacksmithing. They will occupy a shop adjoining Baxter Brothers Livery Stable.

The incorporation of the city of Monrovia was granted by the Board of Supervisors on Friday afternoon and the election will take place on the 3rd of December.

GOOD OLD WAYS OF OUR GRANDMOTHER

The Villa Belmont, Monrovia, California will open its dinning room Monday, November 7th, with a real old-fashioned New England kitchen. Mr. Tuttle has succeed in procuring a lady from way down east, who possesses all the fine art in Yankee culinary and proposes to adopt the good old ways of our grandmother as far as possible. Baked beans, brown bread, doughnuts and mince pies Sunday mornings and good things all the rest of the week.

J.T. Tuttle, Prop.

Miss Williamson, Olive Avenue will receive piano pupils. She is to be a competent teacher.

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A JOLLY PARTY

A party of twenty arrived at the Grand View from Pasadena Wednesday evening about 8 o'clock, in Wiley and Greely's tally-ho six-in-hand. The party was in charge of C.C. Brown. Dinner had been previously order and shortly after arrival the party repaired to the dinning room. After dinner toasts and singing were the order of the evening. The party left for home at 11. The following is a list of those present:

C.C. Brown and wife

Robert Smith and wife

Miss Nichols

Miss Wright

Miss Allie Freeman

W.L. Vail

J.M. Shawhan

G.H. Greely

P.W. Hurndall and wife, Pasadena;

A. Crawford and wife, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Charles A. Biederman, San Francisco

J.H. Yail and wife, Buffalo, New York

R.J. Walker, Buffalo, New York

Mrs. Sarah W. Baker, Hamburg, New York

George A. Cherry, Ireland

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THE PLANET'S LETTER BAG Not So Fast Mr. Leader

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PLANET

There is a statement in the last number of the Leader the H. Christie's lease was the first one drawn in Monrovia which contained a clause prohibiting the use of the premises for selling liquor. There was a lease executed the 16th day of last March by us to Buck and Campbell prohibiting the sale of liquors of any kind in our building on Myrtle Avenue.

BUSINESS CHANGE

By a card elsewhere in this issue it will be seen that L.B. Sherwood has disposed of his tinning and plumbing business to Woods Brothers. Mr. Sherwood was one of the earliest men in business in Monrovia having started when the town was in its long clothes. Through strict attention to business and wise real estate speculation he has been able to lay up something for a rainy day and retire from mercantile business. His successors are worthy men in every sense of the word and have been connected with the business here for some time past success to the new firm.

Joseph Combs will in a few days commence the erection of a building, which he will use as an undertaking establishment. It will be built on Walnut Avenue near Myrtle next spring. He will put up a building adjoining the office of Cyrus A. Campbell.

Is it thought that the folding chairs ordered for the Methodist Church were burned in the California Central Freight Depot fire at Los Angeles, last Friday evening. They were on the way. Rev. Dr. Stevenson expects that his goods have also been burned. Orders have been received from headquarters to pay all damages against the railway company for damaged freight. Otherwise it would be a heavy loss to the church.

I.A. McCrary will erect a building on Orange Avenue between the First National Bank and the Savage block.

J. Thomas and family of East Los Angeles have moved to Monrovia. Mr. Thomas will build a residence on his property adjoining that of his son-in-law M.S. Monroe.

M.G. Blair his son Allan P. and Major Montgomery of Steele City, Nebraska, arrived in the town this week. They are relatives of L.R. Blair and friends of Dr. George. They will send for their families at once.

A.F. Winter brother of C.S. arrived from the East a day or two ago and will enter into the real estate business here with his brother.

Messrs. Roger and Morse lately from the east are building a fine large livery stable near the Windsor Hotel they say they will have first-class turnouts.

Sammy Keefer has a cute little Shetland pony, which tips the beam at 260 pounds.

W.R. Thompson of Azusa has rented one of the stores in the Savage Building and will open out a drug business.

It is wonderful how many enterprises are being started in Monrovia. One of the latest is that of M.L. King who will erect a building at the corner of Lemon and Primrose Avenues. In one side of it will be a carriage manufactory and the other a music store.

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There were 7,558 photographers in the United States in 1870 and 9,990 in 1880. There are now about 11,000 persons engaged in the photographing business.

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The store in the First National Bank building is to be occupied by H. Christie as a first-class ready-made clothing establishment.

It seems difficult to find printers. The *Planet* will give steady employment to a good man.

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Mr. Graham, agent for L.L. Bradbury at this place, called at the *Planet* office this week and explained that Mr. Bradbury was not opposed to the incorporation of Monrovia as a city, but said that he was rather in favor of it. But he did object to several hundred acres of his land in Duarte being included in the limits of the town. The Planet's correspondents misquoted him. He did not say, "incorporation of Monrovia cannot succeed," but that his land in Duarte" cannot succeed. The boundary proposed will no doubt be changed and a much smaller scope of land taken in. The incorporation question was first started as a means of ridding the town of saloons and keeping them out by local option. It is not desirable to take in too much territory. As a means of hurrying up the preparation of the petition the boundaries of this school district were proposed. At a meeting of the board of supervisors next Monday no doubt everything will be settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. So mote it be. Arcadia will probably object to being swallowed up by Monrovia. All right. No one can blame her any more than they can Mr. Bradbury. The privilege to incorporate will undoubtedly be granted us; the only difficulty will be in settling the boundaries.

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Stories of snow and ice are already beginning to reach us from the bleak and storm-swept plains of the prairie states, where it is no unusual thing for oil to congeal and burst lamps similar news is being received from the old chibiaian districts of the east. The land of snow-capped fence posts and double-jointed thermometers. We extend our sympathy and with it our advice, that they come to our land of endless summer where Santa Claus finds himself forced to make his holiday circuit in a sulky.

On all Halloween night the youth of the town made the Welkin rink with the music of their tin-can band their pranks were few and harmless. By the way this reminds us of "when we were a boy." A man had a sign the said "Ice For Sale" and the boy very unkindly but artistically placed and "L' before the Ice. The air was resonant with unmentionable words for some time thereafter.

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A machine, which will sew 3,000 buttons a day, is on exhibition in New York.

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It seems a funny, nay, ridiculous thing to do but people of Charleston are celebrating the Earthquake Jubilee.

Here's a pretty how-de-do, the Standard Oil Company, than which there is no greater monopoly in existence, has decided to shut down its works for one year, so as to raise the price of kerosene to \$1 per gallon. Let's go back to tallow candles and boycott them.

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250 job printers in Chicago are out on strike for 9 hours' work. That's right; 9 hours are enough to work in a day. The *Planet* has always worked under the rule but what of the poor country editor who works 9 hours at the case, writes 4 hours in the evening, gets three to sleep then gets up and gets breakfast ready.

This November weather is just grand.

Another real estate firm – Wilde and Morris.

The Rapid Transit Railway spoils one row of A.B. Chapman's fine orange tree.

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Monrovia is having a regular business boom just now. Competition is a good thing.

Stamping done for embroidery on Lime Avenue second door west of Belmont.

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Lemon Avenue between Myrtle and Ivy is one of the widest avenues in town 80 feet.

A.B. Tomlinson has taken Dr. Wheeler as a partner. They may be found at the Central Land office, Myrtle Avenue.

F.M. Monroe is doing a good work on the grade for the Rapid transit Railway work is now being done on the sixth mile.

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Good Headway is being made with the cement sidewalk down Myrtle Avenue from W.N. Monroe's property to White Oak.

Roselie who aided his wife in the Vitriol – throwing scrape, Los Angeles, has received a sentence of 9 years in San Quentin.

E.J. Baldwin has budded a large number of his old seedling trees to better varieties and they are said to have proven a success.

The Badeau block is partly ready for the occupants. G.H. Dingerman has removed his grocery store thereto and J.S. Keefer will soon occupy his room.

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The grade of the Rapid Transit has been completed beyond Sunnyslope ranch a distance of about 6 miles. A large number of ties have arrived for the railway and have been unloaded at Arcadia.

Business in the Grand View Hotel under the new management has opened up finely. By invitation of the management the *Planet* man and the partner of his joys and sorrows dined there one day this week. The commodious and well-lighted dining room is supplied with a corps of excellent waiters under the direction of Steward Adams.

C.W. Aby of Santa Anita ranch drove a team of his flyers over here Wednesday Mistletoe and Jersey Lily.

Property around the California Central Depot has begun to move. Several new buildings are about to be erected there.

The sidewalks on Lemon Avenue between Ivy and Myrtle are all taken off the property. This is what the town company intended should be the case when they laid out the town.

Next week the article "Overland in '49" from the able pen of A.T. Taylor of this place will be concluded. His letters have been read with interest from the beginning.

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The alterations recently made in the real estate office of W.E. Pile and Company are a decided improvement. One of the partitions was taken down and a rear room furnished in a equally comfortable and stylish manner with the main office. Morgan Brothers have their office here. E.W. Little, attorney, may also be found in the adjoining room.

Bison William has made his pile, tickled the fancy of the English nobility and is now going to bring his Wild West show home.

Mr. Hotchkiss an uncle of C.C. arrived in Monrovia Friday.

Mr. Vivian, clerk in the L. Barnes' Dry Goods store, returned from his eastern trip, Thursday.

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Thomas Monroe, an uncle of W. N, Monroe and Brothers, is here from Indianapolis, Indiana. He is an old newspaperman.

M.S. Monroe and wife will soon be settled in their handsome new residence on Banana Avenue.

William E. Loy with Tatem and Bowen printer's warehouse. San Francisco was in town one day this week.

J.R. Hall son of our townsman W.S. Hall will arrive in Monrovia about the 15th instant from Steele City, Nebraska.

Hiram Clarke, late of the firm Tomlinson and Clarke ahs changed his base and now operates in realty in Ontario.

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Frank Truitt, the special reporter of the *Los Angeles Express*, was married on the evening of the 1st instant to Miss. Annie Willing. Truitt is Frank that Annie Willing. A fellow could wring in a pun upon these names.

J.G. Hollenback, Los Angeles did the town Wednesday.

E.F. Spence was expected to arrive home Wednesday night.

L.R. Blair made a flying trip to the San Fernando Valley this week. A brother of his has recently arrived here from the East.

Mrs. J. T. Tuttle spent a few days recently in Ventura.

Hon. E.G. Morgan, wife and daughter of Fort Dodge, Iowa, are in Monrovia visiting relatives.

Mrs. J.J. Handlin and little daughter of Sacramento visited the family of J.H. Green for a few days this week.

L.G. Wilson of the El Monte has become a resident of Monrovia.

James Smith, wife and daughter and Miss Ella V. Robinson, from Tremont, Illinois. Relatives of William Baxter and family arrived in Monrovia this week.

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Hattie Woolfteen has been held to answer for the murder of Doc. Harlan.

The Deer Park water scheme is a big one if true.

W.C. Badeau will have constructed a cement sidewalk in front of his block on Myrtle Avenue.

The foundation of J.M. Studerbaker's residence, corner of J.I.C. and Banana Avenues has been completed.

Schreiber and Atkins are opening business in Monrovia and Arcadia as insurance and real estate agents. Mr. Schreiber is an attorney.

Rev. Dr. Stevenson has purchased the residence of Mr. Huntley on Olive Avenue just west of the Methodist church and has removed thereto. This will be much more convenient for the family as the former residence was too distant.

A CARD

Having sold my plumbing and tinning business to Wood's Brothers. I heartily recommended them to my old patrons and the public generally.

I would request all persons knowing themselves indebted to me to call at the old stand and settle at once. As I wish to close my books.

Yours, L.B. Sherwood

Mrs. Buck has moved to new quarters over the bakery.

With the next issue the *Planet* will have been in existence for one year, hence a large number of subscriptions will become due. Those who desire to continue (and who does not) should renew at once.

FOR SALE

An acre of good land set mostly in oranges. Bearing plenty of good water 4-room house situated in west Duarte Mountain Avenue. Title Perfect

G.W. McCabe, agent Office Monrovia House, Monrovia, California

It is T.P. Harmon's treat – a young dauther.

J.M. Studebaker's house has been completed.

"Maje" will open his new horse shoeing shop, Monday.

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"Maje" is the boss horseshoer – opposite Monroe and Armstrong's Livery Stable.

The hotel Duarte, near the Depot will open on Monday the 14th instant.

The opera chairs for the Methodist Church have been placed in position.

J. Patten's fine new brick house on White Oak Avenue is nearly completed.

[&]quot;Raymond Hotel" is to be open today. Twenty-five servants have arrived from the East.

There is talk of a cement sidewalk on Lime Avenue between J.I.C. and Mayflower.

E.R. Brown is going to build a house and have his family move here from Pasadena.

A.B. Tomlinson is building a handsome residence on Orange Avenue on his 2 acres.

If you want your horses shod when they are shod then 'twere better 'twere done by Maje Shrode.

Don't forget that Maje Shrode has moved his horseshoeing shop to opposite Monroe and Armstrong's Livery Stable.

J. Wilde tells the *Planet* that he is figuring on a building of 2 stores on Myrtle Avenue south of Olive, Good.

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John William Hickson, son of Samuel and Fanny Hickson, Arcadia, died on the 2^{nd} instant, aged 7 months 14 days.

A fresh supply of evaporated apples, prunes, apricots and jellies in glasses have just been received at Johnson and Parker at lowest prices.

Mrs. Buck wishes to inform the public that she has removed her millinery shop to new quarters adjoining the Central Hotel on Orange Avenue.

Parties in Monrovia having houses or rooms to let will advance their own interests and confer a favor upon the public by listing the same with Baldwin and Stites in W.E. Pile and Co.'s building.

The graders are now at the work on the 6th mile of the Rapid Transit Railway on Sunny Slope ranch. They are rushing the work so lively that if the locating surveyor don't hurry the graders will catch up with them.

Don't you know it pays my friend? "pays who?" Why pays you to go to Johnson and Parker's to get your hardware and groceries which I have bought at prices that I cannot procure in Los Angeles. Try them and see.

Another Real Estate firm have entered the arena – Messrs. A. S. Baldwin and S.B. Sites. They may be found in the office of W.E. Pile and Company where they will be pleased to see anyone wishing bargains in Monrovia.

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Professor and Mrs. Ludlam are in town.

Charlie Clapp is confined to his bed by sickness.

Mrs. J.F. Sartori returned from LeMars, Iowa, this week.

John Kelly with the Pioneer Bakery received the sad news yesterday of his father's death at his home in Kansas.

R.B. Chess of Kansas another of the Chess brothers (they are all here now), arrived in Monrovia this week. He will probably locate here.

F.E. Perham has been confined to his bed for some days past with an attack of inflammation of the lungs. He is getting better now, however.

A.G. Miller and family, of Duarte, contemplate moving to Monrovia shortly and will occupy their handsome new house at the corner of White Oak and Magnolia Avenues.

Mrs. Leishman, mother of Mrs. A.C. Thomson, Duarte, returned from her eastern trip this week. She intended remaining some time but then California is not quite so cold as the east.

Lynn Lyman and wife, of Los Angeles, have become residents of Monrovia. Mr. Lyman has accepted as position on the *Planet* and will take charge of the mechanical department. He was recently forman of that excellent journal, *The Rural Californian*.

A GOOD RECOMMENDATION

Miss Loretta Nye is prepared to receive pupils for instruction on the piano at her mother's residence on California Avenue north of Falling Leaf. Miss Nye is at present the efficient organist of the Methodist Church. It is unnecessary for the *Planet* to add anymore than is embraced in the following certificate of efficiency. Pupils will be received at the residence on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa August 1, 1887

This is to certify that Miss Loretta Nye studied music with me during her course in the Conservatory of Music of Cornell College. She proved herself a diligent, faithful and conscientious student. She has a through knowledge of the theory of music and of the art of teaching and is a fine performer. I take great pleasure in recommending her to any persons requiring the services of a competent and careful instructress.

O.P. Barbour.

Late of Stuttgart Conservatory of Music, Professor of Instrumental Music and harmony

THE SOUTHERN PAPCIFIC

As the *Planet* mentioned a short time ago new developments as to Monrovia's railway facilities would soon be made some months ago. The Southern Pacific Railway Company located a line through Monrovia coming up between Maple and Chestnut Avenue. Since that time thing have been "laying low" and a great many thought that it was only a bluff game on the part of the Southern Pacific but they meant business. All the same and W.N. Monroe assures us that work will be commenced on the line very shortly. The chief engineer Mr. Gillette was in Monrovia this week. They are not content with letting the Santa Fe take all the cream off the business of this Foothill section. The line from here east will be changed somewhat and instead of running through Azusa will go to Gladstone to the west of us. We will have connection with Los Angeles. This will be Monrovia's 3rd line of railway. In all probability our depot will be located not far from that of the Rapid transit. It would be a good thing it all three railways could have a Union depot.

M.S. Monroe and wife will soon be settled in their handsome new residence on Banana Avenue.

F. M Monroe is doing good work on the grade for the Rapid Transit railway. Work is now being done on the sixth mile.

The real estate transfers of this county for 26 days in October were over \$8,000,000 four tomes as much as last year.

Talk about large yields per acreage for oranges, the *Planet* has recently heard a statement that caps the climax. E.J. Baldwin has forty acres of Washington Navels on his Santa Anita ranch near Monrovia. He finds sales for his fruit in San Francisco, and last season received \$5 and \$5.50 per box for his oranges. From these orange trees he received \$2,200 per acre. This was a large yield and a good price for the fruit, somewhat above the average. Nevertheless, it shows what can be produced under the most favorable circumstances. The new crop for this year is exceptionally fine.

THE WATER QUESTION

Full Text of Judge O'Melveny's Opinion in the Matter

Last Monday morning Judge O'Melveny rendered his decision in the injunction suit, giving the Covina people the right to a portion of the water. The decision reads as follows:

JUDGE O'MELVENY'S OPINION

The Azusa Water Development and Irrigation Company vs The Azusa Irrigation Company et al.

The substance of the complaint is: That the plaintiffs, a corporation in 1883, appropriated, and at that time claimed to appropriate 5,000 inches of water to be thereafter diverted from the point of posting its notice of appropriayion, from the San Gabriel River to certain lands of the stockholders of the plaintiff. It alleges that plaintiff, by a certain developing tunnel 750 feet in length