

QUARTER OF A MILLION!

Nearly that Amount of Money has been Subscribed Toward the Organization of the Monrovia Building and Loan Association.

Last Saturday was a red-letter day in the history of this young city of Monrovia. The evening of the day saw the organization of the Monrovia Building and Loan Association. Three days previously a few of our citizens put the scheme on foot, and placed the matter in the hands of George W. Dumbell, who interested himself in soliciting stock. Before the time for the public meeting had arrived he had secured \$223,000, which sum has been added to, so that now the total amount of stock subscribed is \$225,000. It seemed to strike the people that an association of this sort was a crying want, and the people that an association of this sort was a crying want, and very few citizens refused to take stock, according to their means not only the man of wealth but the mechanic and laborer.

A public meeting was called for Saturday evening at Barnes' hall, which called out a large number of people, both ladies and gentlemen. George W. Dumbell called the meeting to order and J.D. Slemons was moved to the chair, with Frank Kasson as secretary. Cyrus A. Campbell was called upon to explain the object and benefits of such an association, which he did to the apparent satisfaction of all.

Messrs. Barnes, Johnson, McCabe and others approved the idea, as they had seen much benefit derived from associations of a similar nature elsewhere, and thought it very desirable for Monrovia, as there was no better means of building up the city. Every dollar loaned had to go into buildings within the city limits.

The constitution and by-laws of the Pasadena association, of which Miss Lizzie Pirtle, of Duarte, was secretary until recently, were read by George W. Dumbell. He likewise read the names of those who had subscribed stock.

Nine directors were elected by the stockholders, as follows:

G.W. Dumbell, C.A. Campbell, M.S. Monroe, F.N. Myers, U. Zimmerman, Frank Kasson, A.H. Johnson. Said director ere requested to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the consideration of the stockholders at a meeting to be held at Barnes' hall on Saturday evening, the 25th instant. There will be received from the monthly payments on stock about \$1,200, which sum will be loaned as it accumulates. This amount of money will go directly into buildings. There could be nothing better for the upbuilding of Monrovia than this association. The capital stock ought to be paid up in about seven years.

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The *Los Angeles Tribune* says: -

“Monrovia progresses surely and rapidly. The last move in the way of growth is the formation there of a building association which will give every citizen joining it an opportunity to build and own a home of his own and will at the same time insure the rapid building up of the town.”

THE CITY FATHERS

A Batch of Important Business Transacted Wednesday

The regular weekly session of the Trustees of the city of Monrovia was held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, there being present Messrs. Pile, Barnes, and Baxter.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

General Pile occupied the chair in the absence of Mayor Monroe.

The committee on ordinances reported no further progress on the assessment ordinance.

The finance committee were instructed to procure the services of Engineer McDonald to take levels on Myrtle, Ivy, Primrose and Magnolia Avenues; also the cross avenues between Ivy and Magnolia.

The report of the police committee was laid over.

The sewer question was laid over till the next regular meeting, on account of the small number present.

The Marshall was instructed to employ a team one half day each week, for the purpose of removing garbage, dirt, etc. which accumulates in streets and at the rear of hotels, restaurants and dwelling houses.

Bills from Robinson, Caldwell and Oglesby were approved

The Marshall was instructed to fill up the hole at the corner of Myrtle and Orange Avenues.

The time of meeting has been changed from Wednesday afternoon to Thursday evening.

EDUCATIONAL

Monrovia to have an Institute in the Near Future
A Large and Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Thursday Evening

Franklin once wisely said: "If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in Knowledge always pays the best interest." So think many of Monrovia's best and truest citizens.

At a gathering of a few citizens a short time ago, at the residence of Mayor Monroe, the question of school facilities was brought up and received some little discussion. While our public schools are excellent, they are not so thorough as an Institute of a higher grade would be, and it was deemed advisable that steps be taken looking toward the establishment, in the city of Monrovia, of an academy, collegiate institute, or whatever you wish to call it. One of the first questions asked by persons intending to become residents is, "What facilities have you for the education of our children? It is a wise question, and one, which every parent should have answered to their satisfaction. The residents of Southern California are composed largely of the better classes of people, who like to see their children have the best advantages possible for securing an education, which will fit them for the various walks of life. They are both to bring their children unless we can provide them with schools equal to those they have been used to in the east. There are cases here where parents have left their boys and girls in schools in the east. To prevent this being done was one of the main objects in view in calling the citizens together at the office of Monroe Brothers on Thursday evening of this week.

At this meeting there were about fifty gentlemen present. Dr. Baker was called to the chair, and Frank Kasson appointed secretary. The question before the meeting was: "Should we build and institute of learning in Monrovia?" A good deal of discussion ensued, in which the following gentlemen took part: General W.W. Pile, W.N. Monroe, F.N. Myers, J.F. Sartori, Rev. D.H. Colcord, Rev. J.H. Reider, Professor A.E. Buckley, professor J.A. Foshay, Dr. O.A. Wheeler, Professor H. Ludlam, E. Little and others. All expressed themselves as favoring the idea.

By a standing vote it was unanimously the opinion of the meeting that a seminary be built and maintained in Monrovia.

A committee composed of the following gentlemen was appointed to devise ways and means: General W.A. Pile, W.N. Monroe, E.F. Spence, J.D. Bicknell, F.N. Myers, L.L. Bradbury, Rev. Dr. Stevenson, Rev. D.H. Colcord, rev. J.H. Reider, Frank Kasson, and J.W. Harvey. This committee will meet at Monroe Brothers office on Tuesday evening next, to adopt plans of procedure.

EDUCATIONAL – Continued

It is the intention to have a public meeting in the near future at which a number of speakers will deliver short addresses. Let your enthusiasm on this subject run high and overflow the banks.

The prevailing idea seemed to be to form a stock company, and each one subscribing toward the institution to be a stockholder in the concern. It was also thought advisable to have it non-sectarian.

At least \$100,000 should be subscribed towards this institution inside of two weeks. This amount can easily be raised. Those who have the best interests of the city at heart should put their shoulders to the wheel and help along this good cause.

AN HOTEL SCHEME

A Project Which if Adopted Will Build Up Gold Hill

A new project is on foot, which if carried out, will do much toward building up that lovely plateau, Gold Hill. Colonel Hughie is in Monrovia and is greatly taken with the place; so much so that he is willing to invest a considerable sum of money here. He proposes the organization of a joint stock company. If capitalists will subscribe \$25,000, he will put up \$50,000 more, or as much as is necessary to carry out the scheme. It is proposed to improve Gold Hill; to build a large dining room and parlors, and surround these with cottages, which shall be furnished and let to families. A meeting will be held Monday evening to form the company. Mayor Monroe informs us that it will probably be a "go."

A GOOD MOVE

The City Trustees have made a move for which they will receive a big white mark. They ordered that a team shall be employed once a week in removing garbage and refuse from the city. It shall be the duty of residents to have their garbage placed in boxes or barrels and in position so that it can be gathered with as little trouble as possible. This is the means adopted in Los Angeles and other cities and it works very well the garbage wagon will make regular weekly visits and if a resident shall fail to have his refuse in readiness it shall fail to have his refuse in readiness it shall be deemed a nuisance.

A SLENDID PROGRAM

At the Entertainment in the Methodist Church Last Evening

There was never a better program rendered in Monrovia than, that which was given at the Methodist Church last evening. It was the first of a series of three, in aid of the piano fund of the public school of this city. The auditorium was packed with people, many having to go into the Sunday school room and gallery.

The program was opened by an instrumental duet on the piano by Mrs. T.L. Oglesby and Miss Myrtle Monroe, entitled "Duo Dramatique." It was rendered in a most artistic Manner. Professor Henry Ludlam, teacher of elocution in the Southern California University, recited the "Burial of Moses." He is a favorite with the people of Monrovia, and after last night's entertainment is deeper rooted in their affection than ever. Professor J.A. Foshay, a teacher in our public school, made a exceedingly favorable impression upon his first appearance here. He rendered "The Wreck of the Hesperus" in an able manner. Mrs. Henry Ludlam stands on an equal plane with her husband. She recited the "Royal Princess," which was received with rapturous applause. Miss Loretta Nye's violin solo was a selection from "Martha," which received a well-deserved encore. Sullivan's "O Hush Thee, My Baby" was sung as a quartette by Mrs. Hubbard, Miss Addie Bowerman, Professor Foshay and J.W. Harvey. The voices were well balanced a very desirable thing in this class of music. They replied to an encore.

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THE RAPID TRANSIT

A locomotive and four cars of rails are at Ramona for the Rapid Transit Company. The engine is called "The Giant." Right-of-way is now secured from Monrovia to the Plaza, at Los Angeles, with the exception of one or two places where minor heirs own the property. Condemnation suits will begin at once. – Express

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If it is within the jurisdiction of the city Trustees – and we presume it is – we would like to see them adopt an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for dealers to sell cigarettes, cigars or tobacco to boys under 16 years of age. It is being adopted elsewhere in the state

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The press of Los Angeles is doing good work in outwiting the lawyers in the Anschlag murderer is trying the insanity dodge. He is as vile a wretch as ever went unhung and the law will no doubt be taken into hand by the people if a judge and jury allow him to go scott free that seems to be the way the public pulse beats now.

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The example set by Monrovia incorporating a s a city and thus getting rid of saloons is worthy of emulation as a great and noble man is set before a boy as an example so is Monrovia held up before the world as a worthy leader.

The Whittier Graphics
Discourse thus: -

Monrovia is incorporated and has passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of liquor under a penalty of \$500 – each day of selling to constitute a separate offense. The dramshoppers have come there 2 or 3 times but have left for good Monrovia has about 2,000 people and the town is less than 2 years of age. It is a grand place to make a home in evidently. Little danger there of the boys being educated into the chain-gang.

The second quarterly apportionment of school funds for Los Angeles county has been made where by Monrovia is allowed 2 teachers and \$544. One teacher is assigned in each district for every seventy-census child or fraction there of equal to 20 and the sum of \$272 is apportioned for each teacher so assigned. It is said that the tax levy that produced the above amount is the most liberal ever made for school purposes in the county. There are assigned this year 55 teachers more than last and the fund is not exhausted. This amount together with the state fund apportioned in March will be sufficient to maintain at least an 8 months' school in each district while many district while many districts will be able to maintain school for 9 to 10 months still the estimate for Monrovia is not large enough. It is based on the school census of a year ago while now we have more than double the amount of pupils with the number increasing every week. Where we only had one teacher a year ago there are 4 now. It seems, as if some perform on this line would be very acceptable.

How would it be for the young men of Monrovia to form a club for the purpose of discussing the public questions of the day? Such an organization would benefit the community. It could be nonpolitical there are plenty of live subjects that would stand an airing and a debate now and then would do our young men good in more ways than one. It would dispel their timidness and bashfulness and fit them to take charge of meetings when called upon the hope of the country lies with our young men from among their number will be chosen the future statesmen and presidents. Therefore it behooves them to bestir them if they have any ambition in this line even in the ordinary walks of life a man needs experience in debate and knowledge of how meeting are conducted. We fear there is too much of the Rip Van Winkle spirit here. Let us wake up stop snoozing and commence action. There is metal in Monrovia but it is getting rusty and needs polishing.

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A brother of C.H. Lee of the Windsor from tropic spent a day or 2 here last week.

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Rev. W.W. Tinker and family of East Los Angeles spent the week with Rev. and Mrs.
J.H. Reider.

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Professor and Mrs. Hull departed for Phoenix, Arizona on Tuesday afternoon. Monrovia is sorry to loose them.

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A grade has been made for a sidewalk on Orange Avenue running west from the First National Bank of Monrovia.

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More competition in the plumbing line, Rigeloth & Sayles, will open in the Monroe-Reider building on Myrtle Avenue.

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E. M. Taylor bookkeeper for J.S. Keefer & Co has been at Arrowhead Springs near San Bernardino this week.

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James Reider a brother of the pastor of the Baptist Church here is on his way from
Columbia City, Indiana. He will stay.

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Sam marks of San Diego spent Sunday and Monday in Monrovia. His friend J.H. Bartle is responsible for showing him the elephant.

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Dr. I.E. Lawrence of Columbia City, Indiana, a gentleman of high standing in his profession is selling out his property there and will remove to Monrovia.

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Rev. Dr. Stevenson was made happy Wednesday by the receipt of his household goods, which were, shipped from Kansas City four and a half months ago.

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N.T. Miller and wife, of Bluffton, Indiana, are here, the guests of Rev. J.H. Reider and wife. They have been converted to Monrovia and will come here to live.

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The San Gabriel Mining Co. has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$500,000 with \$50,000 paid up. They are going to commence extensive mining operations in the San Gabriel Canyon right away.

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A son was born to Rev. D.H. and Mrs. Colcord last Saturday morning. For two or three days it was not thought that the child would live. But we are pleased to report that he is getting along nicely. All danger apparently being past.

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Mrs. T. J. Howard who has been visiting friends in Oakland and Alameda for some time joined her husband here a few days ago. Mr. Howard contemplates selling out his dry goods business at Wellington, Canada, and removing to Monrovia with his family. Hope he may as they would be desirable citizens.

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The bank commissioners have issued a license to the Granite Bank of Monrovia. The authorized and subscribed capital is \$200,000 and the paid up capital is \$50,000. The directors are as follows: - E.F. Spence, president; J.I. Case, vice president; T.V. Lamport, cashier; J.M. Studebaker, W.A. Pile, W.N. Monroe, and J.D. Bicknell. W.T. Bull is assistant cashier. The bank began business on the 6th.

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Engineers are now engaged in laying out “West Monrovia,” a beautiful tract of land lying between Pasadena and Sierra Madre, and is bounded on the west by Hugus Avenue, south by Mountain Street east by Allen Avenue. This tract will be placed on the market about the 10th of March. It is only two miles from the center of Pasadena. A streetcar line runs on Villa Avenue, two blocks south, also on Lake Avenue, three blocks west. Messrs. W.N. Monroe and A.H. Johnson of this city are the owners of the tract.

L.L. Bradbury is preparing to build a double two-story building near the depot on Myrtle Avenue, which will improve that end of town.

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MONROE BROS. OFFICE

After considerable delay Monroe Bros. have moved into their new office in the Granite Bank block. No finer office can be found. To their credit be it said that the furniture, carpets, etc., were purchased in this city. There is on the floor 132 square yards of English corticine, and Handsome carpets for the inner office, or consulting rooms. There are eight desks, under which are velvet or body Brussels mats, and before each desk are laid handsome Smyrna rugs. The corticine carpets, rugs, etc., were furnished by our well-known citizens J.B. Nichols; the desks and chairs by R.F. White & Co., furniture dealers. W.N. Monroe's office is also located with his son's.

THE BUILDING BOOM

A Number of New Buildings to be Started Immediately

The Inauguration of Active Building Operations for the Summer

J.B. Nichols, the upholsterer and dealer in carpets, etc., informs us that he will very soon commence the erection of a handsome tow-story brick building on Palm Avenue, between the Granite Bank and his present place of business. It will be 55 feet deep, and will have two stores below; one of which will be occupied by him. He will divide the second story. It will be a substantial building in every shape and form and will cost about \$10,000. Mr. Nichols has recently disposed of some of his property in San Francisco and immediately places it into Monrovia property, for which move he shows wisdom.

C.W. Williamson, of Fredonia, Kansas, arrived in Monrovia last week and intends to locate here. He has purchased a fine lot in the Pacific View tract and will immediately commence the erection thereon of a two-story residence. The contract has been let to J.H. Cramer, who, by the way, is also from Fredonia and an old acquaintance of Mr. Williamson.

THE BUILDING BOOM - Continued

M. McCully, recently from Philadelphia, will soon commence the erection of a brick building, 45 feet front on Myrtle Avenue, adjoining the Campbell and Wilde building and a counterpart of theirs. He purchased the property through the Iowa Investment Co. for \$135 a front foot.

L.L. Bradbury is preparing to build a double two-story building near the depot on Myrtle Avenue, which will improve that end of the town.

It is said that the California Central will soon commence the erection of a handsome new depot at the foot of Charlotte or Ivy Avenues.

C.W. Smith is preparing plans for a handsome \$7,000 residence on Banana.

Reynolds Bros. are going to erect a building for their undertaking business, adjoining large & Wheeler's furniture store on the north.

Mr. Sevier is building a two-story residence on Banana Avenue, west of Primrose.

A fine cigar store for sale. Enquirer at the *Planet* office.

A nurse and housekeeper would like a situation. Enquirer at this office.

W.N. Monroe returned Wednesday evening from a week visit to San Francisco.

Plans for the Congregational church building are being drawn and work will be begun soon.

The subject of Rev. D.H. Colcord's morning sermon next Sunday in the hall will be "Christian Forgiveness."

Charles Crocker of the Southern Pacific will be here in a day or two, to look over the railway situation of Monrovia.

Fine dry oak wood at \$15 per cord and Elsinore coal at \$12 per ton, at J. Mushrush's wood and coal yard, Walnut Avenue.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Monrovia Building Loan Association this evening (Saturday) at 7:30 o'clock

THE BUILDING BOOM - Continued

A musical and elocution entertainment will be given in the Duarte Methodist church on Saturday evening, the 25th instant.

The laying of the corner stone of the W.C.T.U. building, Los Angeles, which as to have occurred today, has been postponed.

T. V. Lamport lost an overcoat at C. F. Ford's barbershop Thursday. An unknown man got shaved before Mr. L., and before he left coolly put the overcoat on and walked off.

The Granite Bank yesterday made a contact with a Chicago firm for a handsome counter and other fixtures for their bank, which will place them on a footing with the finest banks of the state.

The Crescent addition to Monrovia will be sold at auction sale on Thursday, March 1st, when an excursion will be run from Los Angeles. This is beautiful foothill property, in large lots.

If you want a magnificent view of Monrovia, go up on Diamond Flat. There is a good road leading to it from Myrtle Avenue. A splendid view of mountain, valley and ocean is had from that point.

Mrs. M. Cain, Christian Science healer, has opened an office on Orange Avenue, between Primrose and Magnolia. All diseases treated. Consultations free. A cordial invitation to all needing help. Office hours from 1 to 4 p.m.

McCall, the Grocer, has a small citrus fair of his own. A large pyramid of Washington Navel oranges is in one of his windows. This fruit was brought from the Studebaker and case ranch and is very handsome. Call around and see them.

Cyrus A Campbell is arranging for a grand excursion from Los Angeles to Monrovia for next Friday, the fare for the trip being 50 cents, including a citrus dinner on the grounds. There will be an auction sale of an addition to the Pacific View tract. The train is to arrive here at 10 and return at 4 o'clock.

A surprise was given General W.A. Pile last Saturday evening, the anniversary of his birthday. There assembled at "Rosemont" the residence of E.W. Little, Rev. W. Stevenson, D.D., and wife, Rev. J.H. Reider and wife, Rev. D.H. Colcord and sister, and

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Mrs. W.N. Monroe, together with General Pile and wife. An hour or two was very pleasantly spent. In a few appropriate words Dr. Stevenson presented General Pile with a handsome library clock. The General made a feeling response, in which he rehearsed several scenes of his boyhood days.

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San Jacinto had an earthquake Wednesday morning. Not a very bad one, however.

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To the Ladies of Monrovia and Vicinity

Mrs. Dosch will have this week a fine lot of fresh millinery in the Hargrave building, on Olive Avenue, east of Myrtle. Mrs. Dosch having a fine business in Los Angeles and Pasadena intends giving Monrovia the same benefit, where they can get as stylish millinery at home as in the city, and hopes the ladies will aid her in giving their patronage.

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NOTICE

The party who made the mistake last night, the 16th, taking my overcoat from the barbershop of C. F. Lord, is known. If not returned at once will take legal steps to recover it. T.V. Lamport.

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P.G. Carter, accompanied by his two step-daughters and C. Nelson, from Topeka, Kansas, arrived in town this week. Mr. Cartter says there are hundreds of people who want to come to California, and many of them are arranging their affairs so as to do so. Although ill, most of the time, he did some good work for Monrovia.

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E. P. Large received news the other day of the death of his mother, which occurred at San Diego on Tuesday of this week, of apoplexy. She had been quite well until Saturday, when in attempting to get up she fell back upon the bed unconscious. She lingered in this condition nearly all the time until death relieved her on Tuesday morning. It is thought that a blood vessel in her head must have burst. She was upward of 70 years of age, and notwithstanding her weight 350 pounds, was quite active.

The Southern Pacific managers have finally concluded to build a branch road from Los Angeles by way of Pasadena, Monrovia and on Eastward, paralleling the California Central to San Bernardino and Redlands-Lugonia, to connect with the main line again when reaching Terracina. A force of nearly 1,800 hands, mostly Chinese, sent from the north, have probably reached Los Angeles and commenced work by this time. This is the beginning of a consummation which has been long prayed for by our people and which must result in adding largely to our growth and prosperity. This line will give access to a large scope of country that has heretofore lain dormant for lack of speedy communication with the east and north, but which, under the impetus that will be given to improvement by the building of this line, will speedily become the homes of a large number of thrifty cultivators of the soil as industrious mechanics and wage earners seeking security from the frigid regions. - - S.B. Index

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NOTICE

Having disposed of our furniture business to Messrs. Large & Wheeler, we would bespeak for them that liberal patronage that has heretofore been extended to us. We desire to have our books closed, and therefore request all indebted to us call and settle as soon as possible.

A.L. Holt & Co.
Monrovia, January 27th, 1888

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

The partnership heretofore existing between Charles Haberkern and Bruce Adair, under the style and name of Charles Haberkern & Co., has this day been dissolved. All bills due the late firm are to be paid to me.

Charles Haberkern
Monrovia, January 10, 1888

SEWERAGE

At a recent meeting of the city council a resolution was passed to engage a sanitary engineer to make the necessary survey for a sewerage system. It is emphatically a move in the right direction, as the necessity for such a system becomes more and more apparent every day.

The present expedient of using cesspools to dispose of water is not only decidedly unpleasant, on account of the disagreeable odor from them, but equally dangerous to the public health; for a short time the ground will become permeated with the foul water that it will become a source of disease germs, so that fevers and zymotic disease will become prevalent. Some of the fair parts of Northern California have been very much injured on account of the lack of proper drainage; the soil becoming saturated with water used for irrigating. How much worse it must be when all the foul waste of the city is allowed to seep through the soil.

The water used by the inhabitants must be poisoned from the same source, because pipes are liable to leak in many places and water will absorb impurities from any gas very readily; it is a rule of sanitary science not to lay sewer pipe nearer than eight feet to water pipe when paralleled with it. It can readily be seen the effect cesspools and polluted earth must have upon our domestic water.

We would advocate the bonding of the city immediately for an amount sufficient to establish a main sewer pipe to a point where sufficient ground can be secured to receive the drainage from the town. These bonds should not mature for fifteen or twenty years so that people who settle here and make improvements would have to help pay the principal. At present the interest only would have to be paid.

The money expended in this way would be returned to the citizens by the labors performing the work for goods and such things as are needed for the support of families. It is very important to supply work to our laboring men and the money expended in that way merely acts as a loan to them and is spent by them, and all our citizens are directly or indirectly benefited. Nothing could be a better advertisement for our city than an intelligently established plan for the preservation of the health of our citizens. Money, which could be obtained at a reasonable rate of interest, would be found to be a most profitable investment and would add much to the general welfare and happiness of our superb city.