Raspberry and Blackberry plants choice varieties well rooted. Leave orders at Dingeman's Grocery store or D.W. C. Sawyer, J.I.C. Avenue.

Mr. Evans expects to open his tailor shop next week.

An infant son of Postmaster Renaker died Thursday night.

A.T. Rhoads is able to smile again. He has a brand new daughter at his house which arrived Wednesday morning.

SKIPPED

S.B. Affleck does up some of our businessmen

For a couple of months and up till Christmas there had been working for Charles Haberkern, butcher, a man named S.B. Affleck. Previous to that time he worked for C.B. Clapp, butcher from both places it seems. He had been discharged because he was too fond of the cup. Being set adrift lately without any visible means of support. He must need do something his bills began to accumulate. His creditors did not suspect but what he would pay his debts all right but they reckoned without their host. He made up his mind to decamp and laid his plans accordingly.

In Los Angeles the other day he got L.J. Wilde of this place to introduce him at the bank and he drew out \$75, since which time he has not been heard from the checks were sent out to the First national Bank here for collection but Affleck had no money in the bank nor ever had. He owes bills at several places in town Johnson & Parker, W.P. McCall's, Dingeman's and other places. The whole amount to something. Like \$200 he leaves a wife here who says she does not know where he has gone.

He told her he was going to Los Angeles to work in a butcher shop. But he did not do so. He owes \$20 of a whisky bill at Lamanda Park. Where he used to stop every day on his way from Pasadena with meat. When he worked for Charlie Clapp he used to be quite flush with money so say men who worked with him — more than his salary would seem to warrant. The worst thing we have against him is for beating us out of \$4 subscription.

Swindlers seem to be plentiful in Monrovia and neighborhood lately. Our citizens should be on their guard.

Dr. H.C. Rankin, of Cynthiana, Kentucky, has recently arrived in Monrovia, and has associated himself with Dr. J. Taylor Stewart. Dr. Rankin has just left a lucrative practice in Kentucky and expects to make his home among us.

Did you see the big sweet potato which captain A.H. Johnson dug up the other day? It weighed 12 pounds.

The Saloon has departed from Monrovia and is now located in Arcadia adjoining the office of H.A. Unruh, Mr. Baldwin's agent. What is our loss is Arcadia's gain.

THE GRAND VIEW

A change was made this week in the proprietorship of the Grand View Hotel. Mrs. C.A. Wood has disposed of it to C.C. Hotchkiss, M.S. and George O. Monroe, consideration not stated. Charlie Hotchkiss took hold of the house on Tuesday of this week, and hereafter will be manager for the new company. He was formerly proprietor of the Monrovia Hotel of this place, and makes an excellent boniface. Special efforts will be made to fill up the house with guests. The rates have been placed at \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day, with table board at \$1 per day. Success to the new management.

NEW REAL ESTATE FIRM

A new real estate firm has commenced business this week, under the name and style of A.H. Johnson & Co. They occupy the old quarters of W.N. Monroe & Son, on Myrtle Avenue, a stand in which almost any firm would do a good business. The new firm is composed of A.H. Johnson, Harry Jones and W.L. Hinds. Everyone in town knows Captain Johnson. He has been in Monrovia for over a year, having previously lived at Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he was one of the solid men. He has been identified with the best interests of Monrovia lately, having invested a large amount of capital here. The captain is a jolly, whole-souled fellow and would succeed where nine-tenths of the real estate agents would fail. Harry Jones is recently from Sioux Falls, Dakota, that semi-blizzard state, where for a long time he has been general agent for the McCormick harvesting Machine Co. He will lend force to the new firm. W.L. Hinds is recently from Gunnison, Colorado, where he had charge of the business of a large coal company. These gents are three stalwarts, and being three of a kind they will beat any two pair that may be produced. We wish them every success in their new business.

The Rev. Charles S. Newhall informs us that a partial list, made at the request of the Los Angeles Presbytery, contains the names of over fifty Presbyterians resident in Monrovia. Few towns could be found the country over, with such a showing, and yet with no Presbyterian Church. It would seem that the outlook was very good. The possibilities are that the Presbyterians of this place will organize before long. We welcome them, and hope the way may soon be opened that services will be held and a church be the outgrowth.

It seems unfortunate that notwithstanding all the efforts put forth to find the young men who were lost in the mountains at Christmas time; no tidings have yet been received. Even if their dead bodies could be found it would be some consolation to relatives and friends.

Professor James Foshay has become a teacher in the Monrovia public schools.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

The partnership heretofore existing between Doctors Charles H. and J. Taylor Stewart, physicians, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

Charles H. Stewart
J. Taylor Stewart
Monrovia, October 1, 1887

\$500 REWARD

First National Bank Monrovia, Cal., January 20, 1888

Received of I.D. Applegate and James Applegate the sum of five hundred dollars, on the following terms: Said \$500 to be paid to the party or parties, who will, within twenty-five days from date hereof, find the bodies of Vincent W. Applegate and Chester F. Odeneal, who were recently lost in the Sierra Madre mountains, a committee of three, consisting of W.N. Monroe, F.N. Myers and H.S. Daniels to decide to whom said \$500 reward is to be paid, and their decision to be final. If the bodies are not found within twenty five days from date said \$500 to be returned to said I.D. Applegate and James Applegate, or either of them, on return of this receipt.

J.F. Sartori, Cashier P.S. All county papers please copy.

Our banking institutions are in a most prosperous condition. The Granite bank was organized last Friday evening, with a directorate as strong as that of any in Southern California. The articles of incorporation have been sent to the Secretary of state, and the election of officers will soon take place, undoubtedly with E.F. Spence, president of the First National Bank of Los Angeles, as president. The capital stock is placed at \$200,000, and the following gentlemen as stockholders: Hon. E.F. Spence, J.I. Case, J.M. Studebaker, W.N. Monroe, J. D. Bicknell, T.V. Lamport, W.A. Pile, M.S. Monroe, George O. Monroe, J.H. Bartle, A.H. Johnson, J.M. Thomas, and W.T. Bull. The directors have been named as follows: E.F. Spence, J.I. Case, J.M. Studebaker, W.N. Monroe, J.D. Bicknell. T.V. Lamport, and W.A. Pile. Messrs. Spence, Studebaker and Case each subscribed \$40,000, and W.N. Monroe and T.V. Lamport \$20,000 each. All the employees in the bank will be stockholders. Mr. Lamport will be cashier, and Mr. Bartle assistant. The building is being rushed ahead with all possible speed. They are so anxious to get open for business that only temporary furnishings will be placed in for the present. They expect to be in readiness by the first of February.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

On Monday there will be a change made in some of the departments of the public school, consequent upon my failing to qualify as a teacher under the law. Miss Rice will hence be the recognized principal of the public school or district department of the school, and the higher department, or more advance pupils, numbering between thirty and forty, will be under my own immediate supervision, and occupy the upper rooms of the school building. This change is made to accommodate ourselves to the requirements of law, and will not interfere with the advancement of any pupils who may be deserving of promotion. All tuition is free. I shall feel as much earnestness in the educational welfare of every child in Monrovia as ever before, and shall do all that I can to advance every interest. I am a thorough convert to Monrovia; I believe in Monrovia. It is happily situated. It is destined to be the most inviting and homeloving place in all Southern California. It is just the place for special schools as well, for the morals and culture of this place are being laid deep and strong. Our school thus far has run smoothly, and there is not a cause, real or apparent, why it should ever be otherwise. Our pupils are from Sweden, New Zealand, Canada and twenty or more states and territories of this union. And though from such antipodes and different points, yet there is little friction, and all seem to have the good will of teachers and of each other

Below is given a list of all pupils thus far enrolled, numbering over two hundred.

PRIMARY - BOYS

Clarence W. Smith, Amos Sykes, Eddie Slemons, John Crowe, Sammy Crowe, Arthur Johnson, John Manning, Leonard Edgren, Roy Culver, Harry Cyphers, Sidney Seymour, Eddie Hall, Valentine Lloyd, Freddie Furniss, Willie E. Smith, Eddie Calahan, Harry Phillips, John Dougherty, Clarence Smith, Edward Smith, Alex Queen, Willie Harris, Albert Wardall, George Crocker, Herman Parks, Pardon Wooley. – 27

PRIMARY - GIRLS

Enda Lee, Ruby Fell, Grace Sykes, Jennie Sykes, Laura Crews, Nellie I Patterson, Lizzie Manning, Lottie Goldsmith, Liszie Andrus, Ettie Emerson, Ora E. Schuttenhelm, Eva M. Holt, Winnie M. Balir, Stella Monroe, Mary Jay, Minnie Lloyd, Amber Prindle, Louise Daniels, Annie Smith, Emma Burger, Nora McGarvin, Mary Dougherty, Maud McCall, Sadie Nicholson, Marian Myers, Josie Eldridge, Erma Hinckley, Erma Manning, Gussie Carter, Gertie White, Rosa Kinsman, Nora Stevens. Colored – Martha E. Queen, Louisiana Queen, Katie Queen – 25

Total -- 62

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS - Continued

SECOND ROOM -- BOYS

Archie Ford, Eddie L. Hargrave, William McGirk, Allen W. Nye, Harvey H. Sykes, Clarence Wardall, Willie N. Wells, Nat S. Williamson, Edgar McGarvin, Willie Chapman, Charles Baxter, Watts Bray, Lloyd Betsworth, Percy Carter, Frank Cooper, Laureston Johnson, Kent Mullally, Louis Patterson, Herbert Seymour, Oscar Widland, George Lawrence, Louis C. Williams, Fred P. Hutchinson, Victor Beaucairie, Willie Metcalf, Frank Wilson, Claudie Rhoades, George Howard, Ray Parks, Henry Amon, Bennett Adams, George Tungate. –33

SECOND ROOM - GIRLS

Anna L. Griffith, Lala Jay, Edna C. Monroe, Anna Seymour, Anna Sinclair, Callie Wells, Susan McGarvin, Rachel Dougherty, Zoe Burger, Mabel Andrus, Elsie Emerson, Annie Gastrich, Alberta Johnson, Mabel Lee, Ellen Matthewson, Maggie Peery, Sadie Sykes, Nellie S. Slemons, Georgie Wheeler, Della Frazer, Annie Peabody, Eva Metcalf, Augusta Amon, Willietta Coker. – 25

Miss Jennie Pomerene Now Professor Foshay

THIRD ROOM

Elva Ames, Carlin Ames, Julia Barnes, Harold Bray, Herbert Bray, Clarence Bowerman, Lelia burger, Arthur Browning, Edward B. Brown, Albana Peancase, Warren Cook, Clarence Cook, Georgie Cooper, George Carlin, Mattie Crews, Thomas Dorsey, Norma Emerson, Claude Ford, Fredrick Frazer, Lulu Frazer, Mabel Griffith, George Griffith, William Gastreich, Frank Hall, Thomas Hotchkiss, Seth Hart, Jacquet Hunter, Edith Johnson, Della Lamport, Lora Lamport, Kirk Lawrence, Bertha Locke, Violet Lloyd, Chrisian Matthewson, Lee Morris, William Matthewson, Minnie Monroe, Lily Monroe, Mattie Mullally, Laura Mullally, Joseph McCarthy, William Mitchell, Francis Nichols, Roy Nye, Blanche Rexford, Lela Reider, Emma Sinclair, Mabel Tuttle, Mary Tungate, John Tungate, Adiel Tomlinson, Warren Wheeler, Eva Wheeler, Edith Woods, Charles Woods, William E. Little. – 56

Miss Emily Rice, Teacher

FOURTH ROOM

Fanny M. Adams, Samuel Barnes, Victor Cooper, Robert Edgren, Maggie Hall, Charles Jackson, Myrtle Lloyd, Jennie Maxwell, Fred Metcalf, Walter Monroe, Myrtle Monroe, Birdie Monroe, Clara McCabe, Hal Slemons, Fred Slemons, Mollie Sykes, Nellie Taylor, Myrta Lamport, Willie Lamport, Louise Carter, Effie Gardner, Gertrude Mullally, Lizzie Miller. – 28

A.E. Buckley, Teacher

The sad fate of the two young men who were lost in the mountains above Monrovia should be a warning to those who intend making a like trip, to go better prepared. Always take more food with you than you intend to use, for fear that you do not get back when you expect to. Something is liable to happen to the best of us. To look at the mountains from here, one would think that there was no danger; that one could find his way back. But the mountains are deceiving. There are canyons that cannot be seen from this distance.

The public is thankful to Mrs. C.A. Wood, late of the Grand View Hotel, for the enlargement and improvement of the sewer in connection with the house. About ten days before she sold out she set men at work and had a new cesspool made, which relieved the old ones, and now the offensive smells have departed.

The groundwork is being planned for a boom of the first magnitude this spring.

The "breathing spell" is about over now. Real estate has begun to move with some of its wonted activity.

There is a enterprise the *Planet* would like to see started and that is a street railway from Sierra Madre to Duarte, passing through Monrovia. It would be one of the best things that we know of for our young and growing city.

It is surprising that some effort is not made to secure the timber that is in the mountains at the rear of Monrovia. Some of the pine trees up near the summit measures four feet through and are over one hundred feet high. They should make up into good lumber. It would be a somewhat difficult matter, however, to get the timber down after it was cut.

The Vanderink Improvement Co. has stopped erecting buildings for the present.

The Post Office will hereafter only be opened one hour on Sunday – from 9 to 10 a.m.

Deputy Marshall Oglesby is around collecting licenses. \$5 a quarter for the real estate business.

S. B. Sherwood will soon commence a \$5,000 residence at the corner of Geystone and Ivy Avenues. There will be seven rooms and all modern improvements. A.C. Hinters has the contract.

Thanks should be returned to the Monrovia Lumber Co. for moving their lumber yard uptown ---where it should have been a year ago. They have purchased a fine location on the corner of primrose and Lime Avenues, to which place the lumber is being removed.

B.F. Crews and wife of Vincennes, Indiana are visiting Monrovia.

Good progress is now being made on the Rapid transit railway. The shovelers are now working near the city limits of Los Angeles. They are pushing the work right along. The right-of-way has been secured to the plaza in Los Angeles. There is some delay in securing bridge timber.

A CARD

Certain parties have industriously circulated a report that the Windsor Hotel had been closed. This is not true. The Windsor will remain open for the accommodation of guests and will be conducted as heretofore as a first-class hotel.

G.H.Lee

The first of January has come, and still the Southern California boom has not "busted." A large lot of property was bought last summer, the parties making a payment down and the second payment coming due on the first of January. It was said that \$50,000,000 of second payments must be met by January 1st or Southern California must bust. Well, how do we find things now? Our lease of time has expired and we are still in the land of the living. Nary bust. It was thought that there would be such a tremendous run on the banks that money would be loaned at an enormous discount. 'Twas not so, however. One of the Los Angeles banks has five millions of dollars on deposit now, and all the others have large sums. Dire disaster has not overtaken us. The winter of our discontent (?) has gone beyond recall and we are saved! There has been no depression in the money market. Parties, who had payments to meet, met them like little men and women. So far from money being scarce, new banks are being opened all over the country. The Granite Bank of Monrovia was organized last week, with a capital stock of \$100,000. A leading banker remarked the other day that Southern California will see one of her biggest blooms this spring.

There has been 100 degrees difference between the readings of the thermometer here and in some eastern points during the past week and yet you will find persons who are dissatisfied if they don't like it why not return.

Presiding Elder Bouard will preach in the Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening.

The pacific Fruit Grower is an excellent monthly and should be taken by all our orchardists. It is published in Los Angeles.

Speaker Carlisie is quite ill with congestive chills.

P.T. Barnum's latest idea is that of hiring the Great Eastern as a floating theatre.

Barnum has had 5 fires with his show, resulting in a total destruction of property amounting to close on 2 millions of dollars and he still lives.

BOGUS CHECK

A young man named Charlie B. Gray has got himself into hot water. He does not bear the best of reputations and it has cost his father considerable money in buying silence for his scapegrace of a son. The father is now in Arizona the latest escape of Gray is forging of a false check. Getting it cashed and skipping out with the money. He entered the store of W.H. Payne, Duarte where he was slightly known and asked Mr. Payne if he would cash a \$10 check for him. As he wanted to pay a party a small debt and had no change. Mr. Payne did so Gray departed. It turned out later that the check was worthless. A warrant was taken out for the culprit's arrest and Constable Mills started on his trail. He succeeded in capturing his man in Azusa and brought him back here for trail. Gray had a preliminary trail before Justice Norman Thursday and was held to answer not being able to furnish bail. He was taken to jail at Los Angeles.

Parties contemplating locating in Monrovia should remember that there are no saloons here. We won't tolerate them in our midst. We incorporated as a city for almost the sole reason of getting rid of a saloon that had opened its doors.

The Syndicate will commence a building within a few days,

The Star says that by and by Pasadena will capture Monrovia and make a suburb of it. Many of Pasadena's businessmen are opening up here.

D. Nicholson has given a large order for his spring trade, which will arrive shortly. Very nobby patterns for suits coming he says trade is rushing.

The Syndicate have painted several signs on the front of their office "to let people outside know what we are doing inside" said Manager L.T. Graves.

Professor Owen, the phrenologist, gave another lecture on and exhibition of mesmerism in Barnes' hall on Monday evening last. A good audience was present. There were some very good subjects present. Among them one of our leading real estate agents who by the way is an inveterate smoker. The professor thinks that if he had worked with him half an hour longer. He could have broken him of the habit of smoking. The people of Sierra Madre have been amused and instructed by Professor Owen for 3 or 4 nights a week. Many of our citizens would like to see him return soon.

Joseph D. Lynch of the Los Angeles Herald was in town this week.

Mrs. C. A. Wood who recently disposed of the Grand View Hotel expects to remain in Monrovia and make her home here.

H.D. Adams of Dexter, Iowa, has arrived in Monrovia looking up a location. He has been connected with the newspaper business.

Mrs. W.N. Monroe, Mrs. Pomerene, Mrs. Barnes, W.C. Badeau, J.H. Reider and others attended the S.S. Institute held at Pomona.

P.E. Berry, a young attorney, from Winfield, Kansas, is now in the city. He is delighted with this part of California and especially with Monrovia. It is to be hoped that he will settle here.

James McLacklan Jr. of Ithaca, New York, accompanied by his wife visited Monrovia Wednesday. Mr. McLacklan owns some valuable Myrtle Avenue property and he has been looking after it. Their headquarters is at present a Pasadena. From which point they are taking in the surrounding country with a view to locating. Monrovia will probably catch them.

Our Sunday Schools do I need it?

We are pleased to see J.S. Keefer around again after his illness.

Another building has been moved over to Monrovia from Arcadia and placed at the corner of Myrtle and Lemon Avenue.

The Congregational Church will hold a song service at the Rev. D.H. Colcord's house on Palm Avenue tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

William Chappelow, the Duarte nurseryman, left a number of Oonshiu oranges on our table this week they were shipped from Japan. They have rather a peculiar flavor sweeter that the California fruit but in our estimation not equal to our best fruit.

The Boston Dry Goods store will be open in a few days probably about a week from Monday. See their announcement elsewhere. Messrs. Newton & Trowbridge are enterprising young men and will undoubtedly carry as good a stock as many he found in Los Angeles. The people of Monrovia, Duarte, Arcadia and Sierra Madre should make a note of this fact and purchase at home.

A.H. Fisher was in town this week.

Charles Nichols has returned from Reed City, Michigan, with his family.

Mrs. R.L. Winters of Norwich, Conn., mother of Winter Bros. of this place arrived in Monrovia last Tuesday evening for a visit.