

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 2 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-1

The Union Pacific railway has adopted the 24 o'clock system.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 2 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-2

Los Angeles is having her share of murders just now, a La Frisco.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 2 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-3

More new places of business were started in Monrovia this week than any previous week in the town's history.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-4

Uncle Billy says he has not moved to Duarte.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-5

A streetcar line is assured now what is the next enterprise?

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-6

Mr. Bliss, the bee man of Duarte left a sack of oranges and limes at the *Planet* office yesterday.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-7

A. F. Norman put on the magisterial robes January 1st as a Justice of the Peace for his township.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-8

- A. Gillison of Larkdale, Duarte, presented the *Planet* with a box of strawberries and some oranges this week. Do it again Albert.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-9

Buck and Campbell report that sale of two lots just east of the Post Office to William Mills, who will erect a handsome cottage on the same at once.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-10

The *Planet* has lately placed in its office one MacNeale and Urban's celebrated safes, which are advertised elsewhere in this paper. It is a model of neatness and safety.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-11

The old Duarte homestead, lately occupied by Mr. Whitaker has been purchased by a Los Angeles gentleman named Bouquet for the sum of \$9,000; Duarte property is good property.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-12

The Belmont, S. Bowerman's new hotel on Lime Avenue is progressing favorably under the subdivision of the contractor Mr. Fell, who is making an excellent job of the building.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 1
Identification No. 01081887-13

The real estate firm of Buck and Campbell are offering a few very choice one-acre lots desirably situated at a remarkably low figure. Parties wanting property of this character. right near town should see this at once.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-16

R. Nadeau is starting another cottage.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-17

Buck and Campbell's Real Estate office is completed.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-18

Strawberries are in the market from Duarte ranches.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-20

H.A. Unruh advertises the Santa Anita Tract for sale in this issue.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-21

The *Planet* is pleased to see Col. Keefer around again after his illness.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-22

Monroe and Pile are having built a very neat stable in the rear of their real estate office.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-23

It is reported that L.H. Titus of San Gabriel has sold his orange crop of this season for \$18,000.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-24

The new addition to the Monrovia Hotel is being plastered and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-26

J.S. Keefer of the Grandview is having ground prepared for lawn tennis and croquet, which will be another attraction for the hotel.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887- 27

Thomas Wardall has placed on the market another subdivision of about 25 lots at the corner of Orange and Charlotte Avenue near the Baptist Church.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-28

A Planning Mill is about to be built and operated in Monrovia by gentlemen from the East. The contract has been let for the building and the machinery ordered.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-29

This week a beautiful bouquet of flowers was placed on the *Planet* table by Mrs. M. Mitchell of Duarte and the atmosphere of our "den" has been laden with fragrance ever since Mrs. Mitchell has a beautiful place on the Duarte among the varieties of flowers being over a hundred kinds of roses from this beautiful garden cut flowers may be secured at any time in almost endless variety.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-30

Mrs. E. W. Little, assisted by other ladies of the Methodist congregation of Monrovia, have commenced preparations for a grand concert to be given in the Town Hall at an early date. Besides some of the best local talent, and a number of other ladies and gentlemen will participate. The funds are to be donated toward the new Methodist Church.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8

Page 3

Column 2

Identification No. 01081887-31

Robert Maehl was the happiest man in town Saturday – in fact he has been ever since his wife presented him with a bouncing baby boy in Monrovia for which it is understood \$150 was to be given by the town company. Bob may your shadow never grow less and your future troubles be “little ones”.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-25

The next thing required in this young and rapidly growing town is a bank there being none nearer than Pasadena.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8
Page 3 Column 2
Identification No. 01081887-19

A billiard hall is in course of erection on Lemon Avenue.

Monrovia Planet, January 8, 1887, Volume 1, No. 8

Page Column

Identification No. 01081887-14

A petition has been circulated this week, which will be forwarded, to Washington asking that a daily mail service be inaugurated. It does seem a shame that while we have 3 trains a day. We only have 3 mails a week.

STREET RAILWAY

Monrovia to Have a Horse-Car Line at Once A Mile And A Half Of Rails Have Been Ordered

That Monrovia has a number of very enterprising men at her back cannot be doubted. The next important event, which the Planet has to chronicle, is a street railway. A few days ago a stock book was opened in Monrovia and in a short time \$15,000 was subscribed. A meeting was subsequently held and a company organized with W. N. Monroe, General Pile, E. W. Little, E.F. Spence and J. D. Bicknell as directors. An Application has been made for a charter, after which, the company will organize the charter and the work on constructing the railway commence immediately. Rails sufficient for one and a half miles have been ordered and will be on hand in a short time. It is proposed to run the line from Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley _____, a distance of a mile and a half, for the present with the intention of expanding it further later on. It will be a two-horse car line, probably tandem style. The citizens of Monrovia are highly elated over the prospect of a cheap means of transportation and fully appreciate the enterprise of the _____ Monrovia is bound to go ahead, and take her prestige in the front _____.

A LOCAL RAILROAD

Orange Belt Route Through the San Gabriel Valley

One of the most important of the many enterprises which the local capitalists of Los Angeles County have inaugurated and carried to a successful issue is the building of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Railroad. The road is built from Los Angeles twenty miles eastward into the San Gabriel valley to the town of Duarte. This will be the terminus of the road until the completion of the bridge across the San Gabriel river. It is proposed to extend the road five miles further next spring. The charter calls for its completion to the county line. Eventually it will probably be built to San Bernardino. The road runs five passenger trains each way daily, besides extra theatre trains on three days in the week.

The country tributary to it produces 4500 boxes of oranges yearly. On this fruit the same rate are made to eastern points from the stations as from this city. During the past year the road has carried eastward 89,660 passengers and westward 86,620, representing a grand total of 176,280 persons carried and an increase of over 3,000 added to the population of the valley. The increase in the traffic is shown by the fact that 7,600 passengers were carried in January, and 29,700 in December. The freight carried during the year amounted to 34,120 tons and the increase amounted to the difference between 1,440 tons in January and 5,000 tons in December. The road has over 150 men on the payroll, and disburses \$6,000 monthly for salaries and supplies. The company has built handsome passenger depots at Lincoln Park, South Pasadena, Raymond, California Street, Pasadena, Olivewood and Lamanda Park, and will shortly erect others equally as fine at Monrovia and Duarte. Within the year five elegant hotels, the Raymond, the Carlton House, Crown Villa at Pasadena, The Grand View at Monrovia and the Garvanza Park have been erected along the line of the road. There is also a new hotel in course of erection at South Pasadena and companies have been organized for building hotels at Sierra Madre and Duarte. The hotel already erected will accommodate 1,000 guests, but even this is insufficient for the great crowds of tourists flocking into the region. The road, built by local capital, has been incomparably greater benefit to the city than would have been a branch trunk line, and has always furnished better passenger accommodations than have the other roads centering in this city. --- (L.A. Express)

BAPTIST CHURCH FESTIVAL

The festival and entertainment given in the Town Hall Friday evening of last week was a decided success; and the ladies who interested themselves therein are to be praised for their exertions to make it so. From 6 to 8 o'clock Supper was served and an excellent repast it was too. Following this was entertainment W.N. Monroe acted as Chairman. The proceedings opened by all signing Coronation. Accompanied by piano and organ. After prayer and one or two Gospel Hymns were sung. Miss. Lizzie Miller executed an instrumental solo on the piano with her usual ability. The Misses Bowerman followed with a very nice vocal duet then came an instrumental duet by Miss. Monroe and J. M. Davis on the Harmonica and "mouth organ". The latter replied to an encore. Elder Smith addressed the audience at some length the trio of Messrs. Charters, Perham, and Chippendale was very amusing and elicited an encore. The instrumental duet by Miss. Addie Bowerman and Miss. Birdie Monroe was quite sparkling. "The Pilgrim Fathers" that always – new song and beautiful words. By Mrs. Hemens was rendered by A. Parker. Rev. Charles Shelling delivered a pleasant little address of two or three minutes, which was followed by a vocal solo from Miss. Miller nicely, rendered. Miss. Barnes and Miss. Addie Bowerman then favored the audience with an instrumental duet on the piano. J. W. Harvey followed with "A Hundred Fathoms Deep" a bass solo. Mr. Welsh played a number of very pretty airs on the accordion. After which General Pile delivered a short address. The last number was a trio by Messrs. Charters, Perham, and Chippendale. The Hall was filled to the door. The proceeds amounted to \$ 130, which goes toward the new church fund.

DUARTE
A Famous Fruit Producing Settlement

The Los Angeles Tribune of January 1st has the following to say about Duarte, Which immediately adjoins the town of Monrovia:

One of the best orange-producing sections in Southern California is the Duarte settlement in the San Gabriel Valley, twenty miles from Los Angeles. While all the oranges, lemons, limes, and citrus and deciduous fruits are grown here, the oranges, on account of their large size and peculiarly fine flavor, have been recognized as a sort of distinct Duarte product, and are known far and wide as the Duarte orange. The Duarte settlement now has a population of perhaps 500 people, rich and prosperous, as a result of their cultivation of the soil and the production of exceptionally fine varieties of fruits. The settlement of Duarte began several years ago, the location being selected because of the San Gabriel river afforded an abundance of water for irrigating purposes, and because, lying close to the foothills, it escapes frosts entirely, and the most tender plants and vines grow all the year round. The fruit raisers in this vicinity have devoted themselves in the main to the cultivation of just so much land as could be profitably worked, and the ranches, as a rule, contain from ten to thirty acres. The orange orchards, trees, and vines have reached the best of care, and as a result, Duarte is today one of the prettiest as well as one of the richest and best-known settlements in Southern California. Up to this time it has been distinctly a rural settlement, an elegant schoolhouse, one or two churches and a store being the nearest approach to the nucleus of a town. Recently, however, new life and activity has been infused into the settlement by the extension of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley railroad. Within the past week the railroad has been completed and trains are now running regularly to Duarte, which is the present terminus of the line. Sidetracks are now being put in and a depot is to be built at once, as it is expected by the railroad company that Duarte, next to Pasadena, will be the heaviest shipping point on the line of the San Gabriel Valley Railroad. There is a very strong probability that the projected San Bernardino and Los Angeles railroad will also be built through Duarte, which will give the settlement two lines to Los Angeles, and a trunk-line outlet to the east. A settlement so famous for its productions and as well known as Duarte, has need only for railroad facilities to stir up enterprise and build up a business center, and now that our railroad is completed, and in demand. A town site was laid out some time since by Charles C. Davis of Los Angeles, who owned the land upon which the depot is located, and other lands in the immediate vicinity are being cut up into lots. A small hotel has just been built and another is being projected. A Company has also been organized to build an elegant hotel in the foothills by the edge of the settlement, the location being one that is peculiarly agreeable to invalids and has the most beneficial effect upon persons suffering from lung disease and asthma. The town site has been

regularly laid out with broad streets and avenues and a little time will make the village as pretty and picturesque as the settlement which surrounds it. The citizens of Duarte have the means at their command to do whatever may be necessary to build up and improve the village. L.L. Bradbury, a well-known millionaire, and other wealthy people who have homes there are taking a deep interest in all enterprises calculated to contribute to its growth and prosperity. The settlement of Duarte is in every respect a model one, without saloons or disreputable resorts of any kind, and the owner of any property in the village who shall attempt to start a saloon will forfeit his right to the property. The splendid new schoolhouse which is just being completed demonstrates the fact that the citizens of Duarte do not contribute grudgingly to the education of their youth, and that the population is cultured and intelligent. It is a charming place for homes, and the rich and growing settlement will undoubtedly develop into a thrifty and prosperous village.