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Mrs. A. E. Cronenwett has returned from a visit to Long Beach.

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Ben Foster and wife and Mrs. Dr. LaRue are taking a vacation at Catalina.

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J.S. Keefer sold 4 lots in the Ocean View Tract on Saturday last.

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Leslie F. Gay of this city is ill with typhoid fever at Long Beach.

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Call on Cronenwett the jeweler for campaign pins, badges etc. Special Club prices.

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The excursion to Redondo Sunday consisted of eleven coaches and still there was not enough seating room for all.

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L.J. Wilde was up Tuesday from Long Beach where he and his family are spending the summer.

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Cleveland and Thurman and Harrison and Morton gold plated charms at Cronenwett's.

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Mr. J. H. Bartle wife of Assistant Cashier Bartle of the First National Bank is in San Pedro visiting her parents.

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J.S. Keefer and a party of friends are yachting on Bland pacific. They will visit Catalina and other points of interest.

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Deputy Sheriff Jennings of Los Angeles was here on Thursday and Friday last serving papers upon parties up Saw Pit Canyon.

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Mrs. Emma Frances Conant, the estimable wife of George H. Conant of Sierra Made died at her home in that place on August 4th aged 53 years.

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J.M. Thomas, Aaron Thomas and George A. Pearsons went over the mountains Tuesday. The two latter will be absent for some weeks enjoying camp life and hunting and fishing.

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G.W. Dumbell spent Sunday at San Pedro.

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Jefferson Patton of Glendora visited Monrovia one day this week.

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J.A. Baxter & Co. are selling barley at 90 cents and bran \$1 per sack.

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The ladies friend – The light running domestic at Large & Wheeler's.

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Baldwin's fully grisette won the mile and sixteenth race at Saratoga Tuesday.

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W.T. Bull, Assistant Cashier of the Granite bank has been in San Francisco for some days. He will return Saturday.

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It begins to appear quite like old times to see prospective investors in real estate around hunting up land agents and it is encouraging as well.

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We return thanks to J.F. Banning for a basket of seedless Sultana grapes. Grown on his land just south of the railroad and a finer grape was never grown.

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A fire was started in Saw Pit Canyon Sunday and burned over about 20 acres near the reservoir the small cottage near the reservoir was barely saved from the flames.

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President J.H. Reider informs us that the Baptist College at Los Angeles will be crowded the coming year. During a 3 weeks canvass he has secured 55 pupils and over \$3,000 cash for that institution.

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Among those who visited Redondo Beach Sunday from here were E.M. Prindle and family, Frank Kasson and family, Miss Lily Parsons, George Baxter and Lady E.B. Scott and Miss Jennie Baxter.

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Miss Addie Bowerman of San Pedro is visiting relatives and friends in Monrovia. She arrived Tuesday evening and will remain until after the production of the Cantata "Queen Esther" in which she will assist taking the part of Zerish.

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Hon. John Dunn, State Controller, who has been at his Duarte home. The past week returned yesterday to his duties at the State Capital. He is still improving his fine place and is now receiving bids for the erection of a handsome residence to cost not less than \$3,000.

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We announced last week the departure of Miss Myrtle Monroe for San Francisco with her parents and that she would attend school in that city this coming year. However, Miss Monroe returned with her parents on Sunday saying she would not stay in such a foggy place as San Francisco. She will attend school in Los Angeles.

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Gustave Brose of Los Angeles was in the city this week assisting T.P. Harmon in laying out the grounds of J.S. Keefer's place in the Ocean View tract where Mr. Keefer is to build his fine home. He is a prominent landscape gardener and spoke very highly of the work done by Mr. Harmon.

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M.H. Wright of Pasadena was over yesterday looking after his property here.

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H. Clark & Co. have their fruit evaporator in operation and are doing an extensive business they are located near R.H. Wilson's _____.

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The Monrovia Lumber Co. is supplying a considerable amount of lumber to E.J. Baldwin which is being used in building a large barn and in repairing a number of old ones.

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Lost on Monday morning on the Monte road a piece of a single harness. A suitable reward will be paid upon the return of the same to Holdzkoms' Saddlery, Myrtle Avenue.

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Mr. J. W. Harvey and little daughter Eva returned Tuesday evening from a 3 week visit with relatives.

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Harry Beach of San Francisco contributes a "Banana Song" to the *Messenger* this week. Harry will be remembered as having spent the past winter here and is a son of the late Captain Carmi W. Beach.

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The city council met as a Board of Equalization on Monday with Messrs. Pile, Banning and Baxter present. The assessment books we examined and the clerk instructed to check the assessments on a map of the city. The Board will meet agin on Saturday.

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Ex-Congressman Cassidy of Eureka, California was in the city a few days since he is United States bank Examiner and spoke in very complimentary terms of the condition of the First national Bank of this city. Mr. Cassidy is again the democratic candidate for Congress from this district.

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Duarte made a fair effort the past week to keep up with the record of Monrovia in the matter of births. On Thursday a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Newell and on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy were made happy by the coming of a daughter. On Sunday a 9-pound daughter was born to R. H. Wilson and wife.

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T. V. Lamport, Cashier of the Granite Bank, will leave in a day or two for the east. He will visit his old home in Indiana at which place business requires his attention. Before returning he will also visit Chicago, "The Queen of the North and West". He will be gone about a month.

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We would direct attention to the notice to taxpayers in regard to the equalization of the assessment of the city of Monrovia. The city council will meet on Sunday next as a Board of Equalization at which time property owners will have the privilege of presenting objections if they consider their assessment unjust.

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Wednesday of last week Mrs. Baldwin a cousin of E. J. Baldwin was severly injured at the Santa Anita ranch. She went into the Dairy Corral and _____ there two of the cows got to fighting and ran against her. The horn of one of them struck her on the check crushing the bone. She has been suffering considerable since having the nose bleed most of the time since the accident although it is now checked. The side of the face is also paralyzed owing to the pressure on the nerve it is thought. She will entirely recover.

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L.T. Graves manager of the Syndicate informs us that he is receiving a great many letters from eastern people inquiring about ranch property. Mr. Graves has listed a large amount of ranch lands in all parts of Central and Southern California and by a judicious system of advertising had brought this property to the attention of hundreds of eastern people as a result. They are now beginning to reap the harvest of the large expense they have incurred in advertising and will undoubtedly have a very prosperous season of sales the coming winter.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Monrovia Post office, August 15th, 1888.

Brown, Mr. Charles
Badgley, G.B.
Brink, Milo G.
Baker, Allen M.
Caldwell, Mrs. T. A.
Danforth, Mrs. Cora
Dicks, Mr. M.S.
Davis, Mr. J.M.
Fairgraves, Mrs. V.
French, Miss Lizzie
Habernun, Mrs. C/L/
Johnson, Mr. Tom
Kelly, W.P.
Kelly, Mrs. L.J. 2
Kelly, John
Kingsboory, Mr. H.H.
Keyes, G.E.
Little, G.H.
Petrie, A.L.
Packard, W.H.
Painter, Ernest
Rice, Mr. B.A.
Ross, Mrs. S.P.
Roberts, Mrs. G.G.
Stewart, Mrs. William
Stammer, Mr. John 2
Shelling, Rev. C.
Skagland, Roland P.
Smith, Mrs. William
Scott, Fred
Town, T.D.
Wilson, Mrs. V.A.
White, J.M.
Wilson, Mr. R.W.
White, Mr. C.L.

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DIED

Mrs. Margaret A. McCurtly mother of Mrs. C.S. Winter of this city died Suddenly Monday morning at the residence of her son in Los Angeles. She arose at 5 o'clock did some work and not feeling well lay down again dying at 6:30 from heart disease. She was 76 years of age the funeral occurred yesterday at Los Angeles and the remains were taken to San Diego for interment.

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MONROVIA AND VICINITY

During a late visit to Monrovia we had the pleasure of an extended buggy ride with Mr. L.T. Graves a well known land dealer of that place over a large portion of the country surrounding Monrovia and Duarte from the heights above the town of Monrovia a most beautiful view of the town and the magnificent valley below can be had and it is one of the most beautiful portions of Southern California. Monrovia contains many elegant residences and many other buildings and extensive improvements are now under way or are contemplated the town contains many enterprising citizens and its future is most encouraging.

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Duarte surrounded by beautiful orange groves is a most attractive place and the Highland hotel is one of the pleasant public houses in the state. It is admirably conducted by R.D. Ferris one of the old time genial landlords whom everybody esteems. Mr. Graves drove in and out among orange orchards and shrubbery along beautiful avenues and past walnut groves crossing streams of clear water and at the same time gave us much interesting information regarding the prices of land. The marvelous yield of fruits the profits to the framer and spoke encouragingly of the grand future of that portion of our lovely country. He is thoroughly posted regarding all matters relating to his business and the ride was not only a pleasure but the gentleman made it instructive as well ---

Southern California Excursionist

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WEATHER REPORTS

The following letter from Mr. T.H. Ward, secretary of the board of trade to Mr. George E. Franklin of the United States signal service is self-explanatory:

DEAR SIR: Your letter of July 25th, requesting names of persons who would receive and properly display the daily indications during the coming rainy season, is duly at hand; and I recommend the following persons, who being interested in the shipments from our country, as proper persons to receive them; and I have no doubt but that they will be conspicuously posted, so that all interested may have access to the same in their section of the country.

The names and places are as follows: W.U. Masters, Pasadena; W.E. Ward, Pomona; W.H. Spurgeon, Santa Ana; A.J. Wood, Orange; W.W. Martin, Tustin; W.N. Monroe, Monrovia; Charles Bell, El Monte; R. McClay, San Fernando; W.D. Vawter, Santa Monica.

Very respectfully,
T.H. Ward, Secretary

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BEST GIRLS IN THE MARKET

In a box of apricots which were packed by a young woman in San Jose, California, Mr. Joseph Hahn of 22 Washington Street. New York, found the following letter on the 26th

“If this shold meate the eye of some good lookin young man that would like to get married, just come out here in California. Lots of good-looking girls here and wants to get married (I for one.) But must be under 30 years old and good habits. Send your picture and I will send mine. Don’t think the girls in California don’t realize they are just as good to work as the girls thair and the California girls are the best in market. You can address A.S.C. San Jose, California

Excuse bad writing, for I am writing on a fruit box and the boss is watching me. Ta ta.

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE

There are a number of things that the most fashionable and well-bred people now eat at the dinner table with their fingers, and the *Chicago Herald* enumerates them as follows:

Olives to which a fork should never be applied.

Asparagus whether hot or cold, when served whole as it should be.

Lettuce, which should be dipped in the dressing or in a little salt.

Celery, which may be properly placed on the tablecloth beside the plate.

Strawberries, when served with the stems as they most usually are in the most elegant houses.

Bread, toasts and all tarts and small cakes.

Fruit of all kinds, except melons and preserves, which are eaten with a spoon.

Cheese, which is most invariably eaten with the fingers by the most particular people.

Even the leg or other small piece of a bird is taken in the fingers at fashionable dinners and at most of the luncheons pick small pieces of chicken without using a fork.

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NEATEST AND NEWEST

As the following extract from the Pomona *Progress* is as complimentary to Monrovia as to the *Messenger* we will not be accused of egotism in publishing it: -

The neatest and newest paper Monrovia has ever had is the *Messenger*, which is the outcome of the union of the *Leader* and *Planet*. The *Messenger* is a welcome visitor at this office and an honor5 to Monrovia.

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The laundry building on Grand Avenue is nearly completed. It is two stories, 20 by 40, with an additional room for an engine house. The laundry will be in operation in about three weeks.

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The completion of the new Santa Fe line of railway from Los Angeles to San Diego was celebrated with an excursion over the line on Saturday, with speech making, sight seeing, etc.

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The new Santa Fe timetable appears in this issue. The change was made necessary by the new San Diego route and we now have fewer trains than formerly, but can make the trip to Los Angeles and back in the forenoon provided we get up early enough to catch the 6:30 train. The new schedule will hardly prove as acceptable as the old one.

ANNIVERSARY

Last Sunday was the 74th anniversary of the birth of S.A. Monroe and the day was observed by a dinner party at the home of his son, C.O. Monroe. There were present about thirty of the relatives of the family. A very pleasant time was had and a surprise was given Mr. Monroe by the presentation to him of a fine gold-headed cane. Grandmother Monroe was remembered also by the presentation of a pair of gold-bowed spectacles. Mrs. Monroe was 73 years old on the 6th of last July and they have been married fifty-four years. They are both natives of Jefferson County, Indiana, and have lived in Iowa, Kansas, and Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and other places. There is no more highly esteemed couple in our city than Mr. Monroe and his wife and all join in wishing them yet many happy years of life.

One incident of the day was the presence on the dinner table of two watermelons, weighing respectively 70 to 74 pounds, and grown by Mr. Monroe. At his birthday anniversary two years ago he had on the table two melons, weighing 70 to 72 pounds, having one each time to correspond in weight with the years of his life.

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SCHOOL MATTERS

At the meeting of the Monrovia board of education, held August 9th, the following classification of teachers was made:

Professor James A. Foshay, Principal
Miss Jean T. McCulloch, teacher in third grade
Miss Mary I. Hutchinson, teacher in second grade
Miss Lottie G. Green, teacher in primary grade.

The term will begin September 17th and continue nine months. The schoolrooms are being improved and everything made ready to give the pupils a pleasant reception.

W.C.Badeau,
Clerk of the Board

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BAND CONCERT

The open air concert by the Monrovia band on Saturday evening was enjoyed by a large number. The excellent playing done by the boys shows a decided improvement in the past few weeks. The following is a list of the pieces rendered:

Overture, "Das Schwahrumadel"	Brock
Cornet Polka, "Under the Roses"	Ramsdell
Gallop, "Ingleside"	Webb
Polacea, "Montana march"	Schloss
Fantasia, "Wild Bouquets"	Mullot
Overture, "Nectar"	Boyer
Aria, "All Conglomerated"	Goetz
Waltzes, "The Success"	Howard
Quickstep, "Firola"	Southwell

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Emerson, the most mischievous and offensive of the squatters in the canyon, tried his favorite role of the Smart Aleck" in the braggart defiance of the superior court. He was arraigned Tuesday for contempt and made of himself an object of pity. In the canyon he is Bombastes Furioso, defying the entire human race. In the presence of Judge Cheny he is -- a poor specimen of the creature that 'once upon a time' masqueraded in the stolen skin of a lion and got well drubbed for his impudence.

Mace plays a somewhat different role, is a little more prudent, makes less noise and attracts less attention than his amusingly swash-buckler sort of mate; but he has got himself into a worse fix in spite of all that. We shall see what we shall see!

THE FACTS

For more than a year a squad of adventurers, pretending to have some sort of title to certain lands in the Saw Pit Canyon and its several branches, have been trying to sell what they called their property to Monrovia or some of its leading citizens. As the Saw Pit Canyon stream, which is one of the sources from which the city derives its unequalled supply of the best and purest water in the state, flows through a portion of the land claimed by them, they, with a surprising ignorance of the law, supposed they were the owners of such water, and could dispose of it as they pleased; and many threats to divert it from its natural bed and carry it to other parts of the country for sale have been made to bring the people into a purchase of their worthless claims. At last, as they could not get even a hearing for their impudent proposals and claims of property interest in the water of the canyon, they had the astounding audacity to take nearly all the waters of the three principal streams which supply the city, out of their channels, at points from two to three miles up in the mountain gorges, and totally waste them upon the wild lands adjacent. When the people began to feel the diminution of the water supply they were fired with indignation of the type called "righteous" and began preparing to drive the fellows out of the canyon. Cooler council prevailed, however, and an injunction was obtained restraining them from interfering in any way with the waters or diverting any portion of them from their natural channel. The water is again all right—the quantity abundant and the quality unsurpassed and unsurpassable, and everybody is satisfied that legal measures are preferable to the employment of violence in vindication of legal rights.

City Attorney Little has been very diligent and active in the matter, working effectively with both heart and hand to secure the suppression of the nuisance in the mountains and the complete restoration of the water of which we were villainously robbed.