

LOST IN THE MOUNTAINS

Out in Snow and Rainstorms fir Ten Days

All this week eager and anxious eyes have been cast toward the mountains north of Monrovia, in the hope of catching signs of two boys who are lost. But nothing has been discovered.

On Wednesday of last week two boys named Odeneal and Applegate, left the residence of James Applegate, Duarte, for the purpose of having a hunt in the mountains. They were aged 24 and 14 respectively.

Having packed their blankets and shot gun, also lunch enough for a three-day –trip, they started off, expecting to have a jolly time of it and bring back a deer or two, of which quite a number have been seen lately. They were expected to return on Saturday, but did not. All Thursday they were anxiously looked for, but as they did not return it was thought that something had happened to them. On Friday Mr. Applegate, in company with two or three other gentlemen started up Saw Pit Canyon after them.

Monday they found a bottle in which the boys had placed their names, written on a piece of paper. Further on, their names were written on a pine tree, in company with another name. Whether they ran across another man and joined company with him is not known. A little further on they came across a place where the boys had apparently camped. The blankets were arranged in some trees for a shelter from the rain. Wednesday night was one of the worst nights of this season. The wind for a time blew a regular gale and it rained sheets of water. There was also considerable snow. Anyone out in that storm would suffer greatly. Tis is undoubtedly where the boys spent their first night. Beside their blankets was found their lunch bag and some shavings, as if they had attempted to make a fire. Everything in the neighborhood was dry, as if the preparation for the fire had been made after the storm. It was more or less stormy on Thursday and Thursday night. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday were beautiful days and it is thought that if nothing had befallen them, the boys should have returned home, especially as their supply of food was limited.

The searching party returned Tuesday and on Wednesday morning a large party of men was organized and the canyon and mountainside searched, but with no better success. Six of the party remained in mountains all night, but it was snowing hard that it was impossible to see any distance. The men had to keep awake and jump around all night to keep from freezing. The snow is from one to three feet deep in places, and it is the next thing to impossible to make one's way through it. The search has been given up for the present, but a party will start out again soon. Mr. Applegate thinks that the boys have perished, so do most other people.

MONROE BROTHERS

The real estate firm of W.N. Monroe & Son closed business on Saturday last and on Monday morning a new firm was ushered into existence – that of Monroe Brothers. The father has retired and the two boys; Milton and George will carry it on in the future. It is no new business that they are starting, but undoubtedly the one doing the largest business in the town. Monroe and Son opened their office last May, and in the seven months transacted a real estate business of upwards of three-quarters of a million. They dealt largely in their own property, but also did an immense outside business. Several large fruit ranches in Duarte were among the sales made by them. They handled some of the finest acre property in the city. Large sums of money were placed in their hands by non-resident capitalists, which they handled as carefully as they did their own. Guaranteed investments were more than realized. Mr. Monroe's outside interests have been so pressing lately that he has been forced to withdraw. He is working hard for the welfare of Monrovia. He has been largely instrumental in building up the town. Seeing the Rapid Transit railway so nearly completed, he is now endeavoring to hurry up the Southern Pacific people to commence their line through Monrovia. He was well chosen first mayor of the city of Monrovia, for he is well qualified and deserving of the honor. The boys are "chips off the old block" as it were, and deserving of a continuation of the large business heretofore entrusted to the office.

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The real estate transfers of Los Angeles county for 1887 amounted to nearly \$100,000,000. Just think of it, stranger.

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Monrovia greets Pomona upon accession to the title of “city.” Success, sister.

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THE LATE EXPLOSION

Our readers will remember the explosion of a kerosene stove in Johnson & Parker's store on Thursday of last week, by which young Eddie Martin was killed, of which the *Planet* gave an account last week. The explosion was caused by a box of dynamite caps that had been placed in the drum of the stove by the shippers, Harper & Reynolds, of Los Angeles, information of that had not been given the consignees. The boy's father intended to begin a suit for \$5,00 in damages and engaged the City Attorney Little in his behalf. Mr. Little presented the matter to the hardware firm and after consideration they agree to pay the sum of \$2,500, which was accepted and a check given for the amount. Mr. Little is to be congratulated upon the success of his diplomacy.

MAYOR CANED

The Mayor of Monrovia, Major W.N. Monroe, was caned last Monday by parties in his office; and when we tell you how it was done you will agree with us that he deserved it. He opened a real estate and broking office last May, ever sine which time he has had a corps of clerks and assistants to help him in the enormous work done during the past seven months. It was always thought that he was one of the best employers, generous to a fault, and a friend to everybody. Appearances are sometimes deceitful. He entered his office Monday morning as usual, and was confronted by the whole force. One of their number stepped forward, and without uttering a word, or allowing him to say anything in this own defense proceeded to cane him in the highest style of the art, while others looked on with folded arms and smiles on their faces.

To say that he was astonished is putting it mildly. He was completely taken aback. The cane used was not an ordinary one, but had a gold head, on which was elaborately engraved: "Presented to W.N. Monroe January 1, 1888, by his office force." Mr. Monroe responded in a few appropriate words. He is very proud of his cane, and well he may be, not only because it is a beautiful one, but also because of the good will with which it was given.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 57

H.T. Parker of the firm Johnson & Parker who was severely hurt in the explosion at their store is getting along nicely.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 49

We were without mail two days this week on account of the washouts.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 61

A rumor was circulated around town Tuesday evening that E.F. Spence had dropped dead in Los Angeles. Mr. Spence is all right and hopes to become a resident of Monrovia before long so as to be clear of the Los Angeles mud.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 62

A school for small children is much needed in the suburbs of Monrovia and Duarte some little ones have to walk over 2 miles. Mr. H. Stevens offers to give 2 lots in the Stevens tract and one hundred dollars toward building a school house. Who will give another hundred?

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The rain of Tuesday night washed the earth out from under the cement sidewalk in one place on Myrtle Avenue and the walk was broken. It can easily be repaired.

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Sometimes young men are heard to complain that there is no place to spend and evening in Monrovia. Why not go to the Y.M.C.A. Reading room? It is open to the public.

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Coal is coming down. It is selling in Frisco now for \$14 per ton.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 46

El Monte is preparing to incorporate, so as to get rid of her saloons.

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While the searching party were up in the mountains, Wednesday, one of the members shot at and wounded a large deer, they did not capture it.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 34

Measles has found its way to Monrovia, and quite a number of children are laid up with it. The editor's baby successfully wrestled with it this week.

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NEW YEAR'S CALLS

The practice of calling on New Year's Day was not carried out to any great extent.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 10

Whew! California is said to have imported more than 100,000,000 tons of coal during 1887. Now Easterners don't imagine it is because it is cold here for it is not. The coal was principally used by our locomotives and manufactories. By the way is there no fuel in California that is gettable?

MONROVIA

The Los Angeles express says the following of Monrovia: - This prosperous young town is centrally located in the San Gabriel Valley at the foot of the Sierra Madre mountains, 15 miles from Los Angeles and 8 miles from Pasadena on the main line of the A.T.& S.F. Railway on the survey line of the Southern Pacific Railroad (which is soon to be built through Monrovia) and at the terminus of the San Gabriel Valley Rapid Transit Electric Road. Connecting Monrovia with the center of Los Angeles city in 40 minutes with trains every half hour. Monrovia already has a population of two thousand, two street railways, two banks, stores, a number of good hotels, one of which is as fine as any in the valley, a \$18,000 school building, a library hall and Opera House, three churches, no saloons, numerous handsome business blocks, many beautiful homes, the perfect climate and scenery that makes the San Gabriel Valley famous..

W.N. Monroe, E.F. Spence, late mayor of Los Angeles and J.D. Bicknell, one of the leading lawyers of Southern California becoming impressed with the climate and other attractions of the foot hill portion of Los Angeles county, procured an extensive tract there and at once began the work of improvement. All persons of large means, they entered upon the work in a thorough manner before they put up a lot or an acre of ground upon the market. They went up into the mountain canyon and brought down the limpid water from the granite founts piping it all over the tract. They found an abundance of the precious fluid in Saw Pit Canyon and in the Santa Ana creek and there is no better watered town in California than Monrovia.

The beautiful home villa of W.N. Monroe, illuminated on page 6, soon formed the nucleus for a progressive and enterprising town. The climate of Monrovia is unrivaled in the cure of all bronchial, catarrhal and pulmonary troubles. The later of course where the patient is not too far-gone.

In addition the soil is of unsurpassed fertility exquisite home surroundings can be created in an incredibly brief time. One of the earliest settlers there was Samuel B. Keefer late proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel of New York City who acquired large property interests in Monrovia and who erected the commodious and attractive Grand View Hotel.

Monrovia already has a Baptist and Methodist church both notably elegant edifices and there is congregational preaching every Sunday in the town hall the public school which a few months ago only had 15 children, now having 200. There is no extra charge for water, which are carried in iron and cement pipes to the corner of every town and 5 acre lot. The colony covers an area of 1800 acres, 1,100 of which formerly formed part of the Santa Ana Ranch of E.J. Baldwin and 700 of which were purchased from the owner of the Duarte Ranch. The town contains 200 acres, which are divided up into lots 50 x 150

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and 5 acre lots. Lots which were sold as high as \$1,200 the lots whose schedule price was \$100 a year ago in no case can be had for less the \$300 and \$400 while where the locations eligible \$500 and upwards are easily obtainable.

Two papers the *Planet* and *Leader* are published here.

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Identification No. 01211888 – 1

A man was knocked down and seriously injured by a construction train. Back of Naud's warehouse Los Angeles. Monday a telephone message was sent to the police station when the private ambulance of Howry & Peck was sent for him and he was removed to the hospital. He is supposed to be a resident of Monrovia.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 1

The Boulon Comedy Company will play at Barnes' Hall on next Thursday. If you want to enjoy a rare treat don't fail to see them admission 50 and 75 cents.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 2

There was a snow blockage this week on the Northern Pacific. 'Snow Blockage here.

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January first they had snow in the Northern Citrus belt while here all was sunshine and gladness.

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The Los Angeles Furniture Co., stock of goods was almost completely destroyed by fire last Tuesday.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 5

Secure your seats early for the Boulton Comedy Company. Reserved seats on sale at
barnes' store. Admission 50 to 75 cents.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 6

Miss Belle Briggs is a very fine pianist and also good soubrettes see her at Barnes' hall
Thursday January 12th. Admission 50 to 75 cents.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 7

Miss Jennie Briggs is the only lady trombonist in California and she is also a very fine actress. She appears at Barnes' hall next Thursday January 12th. Admission 50 to 75 cents.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 9

Mr. Neil Litchfield is the finest Humorist in America. He has the finest press notices of any man in the country. He must be seen to be appreciated at Barnes' hall January 12th. Admission 50 and 75 cents.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 10

The *Planet* aims at giving all the news of the surrounding country and tires to state things as plainly as possible without any tom-foolery – “such stuff as dreams are made of” as it were. There are those who perhaps never will. The following extract from a letter written by a Los Angeles gentleman is cheering. “I consider it a newsy clean sheet; in the later respect differing greatly from some more pretentious journals in tis section of the country.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 12

NEW PASSENGER RATES

The ticket agents aiding the line of the overland routes are in receipt of a new tariff sheet, which was accompanied by the following supplementary instructions:

On and after January 1, 1888 the rates for limited first-class tickets to points beyond the Missouri River or St. Louis will be \$10 in excess of those in previously.

Commencing on the same date the class rates of tickets for the above named points previously known and designated as second class.

W.F. White, Traffic Mgr.

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Little May Bonton is the child wonder of the age. See her at Barnes' hall January 12th.
Admission 50 to 75 cents.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 14

THE SYNDICATE

“The Syndicate” with L.T. Graves as manager is now prepared for business. They occupy lately purchased from the Vanderink Improvement Co. Although Mr. Graves is a young man he is thoroughly conversant with the real estate business and will undoubtedly bring “The Syndicate” forward to as high a standard as that occupied by the American Investment Co. with which he has recently been connected in Dakota.

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The probabilities are that the Granite Bank will open for business about the 20th instant.

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Did you forget to write '88?

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Is your lot on the Delinquent Tax list?

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Did anyone remark that it rained this week?

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Identification No. 01071888 – 21

T.V. Lamport went to San Pedro this morning.

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Some of the cesspools in town “smell to heaven”.

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Johnson & Parker say that their new cash system is working successfully.

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What has become of the mount Wilson's Peak Railway scheme? Is it gone up?

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Johnson & Jones will occupy Monroe's Brother's office when vacated.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 26

How about that new leaf you turned over last Sunday? Is it soiled yet?

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Identification No. 01071888 – 27

Fred K. Lane has taken complete charge of Monroe's Brothers Insurance Department.

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

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Identification No. 01071888 – 29

These dark nights bring forth the wail “Let there be light” and it is echoed all along the line.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 30

Churches should have fires as well as homes. This weather people like things comfortable.

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Rev. C.E. Harris, of Port Huron Michigan, has written a letter to the First Baptist Church of Pasadena accepting the call to become pastor of the church.

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“The Monrovia Baptist” made its first appearance January 1st with Rev. J. H. Rider as editor. It is a neat little paper and will be published semi-occasionally.

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Monday evening is the regular time for the fortnightly social in connection with the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church. All strangers are particularly invited.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 36

There has been a revised and increased tariff sheet for Eastbound and Missouri points passenger traffic. The increase is quite large. It went into effect this week.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 37

The Boulon Comedy Company carry the only ladies brass band in the state. They are all native Californians and they have a reputation second to none in the state.

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The editor neglected to mention the fact last week that he was presented with a handsome inkstand on Christmas Eve by the employees in the Planet office. The boys have our tanks.

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The editor acknowledges a serenade early on the morning of January 1st but the fact is we were so sleepy that it was not appreciated as it otherwise would have been. Call around next year.

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The first meeting of Duarte and Monrovia W.C.T.U. in the new year will be held on Friday January 13th at the Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. Members, Honorary members and ladies generally are cordially invited to attend.

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You have no excuse now since the rains have your gardens plowed and grass growing. Set out flowers and shrubbery and make your home attractive. Our nurserymen will supply you with everything you need and at low rates too look at their ads.

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Sickness laid up a portion of the *Planet* staff this week.

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The new brick block talked for the corner of Myrtle and Orange Avenues, to be built by Wilde, Faunce and McCrary, will add much to the appearance of things around that corner.

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Combs & Banning, undertakers, have disposed of their business to Reynolds Brothers of Pasadena, who will keep on hand every thing in the trade.

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A handsome new brick block is to be built on Myrtle Avenue, adjoining the First National Bank. It will be 47 feet front by 70 feet deep.

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Our streets are nice and dry half an hour after a 24 hours' rainstorm. No Los Angeles mud here, nor any need of paving.

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There has been another change in the timetable on the California Central railway. We have six trains a day each way now, one more than formerly.

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The Granite Bank building is ready for the plasterers.

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Monrovia has twice as many trains a day as Pasadena.

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Must all towns in Southern California are growing so rapidly that much complaint is being made because the Post Office facilities are entirely inadequate to accommodate the people.

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Lost in November 1887, a light shawl with a black border and bright center. Finder will confer a favor to owner by leaving at this office.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 63

There has been considerable of an improvement in our mail regulations. Letters arrive from and are sent to the East now without going to Los Angeles excepting, of course, the incoming mail over the Southern Pacific, which we get via Los Angeles. The mail for the East closes at 7:30 a.m. and for the west at 3:30 p.m. We receive one mail a day from the East and two from the West.

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Iowa Creamery butter we have just opened up a stock of choice butter; no rolls; retail by the pound. Call and examine McKnight & Wallace YMCA room, Orange Avenue, Monrovia.

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When Sherwood, Perham and Smith move into their new quarters on Myrtle Avenue it is possible that the R. Lamont and Company tanners and plumbers will occupy their present stand.

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Sinclair's celebrated homemade bread for sale at Johnson & Parker's, McCall's and
Dingeman's Grocery store. None genuine without the Diamond trademark.

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The city fathers were only in session a few minutes Wednesday afternoon. They will meet again next Monday afternoon.

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Reserved seats for sale at Barnes' hall for the Boulon Comdey Company. Admission 50
and 75 cents.

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Frank E. Hawkesworth has gone to Los Angeles _____.

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L.T. Graves and wife here recently from Huron, Dakota and are living on Myrtle Avenue.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 52

Professor Bourque gave some exhibitions in slight-of-hand work in Barnes' hall last Monday evening.

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Rev. Tilgham Brown gave a very interesting panorama lecture last evening at the Barnes' hall.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 50

The mountains presented a beautiful appearance this week after the snow fell upon them.

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The streets of Los Angeles are in a frightful condition since the rains.

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Flour bags for sale at Sinclair's Pioneer Bakery 15 for \$1.

THE NEW ROUTE

San Francisco, January 2, -- The Examiner had an interview with Alexander Badlam, one of the party just returned from Washington and New York, where they had been to confer with a number of capitalists concerning the building of the proposed Salt Lake and Los Angeles railway. Mr. Badlam says:

"I can state definitely that the new railroad from Salt Lake City is now an assured fact. It is not going to be a continuation of the Utah Central Railroad that runs from Provo City on the Denver and Rio Grande road to "Frisco", in southwestern Utah. It will be an independent line. In a general way it can be said that it will run from Salt Lake City west along the southern shore of the Great Salt Lake. And then southwest in Utah, very close to the Nevada state line for a considerable distance. The Nevada State line will then be crossed, and the same line run southwest through Nevada at the south of the Meadow Valley range. On entering California the Calico mining district will be pierced, and the Atlantic and Pacific road will be crossed at Barstow. From that point the line will continue southwest through the Arroyo Seco canyon back of Pasadena, and thence through the latter town to Los Angeles. The whole length of the road will be 641 miles. At a point north of the Calico mining district a branch will be built over to Mojave, which will make the distance from Salt Lake to Mojave 541 miles.

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ANOTHER BRICK BLOCK

J.H. Bartle has purchased the corner lot adjoining the Monroe block on Plam and Myrtle Avenues. He will immediately commence the erection of a brick block, similar to the Monroe block. The building will be 53 by 80 feet, containing two fine stores and probably a hall above.

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MOVED

The First National Bank has moved into their handsome new brick building at the corner of Myrtle and Orange Avenues. Although not entirely finished or fitted up, one can see that they are going to have one of the finest banks in the state. We will give more extended notice later.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 82

C.C. Hotchkiss has opened up a real estate office in the Monroe block, Myrtle Avenue, where he will be pleased to see all his old friends and as many new ones as possible. His office is fitted up very neat and comfortable.

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Identification No. 01071888 – 83

Notwithstanding the west weather, considerable property has been sold in Monrovia this week. Mayor Monroe has disposed of his 700 acre ranch south of town for \$57,000. It is good land and contains a large number of young trees. It was a good purchase.

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Through the columns of the Planet Rev. J.H. Reider wishes to thank his congregation for the pleasant and entirely unexpected surprise, which they gave him last Sunday morning. At the closing of the reading of the church membership he was asked to retire for a few moments. Ten minutes afterwards he was informed that his salary had been raised from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year. The extra money had been raised in that short time. Apparently the members of the Baptist congregation think very highly of their pastor.

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A residence is being built for Rev. C.S. Newhall on White Oak Avenue.