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Good fishing now in the San Gabriel Canyon.

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Mrs. Jessop presented her husband with a son last Tuesday.

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E. F. Spence of Los Angeles was in Monrovia Tuesday.

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Mrs. Tressmail died of consumption at Duarte Last Sunday.

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E.O. Stone of East Los Angeles was in Monrovia Thursday.

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Buglers are doing up Pasadena and seem to be working this way.

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Lost a pair of gold rim spectacles. Reward if brought to this office.

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The Reynolds brick building opposite the *Planet* office is assuming proportions.

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A young daughter arrived at the residence of J. Ichleberger last Sunday morning.

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Splendid weather for improving your lawns. Why don't you beautify your homes?

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A strange little boy arrived at the residence of G.P. Thompson and wife last Sunday.

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Come all ye hungry people and have a turkey dinner at the Dew drop on Sunday for 25 cents.

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Wanted as situation by a young lady as copyist or companion for invalid address L.C.P.
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The waiting room and business office at the depot have changed places. Both of them are about 4x6 in size.

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James Reider, brother of Rev. J.H. who was here for two or three weeks has gone back to Kansas after his family.

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The wife and daughter of Dr. Shob of Los Angeles are guests of Mrs. A.G. Miller and Mrs. M.S. Monroe this week.

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J.C. Gilbert of Los Angeles was here one day this week and will probably return in a few days and locate here.

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Lindsay Logan, wife and child of St. Louis Missouri, will leave for Monrovia in a few days bringing two other families with them.

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Something new in train signals has been patented by M.O. Godding of this city he is making arrangements to introduce his scheme to the state.

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It is a pity that the Wells Fargo office is not up town. It is very in convenient to have to go away nearly a mile from the business center to do any express business.

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But very few buyers were out to the sale of acre property in Duarte Monday. After two or three lots were disposed of the property was withdrawn from the market.

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D.W.C. Sawyer received the sad news on Thursday of the death of his mother, which occurred at Kalamazoo Michigan, that morning. This lady was 97 years of age in possession of all her faculties.

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Mr. Marshall of the Southern California Company, Los Angeles, accompanied by his wife and child spent a day or two in Monrovia this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phelps.

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Dr. Stewart and Rankin performed an operation upon a man named Duncan living in Saw Pit Canyon yesterday afternoon. He had an abscess of the brain and to reach the seat of the disease a hole had to be cut in his head.

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Work on the Rapid Transit depot was commenced this week by U. Zimmerman, the contractor. We were shown a plan of the building by Blair & Thompson, the architects. It is much in appearance as the depot in Arcadia.

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D.D. Jay & Co. have sold out their drug store business this week to C.E. Keller, of Pennsylvania, who will carry on the above business in a first class order. Mr. Keller is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

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Nichloson, the merchant tailor, has made some important changes in his place of business. Formerly his workmen were employed in the front shop now a new workroom has been arranged in the rear and the entire front shop carpeted and his elegant goods displayed to much better advantages. If you want a nobbly suit he can suit you with the best patterns made.

ANOTHER PLANNING MILL

It is probable that another planning mill will soon be built in Monrovia. F.M. Pratt of the firm of Pratt Brothers of Granville, Ohio is staying with Captain William Smith and D.W.C. Sawyer who are his relatives. He has been looking and is favorably impressed with Monrovia and her future prospects therefore thinks strongly of locating here. They are first-class planning millmen and will get out all kinds of building material, doors, sash and blinds. Also cabinetwork of every description mantles, showcases, etc. Mr. Pratt has returned home but will be back here in about three weeks.

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THE GAS WORKS

Baxter Brothers have received the contract for laying the main pipes for the Monrovia Gas Company. A force of men was put to work Wednesday morning and the whole four and a half miles will be laid in short order, as the Baxter boys are rustlers. Work on the gashouse has been delayed owing to there being no outlet from their land to one of the main avenues. Now that this difficulty has been overcome work will be pushed with vigor. We may expect soon to have our streets and houses lighted by gas.

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L.R. Blair, Monrovia's pioneer architect, has taken a partner in the person of G.P. Thompson, an architect of considerable experience and they have elegant rooms over the First National Bank. Making houses on paper keeps both these gentlemen constantly employed.

CHAPPELOW'S NURSERY

A Visit to His Place at Duarte will Repay You

While on a hunt for something to beautify our gardens with one day this week, we paid a visit to the nursery and hothouse of William Chappelow, which is located on Mountain Avenue, Duarte, about a half mile from the Monrovia depot. Although rushed with business, he showed us around the place, and gave us the names of hundreds of flowering plants and shrubs, only a few of which we can now remember. He is considerably cramped for room, but intends to enlarge his premises at an early day, as he has numerous other novelties coming. Among the many beautiful things are orchids of different kinds, magnolia granda flora, wisteria sinensis, azalia sinensis (both white and blue) white and pink camellias, cannas (name varieties), hundreds of varieties of roses, gardenia or cape jasmine, auracaria bidwella and excelsa, rhododendrons all set with buds, olea fragrance, climbing plants in great variety, Chinese bamboo, funkia japonica or day lily, heliotropes, geraniums, fuschias, altheas, weighelias, camphor trees, plain and golden palms, arbor vitae and other evergreens. He will soon have in a large invoice of plants from Japan, which have just arrived per steamer City of Perkin at San Francisco, and are considered very choice. Also a few choice fruit trees left in stock, which he will close out at 15 cents each, as he is going out of the fruit tree business and wants to make room for his new stock of plants. He has a great abundance of strawberries, cypress, eucalyptus, borders, etc. The "breath of heaven" is a handsome perfumed shrub. About as rare plants as any are the orchids. A night blooming cereus will bloom in a few weeks, when Mr. Chappelow will invite the public to inspect it. He proposes to keep in stock as fine a variety of shrubs and plants as can be had anywhere, so that whatever you wish to beautify your homes with may be purchased at home at cheaper rates than you can get them at from city dealers. A visit to his hothouse will amply repay you.

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Watches, Clocks, Silverware and Jewelry at eastern prices at Cronenwett's.

“SPELLING SKULE”

The announcement that a spelling match would be held at the public school building brought out quite a number spectators Thursday evening. \$9 in prizes were offered for the best spellers, \$6 to the school children and \$3 to the public. Messrs. Kasson of the *Leader* and Harvey of the *Planet* were chosen as captains. Sides were selected to the number of twenty and they arranged themselves on either side of the wall. Professor Buckley read the words from the school speller and Mrs. T.L. Oglesby acted as referee. The work of the “spelling down” was commenced and soon the number became smaller and beautifully less. The school children stood the test bravely and were the first to detect when a word was wrongly spelled. Editors should be good spellers, but both retired gracefully on simple words. Mr. Kasson is not a “Tennessee” man, for he could not spell it; while a “weasel” caught yours truly asleep. After awhile all the *Leader*’s side went down except Miss Myrta Lamport, while on the *Planet* side there were six, Miss Hughson, Miss Wright, Harry Miller, Fred Metcalf, Frank Morris, and Miss Chrissie Matthewson. “Screeching” retired Miss Lamport, Frank Morris, and Harry Miller, leaving the *Planet*’s side victorious. Three of the remaining four failed to spell “eying”. Miss Hughson spelled it correctly and therefore came out without an error. Prizes were awarded as follows: For the school: 1st Fred Metcalf, \$3, 2nd Miss Myrta Lamport, \$2, 3rd Miss Chrissie Matthewson, \$1. For the public: 1st Miss Hughson, \$2, 2nd Miss Wright, \$1. These ladies are teachers in the Duarte school.

It is to be hoped that more of these spelling matches will be held in the near future.

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Professor J.A. Foshay has taken charge of the Methodist Church choir and besides an addition of singers a flute and cornet have been introduced. Hereafter the attendant's at that place of worship may expect good music.

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E.M. Taylor Jr. knowing that Monrovia is a good central point has opened an office here. He has been appointed an agent for the town of La Verne a few miles to the east of here. He has his office with Morris & Wilde next door to the *Planet*.

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S.D. Kendall & Son have lost a valuable Sorrel horse. He strayed from Monrovia Last Monday. He had a white star in forehead, about 16 hands high, 1050 pounds in weight, and had a strap neck halter on when lost. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning him to Monrovia.

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John K. McLennan who has been visiting J.H. Bartle for the past two weeks returned to Duluth, Minnesota. This week he is a railroad contractor. Johnnie is also an old acquaintance of ye editor. He likes California very much and may conclude to return to Monrovia at some future day.

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D.L. Morehouse and wife of Leroy, Illinois, were in Monrovia a day or two this week. No place in Southern California suits them as well as this although they have been taking in the different localities for the past 4 months. They will go back to Illinois shortly but will return again as soon as business affairs can be so arranged and make Monrovia their home one or two other families will return with them.

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Miss E.A Rice, principal of the public school, has painted in oil a beautiful cluster of roses, to be presented to the most popular gentleman in the city, at the next entertainment for the school piano fund. The person entitled to receive the little art gem is to be ascertained by a vote and everybody is a "qualified elector" for the occasion and purpose, and will be permitted to cast any number of votes at ten cents each. Do not fail to be at the polls and vote often for your favorite. A charming study of the California poppy, the richest of all yellow wild flowers, has been painted by Mrs. Professor Foshay, to be disposed of in the same way, to the most popular lay in Monrovia. Our young men will, of course, cast a heavy vote for the maidens of their choice, and the husbands will try to out vote them in the interest of the married ladies. We trust they will capture the beautiful picture for one of our many amiable and altogether lovely matrons.

PINK AND WHITE

A new and novel entertainment will be given in the public school building on Friday evening next, 23rd instant. It will be a pink and white supper, and will be the third of the course of three entertainments for the benefit of the piano fund for the public school. As the former entertainments were eminently successful, it is expected that this one will be equally so. In order to allow for sufficient room for promenading, the sidling doors will be opened and three of the school rooms thrown into one. It is intended to make the entertainment as informal as possible. A musical program will be rendered by local talent. A special feature will be a vote for the most popular lady and gentleman in the city. The admission tickets have been placed at 50 cents, which entitles the party holding it to the supper as well as the entertainment. We came nearly forgetting to say that the tables would be waited upon by young ladies dressed in pink and white. Let the citizens out en masse.

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J.J. Renaker, who has been deputy postmaster in this city for some months, has received the appointment as postmaster from Washington, the vacancy being caused by the death of our first postmaster, Dr. C.H. Stewart. Monrovia is to be congratulated upon Mr. Renaker's appointment, as he is a painstaking official.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Monrovia that he sent to Maine for his wife and daughter to come on to make their home here. When nearing New Orleans the little girl, six years old went into the closet of the car. Not coming out in reasonable time, the mother became anxious and tried to open the door. Finding it fastened on the inside, and failing also to get any response to her call, the door was broken and the closet found empty. Search of the train failed to reveal the child. A telegram was dispatched back to New Orleans, and the next train found little Mabel sitting on a log alongside the track with a broken arm. The mother took the child to a hospital in New Orleans, where last accounts say she is doing well and will arrive in Monrovia in a few days.

It seems the child could not unfasten the door and shoved up the window in the end of the car, thinking she could jump on to the platform and then go into the door. In jumping to the platform she fell to the ground unobserved, breaking her arm in the fall.

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The Syndicate of this city has just printed 10,000 pamphlets Descriptive of Monrovia and Southern California. Generally it is neatly gotten up, well written and will undoubtedly sow good seed for this section of the state. The Syndicate has the names of thousands of capitalists in the different states with whom they have formerly done business and they hope to induce many of them to locate in Southern California and invest some of their surplus capital here.

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R.P. Thompson, an invalid who has been sojourning in Monrovia for the past year departed this life on Thursday morning being a sufferer from consumption. He was 31 years of age and leaves a young son who is living with his grandmother in Boston. Mr. Thompson was a native of Clyde River, Nova Scotia, but of late year lived in Chicago. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. D.H. Colcord at the Monrovia Hotel. This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and his remains interred in the Live Oak Cemetery

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WILSON'S PEAK OBSERVATORY

Alvan Clark, of Massachusetts, the well-known manufacturer of telescopic objective glasses, recently visited Wilson's Peak and pronounced it one of the best sites for an astronomical observatory that he had seen. This is the proposed site for an observatory toward which Mr. E.F. Spence has contributed \$50,000 and which is, when completed to be connected with the University of Southern California. Dr. Bovard, president of the university, will in the course of a few days meet Mr. Clark, to see if arrangements cannot be made with an astronomer from Harvard University to spend the summer on Wilson's Peak, making observations in order to thoroughly test the site for the observatory. If his report should be favorable Wilson's Peak will be definitely selected

Los Angeles Tribune.

THE NEWSPAPER

The average intelligently edited and conducted newspaper is worth more to its town, to its merchants and to the country than all the railroads. An exchange says: It is an encyclopedia, a poem, a biography, a romance, a time table, a cook book, a guide, a civilized world, low priced multum in parvo. It is a sermon, a song, a circus, an obituary, a shipwreck, and a symphony in solid brevier, a medley of life and death, and a grand aggregation of man's glory and his shame. It is in short, a birds-eye-view of all the magnanimity and meanness, the joys and sorrows, births and deaths, the pride and poverty of the world, and yet the editor of country paper struggles along, in many instances, eking out a precarious existence, on hope and empty promises, while publishing houses

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A paper in Chicago, *The Health and Home*, offers each new subscriber a town lot in Santa Margarita, California. The lots are 25x100 fee in size. As land, without water in the neighborhood of Santa Margarita which is in Kern County is worth about \$1.50 cents an acre. These lots are worth in the neighborhood of 10 cents each. Certainly a magnificent premium to new subscribers. Perhaps it is just as well that eastern people should know that all California land is not worth \$1,000 an acre.

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Louisa May Allcott the authoress is dead.

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The Board of Supervisors have ordered a re-registration of voters of the county for the General Election which occurs next fall.

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Some effort should be made to induce manufacturers to locate in Monrovia. It is being done elsewhere with good results. A boot and shoe firm is making arrangements to locate in Santa Ana. They will employ 4 or 5 hundred white laborers, which would mean at least 2 thousand of an increase to the population of the city. Several manufacturing firms are seeking sites in Southern California and if we could induce one or two of them to locate here it would be a good stroke of business.

CALIFORNIA OF THE SOUTH
An Excellent Publication For Sale
By J.T. Tuttle

“California of the South, its physical geography, climate, resources, routes of travel and health resorts, being a complete guide book to Southern California.” The publication is for sale by J.T. Tuttle, of the Bazaar. It is handsomely bound in cloth, containing many beautiful illustrations, among which is an excellent picture of the fine home of Mayor Monroe. The authors are Walter Lindley, M.D., and J.P. Widney, A.M., M.D. of Los Angeles. The price is \$2. It has the following to say of Monrovia:

“Monrovia is the wonder of this coast.

Its history reads like a romance. Its founder, W.N. Monroe, a man whom it is a pleasure to know, bought a large tract of land in 1885 of E.J. Baldwin. Realizing the advantages of the location, he decided to found a town here and in May 1886, the town site was laid out in lots. Sixteen months have passed since then, and now we find a beautiful prosperous town, with a Methodist Episcopal and Baptist Church, a school-house that cost fifteen thousand dollars, two lines of streetcars, large hotels under excellent management, two banks with large capital, large business blocks, in which merchants are doing thriving businesses, and beautiful homes surrounded by semi-tropical plants and productive orchards.

Monrovia is especially commended as a health-resort. It is nineteen miles from Los Angeles and lies close to the base of the Sierra Madre Mountains. It has an elevation of about twelve hundred feet, but here as elsewhere, the victim of lung diseases will do best if he has his own cottage, flower garden and carriage, so that he may lead a life independent of hotels and completely separated from other invalids. There are at least a dozen trains daily between Monrovia and Los Angeles.

Every visitor to this town should find Mr. Monroe, the founder of the town, whose friends familiarly call him “Mayor” and who will be recognized by the color of his hair and the genial twinkle of his eyes. Mayor Monroe was recently a candidate for county treasurer before a county convention and his speech announcing himself, said: “The only thing that induces me to be a candidate is that I understand the party needs on their ticket a red head man to catch the colored vote.”

Mr. C.F. Holder, the well-known writer, in a letter to the “Los Angeles Times,” says:

“Monrovia has been fortunate in the fact that a large number of wealthy men have settled in the place, and are doing their utmost to render it a beautiful resort. Among these is W.N. Monroe, the founder of the town, whose fine residence is a sample of what can be done in a year or so. It looks like a place half a century old, yet the jackrabbit held

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possession not long ago. Great groups of bananas wave their graceful leaves, roses, pampas grass and a wealth of flowers and fruit tend to make this place a model Southern California home. One of the main avenues is about a mile long, and planted on both sides closely with these graceful trees, which, owing to the mildness of the climate here, bear well.”

It is said that a Texan selected a home in Monrovia, and told Mr. Monroe he would be back in an hour with the money. When he returned, another man had bought the place and paid for it. The next day the Texan came back, and asked the Mayor what he would take for another property he had chosen. As soon as a price was agreed upon, the Texan whipped out a six-shooter, and, leveling it on Mr. Monroe, ordered him not to exchange words with any other person until the papers were signed and transferred.

This anecdote slightly exaggerates the great desire of people to get homes in this vicinity. J.I. Case (owner of the "J.I.C."), of Wisconsin, the Messrs. Studebaker, of South Bend, Indiana, and many other wealthy people have beautiful winter homes here.

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Owing to such a few number of people being present, the auction sale of oak Grove No. 2 was postponed to some future date.

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Anschlag the murderer tried to break out of jail the other evening.

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Miss A. K. Robbins has an advertisement, which the ladies should read.

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C.A. Bliss one of the leading mill men of Southern Kansas is expected in Monrovia in a few days accompanied by his wife and child having chosen this young and prosperous city for their future-abiding place.