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Leon Haydock who has been away at school for about a year has returned.

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E.C. Valentine & Company are the new butchers. You can find them on Orange Avenue.

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Charlie Tucker porter for W.P. McCall expects to visit his Kansas home for a couple of weeks.

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E.C. Valentine and Company's butcher wagon will call at your house regularly and deliver orders promptly.

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Here is a little bit of Uplapunk the new language see if you can solve it:

Have you paid your subscription to the *Planet*?

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C.A. Campbell and wife were blessed on Sunday by the arrival of a young son and there is great happiness in consequence.

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E.C. Valentine and Company have purchased a fine lot of fat cattle, hogs and sheep that they will dress as the custom demands.

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We are pleased to welcome the undertaking firm of A.F. Reynolds & Co. to this part of the town. They have removed their stock to their new building on Myrtle Avenue.

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Dr. D.D. Jay will start shortly on a visit to his old home at Troy, Iowa, at which place he has some business that needs attending to. He will return in a few weeks.

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Our crack baseball club got gloriously defeated at El Monte the other day presumably by the Puente club but the boys say all the players but one were from Los Angeles which is why this is thus score stood 18 to 1 better luck next time.

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In several localities honey is now being extracted. Bees seem to be doing remarkably well this season, as there are plenty of wild flowers. So far a good price has been realized for this product. Some comb honey bringing 10 cents a pound.

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S.E. Russell one of Duarte's successful fruit growers left Wednesday of this week for an extended trip through Iowa, Kansas, and Illinois to visit old friends whom he has not seen for three or four years. He with his family will remain away till fall.

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In the estimate for school monies it has been found necessary for this city to raise the sum of \$123 for the ensuing season. Voters are requested to cast their vote for or against the issuing of this amount on Tuesday next. Of course the sum must be forthcoming, as our schools must be carried on in first-class shape.

AN UNBALANCED MIND

A young man named S.H. Compton has been ill for over 2 months. He was taken first with typhoid fever and was near death's door but through the skill of physicians and assistance of kind friends he slowly recovered. He is able to be around now but unfortunately his reason has been dethroned. His brother has charge of him and they are living in a little house not far from the Baptist Church. An application has been made to the court and a commission will examine him as to his sanity the probability is that he will be removed to an asylum before long. The Unfortunate.

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Young man was a member of the YMCA which association has borne a large proportion of his expenses during the lingering illness. It is expected that with good care at an asylum he may become all right again in a short time. We understand he previously has a like experience.

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DEMOCRATES COMING

Extensive preparations have been made for the entertainment of the delegation to the Democratic State Convention, which will meet in Los Angeles Tuesday. After a temporary organization there will be an excursion to Santa Monica and after Wednesday's session another to Monrovia. The business of the convention will be finished on Thursday. It is expected that fully 2,000 visitors will be here during the convention.

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Who do you buy your meat from? The Palace Market has home killed meats.

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The Strawberry Festival held last week netted over \$45 to the Ladies Aid Society of the First Congregational Church.

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Letters from Mrs. P.G. Hull at Banning say that her husband is no better but remains in about the same condition.

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E.C. Valentine & Co. will kill their own cattle; therefore you can depend on getting fresh meat from them.

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A young man named Curtis died at Arcadia on Thursday morning and was buried Friday afternoon. He was a native of Canada, aged 20 years and with his brother had been working in Duarte for some time. The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church and were conducted by Rev. Dr. Stevenson.

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Rev. D.H. Colcord and Mr. William Smith have been attending the Southern California Association of the Congregational Churches in Riverside. They report a large attendance and exercises of much interest there are 35 churches in the association and several others applied for commission.

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Boys are sometimes very rough at play. We have been informed of a boy about 15 years of age- attending the public school – who came nearly killing a smaller boy by striking him in the breast with a baseball bat. The injured boy who is a son of Francis Lightfoot was knocked to the ground. Where he lay unconscious for some time. When some of his comrades helped him home. It is thankful to know that the miscreant was summarily suspended from school.

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It is gratifying to note that many people are beginning to come to their senses and instead of sitting around waiting for customers to come and purchase their property are taking off their coats. Rolling up their sleeves and going to work with the hoe and shovel to improve their lots and see if something cannot be produced from them. Every vacant lot in town should be now under cultivation. If it was nothing more than a patch of barley it is poor land that won't produce something. If you cannot do any better grow your own vegetables.

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The Adventists have pitched their tent on Lemon Avenue near Charlotte and will hold a series of meetings.

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It is said that there are one or two cases of diphtheria in town among children. Care should be taken that it does not spread.

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Dr. M. Ella Whipple will be at the Grand View Hotel one day of each week every Thursday afternoon and give a series of free half hour lectures to ladies.

THEY NEVER STRIKE – HARDLEY EVER

There is a class of laborers who never strike and seldom complain. They get up at 5 o'clock in the morning and do not get to bed until after eleven at night. They work without ceasing the whole of the time and receive no other emolument than food and the plainest clothing. Though harassed by a hundred responsibilities, though driven and worried, tho' reproached and looked down upon, they never revolt, and they cannot organize for their own protection. Not even sickness releases them from their post. No sacrifice is deemed too great for them to make, and no incompetence in any branch of their work is excused. No essays or books of poems are written in tribute to their steadfastness. They die in harness and are supplanted as quickly as may be. These are the housekeeping wives of the laboring men. If these women had the time to rest that some of their husbands spend in loafing and dissipation and if they had the money to spend that some of their husbands spend in whiskey and tobacco, they would adorn their homes with comfort and sunshine, rear their children in respectability and cause life's desert to blossom like the garden of their Lord.

Orange Tribune

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A wedding was going to take place over in Covina the other day but the groom foolishly got a license from San Bernardino County instead of Los Angeles County and they had to postpone the affair or go over into the next county to have the ceremony performed.

HOME

A beautiful home is not necessarily and expensive one. Flowers and trees are the least costly of the luxuries. When a child grows to man or womanhood the memory of home is not of architectural effects or soft carpet but of the rose that climbed over the veranda, the bed of violets under the window or the beautiful trees under which they played. These are the memories that time cannot efface and is often the strong tie that binds to better things the breath of violets borne on a passing breeze or a vine-clad porch will often like one of "the old songs" bring back to memory the wise councils of a loving now angel mother.

Is it to be wondered at that so many grown up without flowers, trees or music the refining senses stunted should care nothing for the beautiful but only the gross things of life.

It is the duty of every parent to not alone educate their children for business but to adorn home with the beautiful things of nature that it might ever be enshrined in the memory of children as the most attractive spot on earth.

California Florists

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We have received the first number of the *California Florist* a monthly magazine published at Santa Barbara. It is neat in appearance full of valuable information for the floriculturists and ought to receive a liberal patronage. \$1 a year.

JAMES G. CLARK'S ENTERTAINMENT

We sometimes wish we were not an editor. So many times do we have to say flattering things when we feel like saying the opposite. When the object of the item is of local extraction we always put our feelings in our pocket and make our pencil say the nicest things possible, if there is only a ghost of a chance; but when a professional appears, or one who professes to be s professional, we hold ourselves free to criticize. How often do we find at home talent far superior to that which is "on the road?" We hear our friend or acquaintance sing, think the rendition very creditable for an amateur, but never go into raptures, as we generally do when an outsider sings. We have often wondered why it was so. In four cases out of five the amateur has the greater ability. If a little bird could have whispered what kind of a performance Professor James A. Clark was to give in Barnes' Hall last Tuesday evening, we would have been sweetly slumbering in our downy bed and dreaming of our fast increasing circulation; but the bird didn't whisper and so we joined the people who went to the hall, expecting a rare treat of "sacred, patriotic, sentimental and humorous" songs. It is such trails as these that leave one's "countenance furrowed with care." Mr. Clark may have been a singer in his day, but his day seems to have vanished. He evidently knows his songs well, for he talks instead of singing them. He seemed to have only one string in his musical make-up, and he harped on that continually. Truly the range of his voice was not above or below the middle octave. We are willing to wager our last summer's straw hat that a person, who heard his voice from a distance where the words could not be heard, would imagine he was singing the same song all the time. He deserves credit for speaking his words distinctly, but what is the good of a song if there is no music in it? The humorous songs were very tame. The fact of the matter is, the man had no animation, no spunk, and no get -up-and-get, and we don't know if we ought to criticize him too severely, but we must let some of the steam off, or burst. This is one of the times when we must "compass our spirit with meekness, and strangle a natural oath," for we are not "an abound edition of Moses and Solomon both." We have nearly forgiven ourselves for going to that entertainment, but will not be able to entirely do so until 'John Andersen, My Joe' takes "The Sword of Bunker Hill" back to "Maryland, my Maryland."

WEALTH IN STRAWBERRIES

J.W. Condell, of the famous Azusa strawberry field, states that he is picking from 500 to 600 pounds daily from his strawberry field of five acres. Last year this field netted Mr. Condell and his partner during the season \$2,600, and he thinks that this year they will realize at least \$1,000 more. This seems to be a real case of five acres enough, when the sum of \$700 can be realized. Here we have the positive proof that there is a great deal of money to be made in small fruits in Southern California, but how many men who are in a position to do so will enter the business? If you put your time and attention to it, the same as you would to any mercantile business, we guarantee that a larger profit will be realized in a year than from almost everything else to which the same amount of capital is invested. A Frenchman about two miles west of Monrovia this year has ten acres of strawberries, from which he will realize a handsome income if properly, looked after. People should begin to open their eyes and see what golden opportunities lie all around them.

G.W. Frazer, with a Planet representative, will take a trip next week through the fruit-producing sections of the neighboring country to the east of Monrovia, to make an estimate of the growing crop of apricots and peaches, and see what the chances are for the fruit being brought here and sold to Mr. Frazer, who intends to start a fruit-drying concern. It is to be hoped a large quantity of fruit can be secured for this market, as the larger the supply the more hands will be employed. Besides, when the farmers sell their fruit for cash they will naturally make purchases from our merchants before going home.

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Have you seen the new comet yet? Look in the southern sky between three and four in the morning.

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The public telephone office has been removed to J.T. Tuttle's Bazaar, that gentleman having been appointed agent.

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A number of young gentlemen of town have formed a class and are taking vocal lessons from Professor Foshay. It is a commendable move on the part of the boys.

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The stations on the Rapid Transit as far as completed are: Monrovia, Arcadia, Baldwin Avenue, Chapman, Sunny Slope, North San Gabriel, Mayberry, East Alhambra, Garfield Avenue and Ramona.

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Johnson & Parker have been busily engaged this week in transporting their hardware stock to West Los Angeles, where they will open a hardware and grocery store on the 15th instant, to be in charge of Mr. Parker.

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C.E. Valentine & Co. have purchased the butcher business of Charles Haberkern on Orange Avenue, and will carry it on in the future. They are gentlemen who will make it a point to carry on the business in first-class shape.

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It seems we were in error last week when we stated that Dr. J. Taylor Stewart was going to spend the summer in New York. We are pleased to chronicle the fact that he will abide with us, and we are looking around for the fellow who misinformed us.

THE RAPID TRANSIT

Two passenger coaches have arrived for the Rapid transit railway, and another engine will arrive soon. Commencing with Wednesday next, regular trips will be run between Monrovia and Ramona, at which place passengers can connect with the regular trains on the Southern Pacific railway, thus giving us two ways to reach Los Angeles and other points. In about a month's time the whole road is expected to be in order, then passengers will be taken directly to Los Angeles. The fare at the present time will be the same as the Santa Fe route: 60 cents single trip and \$1.10 return. The work of blasting is now progressing rapidly.

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No further developments have been made in regard to the cannery.

It is reported that quite a building boom is to be commenced soon. We have heard of seven new houses that will be started.

THE DAY WE CELEBRATE Second Anniversary of the Birth of Momrovia

Just two years from next Thursday was the time when the first lot was sold in the city of Momrovia.

The citizens started out to have an annual reunion, this being the second one. One year ago a very pleasant evening was spent and the aim is to make this one no less attractive. Mayor Pile, Ex-Mayor Monroe and others are interesting themselves in the matter and are preparing a program that will undoubtedly meet the approbation of all.

The Rapid Transit Railway Company has agreed to carry passengers all along the line between Momrovia and Ramona free of charge on that day. There will be three trains each way, run about as follows: Leave Momrovia - 7:20 and 9:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Leave Ramona 8:50 and 10:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. As yet the company has only one locomotive and two coaches, but they have six flat cars that will be fixed up with seats and made comfortable. All are invited to take a trip on the road free of charge.

In the evening there will be a reunion in the hall. Music will be furnished by an orchestra, vocal music, both solos and choruses, and addresses by Mayor Pile, E.F. Spence, J.D. Bicknell, and Revs. J.H. Reider, D.H. Colcord and Dr. Stevenson and Ex-Mayor Monroe. Professor and Mrs. Ludlam will be present to give readings. Everybody may look forward to a good time.

The board of trustees have wisely decided to encourage the project of making the 17th day of May of each year - the anniversary of the birth of Momrovia - the occasion of a celebration, and upon the suggestion of Miss Rice, principal of our excellent public school, they have determined to recommend as one of the regular "exercises" of such annual celebrations, the donation of books to our school library. Everybody is requested to make such a donation at the entertainment next Thursday or at any other convenient time. Books donated before or after that occasion may be left at the store of school trustee J.T. Tuttle. "Pastors" giving the names of the donors will be furnished by him, to be put into the books. We hope to see a very liberal donation of books, and believe that a large and good library will be the outgrowth of the movement.

STREET RAILWAY CONSOLIDATION

With the consent and approval of a two-third majority of all the stock of the Monrovia Street Railway Company, a consolidation has been effected with the Myrtle Avenue Street Railway Company, on the basis that the Myrtle Avenue Street Railway Company is to take over the entire plant of the Monrovia Street Railway Company at cost and expenses and issue stock of the consolidated company to the holders of the Monrovia Street Railway Company stock on the basis of their subscription. The consolidated company is to extend the line to the new Rapid Transit depot and up Myrtle Avenue to White Oak Avenue.

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Following are the names of the new Democratic Central Committee chosen last Saturday.

Anaheim	Theodore Rimpau
Artesia	R.S. Deering
Azusa	W.B. Cullen
Burbank	J.W. Griffen
Cienega	S.M. Davidson
Compton	A.N. Bragg
Downey City	J.M. Pitts
Duarte	J.F. Norman
El Monte	C.M. Bell
Fair Oaks	Abbott Kinney
Florence	H.B. Abila
Mountain Valley	Not represented
Fruitland	B. Collin
Garden Grove	J.T. Price
Garvanza	D.M. Adams
Lancaster	J.M. Scherer
Lang's	John Lang
Las Virgenes	B. Botiller
La Ballona	J.D. Machado
Los Nietos	F.A. Sanchez
Long Beach	J.M. Brady
Laguna	Not represented
Monrovia	L. Barnes
Monte Vista	W. Carlin
Monkhill	J.W. Wilson
Newport	Not represented
Norwalk	W.W. Orr
Old Mission	R. Garvey
Orange	H.F. Gardner
Pasadena	T.F. Flynn
Pomona	J.A. Driffti
Ravenna	Not represented
Ranchito	Not represented
Rowland	S.P. Rowland
San Antonio	B.A. Lugo
San Fernando	J. Harps
San Gabriel	C.D. Campbell

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE – Continued

San Pedro	J.H. Dodson	William Crawford
Santa Ana	D.M. Baker	Thomas McCaffrey, J. Davidson
San Juan	R. Egan	H.T.D. Wilson, C.L. Northcraft, D.J. Tobin
Santa Monica	John G. Morgan	Dr. Kurtz, Dr. J.S. Crawford
Spadra	J.M. Fryer	A. McNally, A. Linderfeld
Sepulveda	S.W. White	C. Jacoby, S. Prager
Sierra Madre	L.E. Steinberger	A.F. Mackay
Silverado	Not represented	J.T. Mellus
South Pasadena	B.S. Eaton	W.R. Lewis
Tustin	Not represented	Dr. J.H. Bryant
Trabuco	Not represented	
Vernon	Not represented	
Westminster	Not represented	
Wilmingon	P.H. Downing	
Yorba	Felipe Yorba	
Los Angeles City	First Precinct	
Los Angeles City	Second Precinct	
Los Angeles City	Third Precinct	
Los Angeles City	Fourth Precinct	
Los Angeles City	Fifth Precinct	
Los Angeles City	Sixth Precinct	
Los Angeles City	Seventh Precinct	
Los Angeles City	Eight Precinct	
Los Angeles City	Ninth Precinct	
Los Angeles City	Tenth Precinct	

TO THE CITIZENS OF MONROVIA

As I have charged of the Monrovia water pipes I am prepared to lay any pipes you may need on your property and make any needed repairs at the lowest reasonable prices.
Leave your orders at the office of W. N. Monroe, and they will have prompt attention.

Harry Henriksen

ABOUT LICENSES

There is an emphatic kick being made by many of the businessmen of this place about the matter of paying a quarterly tax of \$5. They think no license should be required, or if so, that it should not be so large. Others object to the inequality of the levy, as no matter how small a business is, the tax is all the same, unless the amount of business annually is over \$5,000, then the license costs \$8 per quarter. A petition has been circulated among the businessmen for the signatures, which will be presented to the city trustees, asking that the tax be withdrawn. The Planet feels like supporting the petition, especially for the summer months. If we retain businessmen among us this tax will have to be lightened and rents lowered. We know of one man charging enough rent to more than pay for his building in three years (and it is a good one too.) Such usury should be frowned down. There also ought to be discrimination in the charge of licenses for entertainments. It is to be hoped that the trustees will look at this matter in the proper light and that landlords will come to their senses.

NO NEED TO EXAGGERATE

I came to the lower Duarte in September 1875, and the following year was my first year's experience at farming in California. I had 3 1/2 acres of good land, with water, built a small barn and took up our abode in it. I then divided my land into three equal parts of 12 1/2 acres each. The north 12 1/2 acres being the highest ground, I planted two orchards, both citrus and deciduous trees. The 12-1/2 acres below the orchard I put in barley. It is of this latter patch I wish to speak just now. I sowed the seed the last week of '75 and in the following May I harvested 30 tons of hay from this piece of land. I know for I baled it all. The market price was \$10 per ton. As soon as I got my hay into stalk, I flooded the same land with water, ploughed it deep, pulverized it well, and planted corn (Iowa Dent) on the 15th day of June. I sold of corn from this patch \$327 worth. Add \$300 for hay and we have \$627 from 12 1/2 acres in one year, and if I had known better I could have added a good crop of squash and pumpkins to this amount, as they grow very well among corn. This experiment of a tenderfoot should be some encouragement to others of like stripe. I know of no country in the world (and I have been twice around it) where the resources of the soil so completely deceive the superficial observer. In this Southern California, where I have lived for over 14 years, I know by experience that what frequently appears to be washed sand and devoid of soil will produce the finest grapes if given water at proper intervals. So as not to mention at all the large quantities of the finest and richest soils in the country, but the very poorest looking, with water and the proper attention can be made to pay large returns in the cultivation of the various fruits in which our State abounds so that families with a small amount to start on can find homes on poor looking soils, at a small cost and make a comfortable living in raising small fruits, and especially the raisin grape, if they can obtain the necessary water.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF
MONROVIA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
At Close of Business April 30, 1888

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$56,167.01
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	197.13
U.S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Due from approved reserve agents	2,559.99
Due from State Banks and bankers	9,654.58
Real Estate, furniture & fixtures	24,517.33
Current expenses and taxes paid	208.35
Premiums paid	3,562.50
Checks and other cash items	851.97
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	1.45
Bills of other banks	1,770.00
Specie	7,203.90
Legal tender notes	2,500.00
Redemption fund with U.S. Treasurer	562.00
(5% of circulation)	
Total	\$122,956.21

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Undivided profits	1,425.45
National Bank notes outstanding	11,240.00
Individual deposits subject to check	54,325.76
Demand certificates of deposit	5,965.00
Total	\$122,956.21

State of California)
County of Los Angeles)

I, Joseph F. Sartori, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the
above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Joseph F. Sartori
Cashier
Subscribed and sworn before me this 10th day of May, 1888.
E. W. Little
Notary Public

(Seal)
Correct Attest

John Wilde, Director
Cyrus A. Campbell, Director
F. N. Myers, Director