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Burglars are as thick as bees in swarming time in Los Angeles.

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The pranks of the hoodlum element at Santa Monica is getting no better fast most of the respectable people go to Long Beach.

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The large Nadeau vineyard near Florence, comprising 3,300 acres has been purchased by general Bouton for a syndicate for the large sum of \$1,5000,000.

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Pasadena did herself proud on the Fourth. General W.A. Pile of Monrovia delivered the oration.

A railroad from Los Angeles to Monrovia has been projected by capitalists of the city and intermediate country and a meeting was held yesterday at the office of W.E. Pile & Co. to consider the matter of taking stock in the enterprise. It was attended by many of our most public-spirited citizens and the subject was discussed with an intelligent understanding and appreciation of the magnitude of the benefit such a road to the city would be to Monrovia. The result of their deliberations is given in another place. We trust that we shall soon have a road bearing the title of "the Los Angeles, Alhambra and Monrovia Railway" or words to that effect – and shall be happy when we can put into the *Planet* the timetable of that road.

OUR FOURTH

There was not much in the way of celebration in Monrovia on the Fourth of July this year. Early in the morning the small boy and his firecracker were out in full force. In the absence of a band J.T. Tuttle, music dealer, had an organ out in front of his store and stirred things up a little by playing a number of national patriotic airs. In the afternoon there was a baseball match. The Union Sabbath schools held a picnic in one of our oak groves in which they were joined by the school from Duarte. A number of citizens took in the celebration at Pasadena and Los Angeles. Next year an effort should be made to have a regular up and up good time.

SELECTION OF TEACHERS

From a list of applicants, many of whom have had long experience in teaching and managing schools in this and other states, and all of whom were highly recommended, the Board of Trustee have selected the teachers of our public school for the coming year.

Mr. James N. Pemberton, a member of the County Board of Education and reputed to be one of the very best of organizers and teachers – a gentleman of superior attainments and uncommon tact, has been chosen for the position of principal. Miss Emily A. Rice, late principal of the Park Heights Seminary, New Jersey, has been offered the second place and there is good reason to believe that she will accept it. She is said to be a lady of fine culture and literary ability, as well as teacher of great experience. She is sister to one of the most distinguished educators of the city of New York. Miss Rice will be socially, as well as professionally, a valuable acquisition to our town. She is now making her third tour of Europe.

It is a gratifying compliment to our young town and to the beautiful country, of which it is one of the most charming localities, that so many teachers of the highest character and professional qualifications have sought employment here.

Monrovia, which had no existence a year ago is now a thriving village, destined soon to be a city, and a place of the fairest repute throughout the length and breadth of the republic.

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Mr. Baxter says the Myrtle Avenue Street Railway is more than paying expenses.

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Captain William Smith has commenced his residence on Primrose Avenue. It will be a very nice home.

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A.E. Brown spent a happy Fourth the previous evening there arrived at his house a daughter. Congratulations.

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S.E. Russel left a pail of very nice apricots o the *Planet* table this week for which the staff returns thanks.

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The architect builder and mechanic says that Monrovia (only 13 months old) has built up nearly \$300,000 worth of houses.

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Nothing is being done to the Methodist church at present they are waiting for the stained window glass, chairs and carpets.

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I.A. McCreary last Saturday purchased 26 feet on Myrtle Avenue near the Monrovia Hotel for \$110 a front foot. It is good property.

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S. Bowerman of the Hotel Monrovia, started yesterday for a three or four month trip to his old home in Canada. He comes via British Columbia and the Canadian Pacific.

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Let it be written down in the memories of every person that it rained in Monrovia on the morning of July 8, 1887 something very unusual in Southern California the dust was nicely laid.

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There are between 30 and 40 buildings being erected in Monrovia at the present time. This is one of the signs of the times. Several more contracts are now being let some of them for very fine residences.

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Harry C. Miller of Duarte left a sack of excellent apricots at the *Planet* office this week. They were of the Morepark variety and very fine. It's wonderful how many apricots a fellow can eat at one sitting our capacity is great.

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The "Monrovia Prospecting party" started on their mountainous trip Wednesday afternoon and expects to return some time next week. The mouth of the *Planet* is watering for some of the trout they are going to catch and the deer they intend to shoot.

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A change was made in the management of the Windsor Hotel on the first of the month. C.H. Lee is the new proprietor. This fine large hotel recently built by L.L. Bradbury and well furnished throughout should receive a liberal patronage it is near the depot.

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The elegant new schoolhouse now being built at the corner of Orange and Mayflower Avenues is expected to be completed about the first of October. The school will open with excellent teachers and it is to be hoped that every child in the school district will attend according to the recent census. There are 112 school children but this number will be greatly increased by the time school starts.

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Constable William Mills went up into Saw Pit canyon Wednesday taking his rifle and ammunition along. When a short distance above L.H. Emerson's house he spotted a deer, which he captured and brought home with him. It was a small one, only weighing 75 pounds. This is the first deer that has been shot for some time in their neighborhood. Deer Park is located near where this deer was found.

A PLEASANT EVENING

Everyone who attended the entertainment in the town hall on the evening of the Fourth seemed well satisfied with the good things provided for them if one could judge from the continuous applause. The entertainment was given under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ludlam. The citizens appreciating the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Ludlam were always ready to assist in our local entertainments, turned out and gave them a large house.

The program opened with a piano duet by Misses Monroe and Miller and was followed by a duet by Mrs. M. S. Monroe and Miss Myrtle. With such a treat to begin with the audience were well prepared for that very laughable farce "Courtship Under Difficulties," in which Mr. and Mrs. Ludlam and W.E. Pile took part. Snobbleton seeks to have revenge upon Jones, who is in love with Miss Winterbottom. He pretends to be friendly with Jones and will introduce him to Prudence Angelina, but says, as she is very deaf he will have to speak in a considerably elevated tone. He also gives the young lady the same instructions about Jones. When they meet and he presents her with a flower there is considerable fun.

Mrs. Captain Oglesby appeared before a Monrovia audience for the first time. Her piano solos were highly enjoyed by lovers of good music.

Kenneth Bowerman showed that he considerable good material _____. His recitation of Model Sermon," was very good indeed.

Mrs. P.G. Hull sang one of her usually brilliant songs and as usual was well received.

The program closed with an exceedingly laughable farce, "Ici on Parle Francais." Mr. Spriggins (Professor Ludlam), a man of limited means, conceives the idea that by renting all his rooms and living in the attic he can replenish his depleted purse. Mrs. Spriggins (Mrs. Ludlam) and their daughter Angelina (Miss Gertie Mullally) did not like the idea but at last conceded to it when a trip to Paris was promised. Victor Dubois (George O. Monroe), a Frenchman, is on his way from Paris in search of a young English lady whom he fell in love with, and upon the train he runs across Major Rattan and wife (W. E. Pile and Mrs. Wheelock). The Major gets off at a refreshment station and the train departs without him. Dubois offers the lady his assistance in her distress and helps her seek lodgings in the city. They both secure apartments with Spriggins. The Major thinks it is a put up job on him and follows the guilty couple (as he supposes) to their new lodgings. He raises the worst kind of a rumpus with Spriggins when he arrives on the scene, but at last all is explained to his satisfaction. Dubois discovers in Angelina the young lady he is in search of and they are made happy. Anna Maria (Miss Addie Bowerman), a servant, creates considerable amusement. Every character in the cast was well taken and the

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audience generally was surprised at the amateurs. It is to be hoped another entertainment of a like nature will be given in the near future.

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A SANITARIUM

A wealthy syndicate has purchased the Geary place on the Duarte for the purpose of converting it into a sanitarium. This property is situated on a high plateau and consists of 128 acres of good land, much of which is now under cultivation in the shape of oranges and other fruit trees. The price paid for the place was \$35,000 there is a large cement reservoir on the place but there is not sufficient water for needed purposes the. The company will immediately go to work and develop more water. It is intended to make this one of the finest sanitariums on the coast. A large hotel will be built and also a number of cottages. At this elevation the air is very pure and the water of the best quality invalids can there find an excellent home. Should the intentions of the syndicate be _____ out they _____.

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ANOTHER NEW RAILWAY

Do I need this?

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The Duarte Hotel is progressing favorably.

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W.N. Monroe and family will spend a few weeks at Long Beach.

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P.S. Griffin has returned from a trip to Santa Barbara and is greatly taken with the place.

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Miss Jennie Shrode and Miss Addie Bowerman leave for Santa Monica today for a week at the beach.

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The Venderink Improvement Company is going to put a cement sidewalk in front of their new office on Myrtle.

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J.O. Matthewson and his wife have gone to Santa Monica to enjoy the sea breeze and
bathing for 3 or 4 months,

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L.B. Sherwood, Myrtle Avenue, has just received a large invoice of Mason and Woodbury glass jars. Quarts and 2 quarts which will be sold out at lowest prices. Also manufacturers and keeps on hand at all times tin cans of the best quality.

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The *Planet* unintentionally omitted the name of Willie Little in the report of the Fourth of July entertainment in the hall. Although unexpectedly called upon he surprised the audience with his recitation. They would like to hear him again.

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KILLED BY THE CARS

A man by the name of Joseph Lenard was killed by the cars on the railway between Duarte and Azusa on Saturday last. He was run over by the train and his body severed at the loins. The probability is that he fell from the cars. He was a laboring man about 30 years of age and had been working at Azusa for some time past.

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Professor J.A. Edgreen has just opened a gallery on Magnolia Avenue and will be glad to see friends wishing work done in the line of photography.

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The *Planet* scribe took a whirl after one of Santa Anita's fast teams of colts the other evening and they nearly took his breath away. Mr. Aby says he has 6 matched teams. He drove from Santa Anita to Los Angeles the other day in an hour and 3 minutes a distance of over 15 miles.

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A new firm will open out business in Monrovia next week in the hardware line. Adams and McKee of Cleveland, Ohio have temporarily rented a building opposite the Monrovia meat market but have secured a permanent location in the new block opposite the Granite bank, corner of Myrtle and Palm, which will be completed for them about the first of October. Early next week they will have a \$10,000 stock here comprising everything in the hardware line. These gentlemen come highly recommended as well experienced in their line of business. They will also build residences and bring their families here to reside. The hand of good will is extended to them.

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Plasters working on the Santa Ana Hotel were receiving \$5 per day for 9 hours' work and struck for the same day and 8 hours' work.

THE WATER QUESTION

Considerable fun was anticipated last Saturday at San Gabriel canyon, but everything passed off without ant fracas. The trouble arose out of the fact that the stockholders in the Duarte Mutual Irrigation and Canal Co. considered that a man named Phillips of Covina was appropriating water which did not belong to him, but which, rightly belonged to the company. Two-thirds of the water, which comes down the San Gabriel River, belongs to Azusa and one-third to Duarte, which gives both settlements a liberal supply. No other person or organization has the right to appropriate said water. The laws of California are, however, that no water shall be allowed to go to waste. Phillips, about two years ago, built a ditch to connect with the main Duarte and Azusa ditch, and took all the surplus water and run it into his own land. This did not prove to be enough to satisfy him, so he went to work to develop more. Near the mouth of the canyon and near where the owners got their supply, the river takes a turn around the corner of a steep bluff. Phillips cut a tunnel through this mountain and connected the tunnel to his ditch. The upper end of the tunnel came out a few feet below the bed of the river and of course there was considerable seepage from the river bottom into this tunnel and Phillips claims said water. This is what he calls "developing" water. Other people call it by a very different name – even stealing. Phillips also had a dam made below the entrance to his tunnel and set two men in a position to guard his interests. The people of Duarte and Azusa got tired of this sort of thing, and on Saturday last, as above stated, they made up their minds to have their rights or there would be trouble in the camp. Early in the day men began to arrive from all directions ready and willing to stand up for their own. The order was given to remove Phillips' dam and construct a new one, which would completely cut off the mouth of the usurper's tunnel. Sandbags were made up into a dam and the water turned in another direction. Phillip's zanjero was present at the time and called upon the men to detest, but they laughed at him. In a short time a flume is to be made and everything put into shipshape. When the work was completed Saturday, the Duarte and Azusa companies left two men to watch their interests, and should an effort be made to put the stream as it was formerly there will be some tall fun. No doubt a lawsuit will be the result, which will end in the squelching of Phillips.

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Mrs. Little Langtry, the Jersey Lily will bring suit for a divorce and in order to acquire a legal residence will reside for 6 months in San Francisco. W.H.L. Barnes will be her attorney.

ANOTHER NEW RAILROAD

An Electric Road from Los Angeles to Monrovia Now Let the Boom Commence in Earnest

A citizen's committee was held in the office of W.E. Pile and Company Friday afternoon. The object was to receive a proposition to build an electric railway from Los Angeles, through Alhambra to Monrovia.

General W.A. Pile was appointed to the chair and was asked to make a brief statement of the proposition. He said that a number of gentlemen, who were largely interested in property in Alhambra and neighborhood, had formed a company for the purpose of constructing a railway from the city to that place. Their stock had all been subscribed and the completion of the road was an assured fact. The desire was to have the road extended to Monrovia, six miles further. It would cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000 per mile, or \$30,000 in all. Would the people at the end of the road put up their share of the money? The company is to build a roadbed and place thereon ties and rails – make a standard roadbed. A company of gentlemen who have the right to operate the Fisher system of electric railways in California, propose to lay down a third rail in the center, put on the rolling stock and place the road in through running order. When the road should be successfully operated for six months, the Railway Company shall pay them one-third of the cost of the plant; the second third in one year and the balance in eighteen months. If everything is not satisfactory they agree to forfeit a certain sum of money. The distance to Los Angeles would be fifteen miles, in almost a direct line. This distance could be covered easily in 30 minutes. The great benefit, which such a road would be to Monrovia, cannot be fully estimated in a moment. One must take time to think of the hundred and one ways in which our best interests would be served. The price of property would be greatly enhanced. The railway would cross the one from Pasadena to Long Beach near Alhambra or Ramona, came up through the lower end of Balwin's orchard, touch Arcadia and terminate in Monrovia. It would absorb the dummy road from Arcadia to Monrovia. A stock subscription list was started and upward of \$27,000 immediately subscribed. There will be no difficulty in obtaining the balance necessary.

The Railway Company meets in Los Angeles today to organize, and the stockholders here will become part of the company.

Reader, this railway is an assured fact. Depend upon it. Our citizens are alive to the best interests of this section, and they know that this is the best thing that has been brought forward. Now let us boom.