

THE WAY WE DO IT

A sample of the way business is done in Southern California may be seen in the building of the town of Monrovia distant 15 miles from Los Angeles eastward at the base of the Sierra Madre. A few months ago the site was all brush and brambles. The promoters of the place do not simply beg others to build the town they go out themselves. Build store blocks and more than a dozen prominent men erect residences for themselves to cost \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000 to \$20,000 each. Confidence is thus established in the town at once and lots worth little a year ago are today worth \$3,000 such men as E.F. Spence late Mayor of Los Angeles, Studebaker of wagon fame, Governor Stoneman, Senator Ferry of Michigan and a dozens of other well-known men have invested in Monrovia and are pushing its interests..

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Please leave your orders with Professor J.A. Edgren whom while here for health will engage in photography. Studio for the present, rear of the W.E. Piles' office on Myrtle.

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A new railway is talked of to run from Shorb's station on the S.P., across through the foothills and Downey to Long Beach.

DOUBLE WEDDING

The Baptist church was filled to the doors last Tuesday evening. The occasion was a double wedding and the interested parties were R.R. Smith and Miss Belle Norman and Emmett Norman and Miss. Viola Shrode. For some time previously cards had been out for the former couple but great was the surprise when the bridesmaid and groomsman stepped before the minister and the ceremony was repeated. All the interested parties live at Duarte. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of J.F. Norman, J.P. and her husband

_____ left on Wednesday for an extended trip, first to San Francisco, thence to Kansas City where they will remain a few days, and then to Niagara Falls after when they will go through Canada to Nova Scotia, spending a couple of months with the Smith's relatives. The second bride, Mrs. Norman was a daughter of D.S. Shrode a highly respected fruit grower of Duarte while her husband is a son of J. F. Norman, J.P. Mrs. Norman was a school teacher at Duarte and was secretary of the W.C.T.U. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Reider. After the marriage a large number of invited guests assembled at the residence of Justice Norman and partook of supper.

The brides received a number of very valuable presents from their many friends in Duarte and Monrovia.

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I have the largest and best-selected stock of ranges, cook and gasoline stoves in Southern California. For family boarding houses and hotel use which I offer at low prices. Having brought a large stock at low rate of freight. I am able to offer special inducements. Please call and be convinced. Every stove guaranteed to give satisfaction.

Julius L. Viemeck 208 and 211 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California.

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W.E. Pile real estate agent has taken in a "Co."

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A photograph gallery is shortly to be opened in Monrovia.

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P.G. Hull is having plans prepared for a house.

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The Doctors Stewart both intend building houses shortly.

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Wanted – First-class draftsman. Zimmerman & Blair.

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Dr. H. B. Pinney has had plans drawn for a \$10,000 hotel at Sierra Madre.

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Duarte is to have a newspaper. Mr. Sutton of Los Angles will be the publisher.

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See the large stock of bird cages just arrived at L.B. Sherwoods, 75 cents to \$2.25.

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Richard Lamont of Michigan is about to open a tinsmith and plumbing business in Monrovia.

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Found -- In Monrovia Thursday a lap robe. Prove property, pay for this item and its yours.

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The California favorite is the best vapor stove in the market. See it in operation at L. B. Sherwood's.

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E. D. Morgan from Iowa, a brother of W.E. Pile & Co's. bookkeeper, has taken up his residence in Monrovia.

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There is no teacher for the Monrovia' school now. Mrs. Tuttle having resigned. It is expected a new one will be approved.

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E.W. Little, attorney and Counselor at law, has opened an office in W.E. Pile and Company's building, Myrtle Avenue.

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A carpenter's union has been organized in Monrovia.

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There is some talk of Monrovia having a public library before many moons wane.

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"THE DUARTE"

Auction Save of Valuable Property

As will be seen by Advertisement elsewhere there will be an auction sale on town lots and acre property at "The Duarte" on Tuesday afternoon next. Messrs. W.N. Monroe, J.M. Studeabker and A.H. Johnson will place on the market some very valuable property they recently purchased a number of fruit ranches and vineyards and have subdivided them. This property is on Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Railway and is only a short distance from the town of Monrovia. The large Duarte schoolhouse is at one corner on the land. The water supply is abundant and the purest of the pure.

It is the intention to run an excursion train from Los Angeles early Tuesday afternoon May 10th giving every person an opportunity to be present and see what they are buying. The train will be a special and leave for the city later than the last regular train.

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The *Pasadena Star* says a syndicate will also construct and equip a motor road from Pasadena to Alostá, of course it will pass through Monrovia.

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Mr. Dumball and bride, recently from Tennessee have come to Monrovia to live. Mr. Dumball will be bookkeeper for W.N. Monroe.

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Owing to the fact that a good reliable boy cannot be secured in Monrovia to deliver the *Planet*. The papers for the present will have to be received through the post office.

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F.M. Monroe and family from Shelbina, Missouri have taken up their residence in Monrovia. Mr. Monroe is a brother of W.N's and has gone into the livery business in connection with E.S. Armstrong.

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Al C. Hunters, one of Monrovia's contractors one day folded his tent and slipped away up north to Junction City, Trinity County where he took unto himself a wife, Miss Schlesler. Al looks as happy as any of us now-days.

E.P. Duval
His Untimely Death by Being Accidentally Shot

E.P. Duval, of the real estate firm of L.H. Green & Co. while making his evening trip home from Alostia last Saturday afternoon was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun hae was carrying in the buggy, the particulars of which may be gleaned from the annexed coroner's jury. Mr. Duval was a young man 22 years of age and formerly lived in New York. For a few weeks during the winter he acted as clerk of the Grand View Hotel, but later became one of the firm of L.H. Green & Co. he was a young man of brilliant attainments and highly respected by those who knew him. Services were held in the parlor of the Grand View Sunday morning, by Rev. Shelling. The body was taken to Los Angeles by L.H. Green, embalmed, placed in a casket and went to his mother's home in New York, in care of Orr & Sutch, undertakers.

Coroner's Inquest

Coroner's Inquest, held this 30th day of April A.D. 1887, by John Shelton, Justice of the Peace, Acting Coroner and Dr. S. McCurdy, physician at Azusa, Los Angeles county, California on the body of E.P. Duval:

W.P. Barnes, D.C. Clapp, D.S. Cummings, E.E. Pollard, R.M. _____
_____ and C.T. _____

to enquire into the cause of his death, and Ramon Romano, Jose Lopez and Casiano Lesarigo were sworn as witnesses.

Ramon Romano sworn, says: I live in Azusa; am a farmer.

Q. What do you know about theis case?

A. I was burning near the road.

Q. What road?

A. The old Azusa road?

Q. How far is that from the town of Azusa?

A. In the town. I saw a team of gray horses pass, and a man driving; the man was in the buggy. I noticed he had a gun against his left side. After he passed me some eighy yards I heard the buggy strike a rock and heard the report of a gun. I turned round towards th ebuggy and I saw the man jump right up and fall upon the ground; saw the horses and buggy run up the road, then I ran towards where the man fell, and I thought he might be wounded and perhaps I might assist him. When I got to him he was lying on his back and I thought he was dead. Then I went up to the town and told Charley Wallen, and some other men came back to see him. When I got there Mr. Ramon Lopez was coming back with the buggy which had run away. Then Charley Wallen got in the buggy and went after the Justice of the Peace. I then went back to my work

Ramon Romano

E.P. Duval

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Henry Roberts, sworn as Interpreter.

John Shelton, Justice of the Peace, acting Coroner.

Jose Lopwz sworn, says. My name id Jose Lopez. I live in Azusa; am a laborer. I saw only the deceased pass in front of where I was at work with a shot gun in the buggy. The gun was on the left side. Shortly after he passed we heard the report and saw him fall. The horses had run away we heard the report of a gun. I also came over and found the man who was in the buggy dead.

Jose Lopez

John Shelton, Justice of the Peace, acting Coroner.

Dr. S. McCurdy sworn says: My name is S. McCurdy. I live in Azusa. Profession, Physician and Surgeon. I do not know the deceased. I examined the body after the evening train came in. He was lying on his back dead on the ground. His body was still warm. Rigor mortis had not set in; think he had been dead for two hours. I found a wound on his left breast near the nipple. I think it was sufficient to cause his death. His coat was buttoned up and the contents of the gun having passed through his coat, vest and two shirts. That is all I know about the case.

Samuel McCurdy

John Shelton, Justice of the Peace, acting coroner.

E. L. Buck sworn says: I live in Monrovia; am in the real estate business. I know E.P.Duval. I saw him today, about 6 o'clock this evening; he was then dead. The body that I have just seen examined is the body of E.P. Duval. He lived in Monrovia.

E.L. Buck

John Sheldon, Justice of the Peace, acting Coroner.

Articles found on the body: Letters to E.P. Duval, one cotton handkerchief, one purse containing receipts, memorandums, four lottery tickets, cigarettes, \$175 in bills , one watch, one chain, two corkscrews, bunch of keys, pencil, \$40 in gold & 4 in silver, one shot gun with both shells empty, one day book, ledger and sketch book, maps, five shells loaded, one knife, one pair of gloves.

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E.P. Duval
His Untimely Death by Being Accidentally Shot - Continued

John Shelton, Justice of the Peace, acting Coroner.

Verdict of the Jury Inquest on E.P. Duval: That the deceased. E.P. Duval, came to his death, while ridding through Azusa by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in his possession.
D. Clapp, Foreman

A GREAT NUISANCE

Probably the biggest humbug and nuisance in Monrovia is the public telephone. It is not even a good thing to swear at, because it won't "answer back". We have watched the vain attempts of the operator in the central office here in sending a message, and have become weary in waiting and had to go home. An hour is frequently spent in sending a simple message. Complaints are loud and long over the nuisance, but the superintendent doesn't seem to care a rap whether a new pair of lungs are worn out every month or not. One day this week twenty messages had to be refused. There were not enough hours in the day in which to send them. The result is that our people have to go to the depot and send their message by telegraph. There is talk of a branch office being started up town. In this event the telephone business will die out, because it is just as cheap to telegraph. If the telephone could be properly worked, a business of \$100 a month could shortly be built up. But this will no doubt go to the new telegraph office.

SEWAGE

The Monrovia Land and Water Company have announced the purchase of seven hundred acres of land in the wash. Three miles down the valley from the town. The next step will be to secure ways and means for the purchase and laying of a main pipe from the mountain to this wash. It is thought that an 8-inch pipe would be large enough for a town of fifteen thousand inhabitants. It is suggested that a tax be leveled on the property to pay the cost of laying the main pipe. It is to be hoped that the matter will not be delayed.

PETITION AND REPLY

MONROVIA, APRIL 11, 1887

To L.L. Bradbury

The undersigned believing it best for the general good that this settlement should have but one name, instead of more, hereby ask you to give up the name of West Duarte and consent that it be merged into that of Monrovia, which is much the largest territory.

J.T. Tuttle

J.T. Little

E.L. Buck

William H. Lordan

F.N. Myers

John Brossoot

J. R. Mitchell

R.N. Hilton

George E. Pugh

D. Carr

J.C. Morris

M.R. Hammand

A.L. Holt

C.N.Y. Clapp

George B. Oliver

P. Levreau

S.W. Vivian

Isaac Smith

A.B. Tomlinson

Hiram Clark

Frank J. Smith

L. Barnes

R.M. Levering

L.J. Wilde

George M. Smith

L.H. Green

J.S. Keefer

Jean Lafreyue

William E. Pile

C.D. Eggleston

George Addison

F.B. Llyod

Thomas M. Godfrey

R.J. White

C. Tucker

J.M. Rice

C.A. Campbell

John Wild

J. F. Satori

E.T. Hardgrave

M. Albee

E.F. Patterson

C.C. Cook

George Cyphers

E.P. Large

William N. Mills

Y. Mushrush

P. Mitchell

J.A. Baker

W.G. Donaldson

John Patten

E.C. Demarest

A.E. Brown

J.A. Spalding

J.W. Myers

H.C. Luce

W.L. Phippen

F.E. Grover

W.S. Culus

E.B. Millery

George W. Perkins

E.P. Duval

S.S. Buckland

Albert Hickok

R. Byelod

F.E. Hawkesworth

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DUARTE, APRIL 15, 1887

Messrs. Buck & Campbell, Wm. E. Pile and others, Monrovia:
Gentlemen – Your communication of the 12th, asking me to give up the name of my townsite adjoining Monrovia on the south and containing the only railroad station for the two places, reached me yesterday.

Much against my desire, months ago, I consented that the station should be placed at the foot of Myrtle Avenue, believing all of the people of Monrovia wanted it there; and now, in surrendering the name of West Duarte, I do so mainly in deference to the wishes of the same community, admitting that one name is better than two, and that Monrovia is a very good one.

Monrovia can now truly say that she has a railway station.

Very Respectfully yours,
L.L. Bradbury

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HOMES ON EASY TERMS

Smith & Parker, builders are prepared to erect and sell houses to parties desiring homes in Monrovia. They are constantly erecting buildings and always have houses for sale on easy terms for a small amount of money paid down. They have at present one house five rooms and one of seven all modern improvements. Address P.O. Box 75, Monrovia.

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Edward Morgan from Iowa, a brother of W.E. Pile and Company's bookkeeper has taken up residence in Monrovia.

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All persons interested in the organization of the Congregational church in Monrovia are invited to meet for conference and prayer in the town hall, Sunday May 8th, at 3 p.m.

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It is said there is to be a revolution in local railroad fares. Beginning May 8th, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company will make a sweeping reduction in all fares between local points in Southern California.