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The vote for the constables in this township was as follows

Harry Wilson of El Monte	297
Ben Davisson of Duarte	294
R.E.L. Sevier of Monrovia	288
B.S. Bryant of El Monte	255

Messrs. Wilson and Davisson are both Republicans and their Election gives one constable to each end of the township.

It is time for Southern California to begin to arrange for her famous flower festivals, which will be held three or four months hence. We suggest that Monrovia have a flower show this year and use the proceeds as a nucleus to establish a public library think of the matter kind people.

No move has yet been made to create a park for Monrovia. We are going to stop talking about it until the end is attained the green plateau in the Saw Pit Canyon would be a good place for a kind of Sunday park but for everyday use we need one near the center of the city. It would be a benefit and a pleasure to all.

As usual after presidential elections the press is discussing the question of making the presidential term six years and the incumbent ineligible. We believe it would be unwise to extend the length of term for an unfit president would be too great an affliction for so long a term. We would however like to see the laws so changed as to make a president ineligible but there is no likelihood of any change for years.

COMMENT

The idea suggested by a contributor a few weeks ago of having a direct road between Monrovia and Pasadena should meet with approbation from all a road starting from near center of Monrovia and running south of west across the Santa Anita ranch until it formed a junction with Colorado Street would give an almost level road to Pasadena. The present road is indirect and hard to travel let us have the proposed boulevard.

A HINT

Turkey dinner at the Monrovia Hotel, Thanksgiving.

F.E. Kidd of St. Paul, Minnesota was among the visitors this week.

Don't forget the Thanksgiving dinner by ladies of the Baptist Church.

The ladies will give a choice dinner nest Thursday. Patronize them.

C.C. Hotchkiss was out to San Bernardino Tuesday to meet a Warner Brothers excursion, which got in that evening.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will give a Thanksgiving dinner and an oyster supper at the Monrovia Hotel. Everything good to eat.

Mrs. Appell and son of New York City arrived a few days since and have leased Dr. Stewart's cottage on Primrose. They will remain during the winter in the hope of benefiting the son's health.

W.W. Hurt of San Francisco a friend of M.S. Monroe is in the city this week. Mr. Hurt purchased a \$1,500 lot on Orange Avenue upon which he anticipates building and having his parents move here from Louisville, Kentucky.

It is with regret that we chronicle the fact that William Sinclair and family are to remove to Los Angeles. Mr. Sinclair has been a most excellent citizen and has the respect of all. A business opening, however, which promises well to him has been the attraction to call him away.

A.S. Baldwin of this city has opened an art studio in the Nadeau at Los Angeles. Mr. Baldwin has a fine reputation as an artist and has painted portraits of a number of prominent people in this state. There is no question of his success as his life work has been portrait painting. He will still reside in Monrovia at his fine home on White oak.

C.C. Brown was over from Pasadena Monday with a party of tourist.

J.T. Tuttle went up to the San Fernando Valley Monday to look after his ranch there.

C.A. Tinker of Riverside was in the city the last of the week. He is the owner of one of the finest orange groves down there.

W.H. Evans, F.E. Valentine and J.M. Fix returned last night from Kern County. They have arranged to put down artesian wells on their land there.

Charles Gardner and wife and Miss Maggie Ward of Tracy, Minnesota arrived Sunday. They are acquaintances of L.T. Graves and are much pleased with this valley.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M.E. Church will give a social and oyster supper on the evening of the 14th of December. The ladies will also have a booth for the sale of fancy articles. All are requested to remember the date and govern themselves accordingly.

W.I. Stairs and wife, his grandson Charley McDonald and Miss Sutherland of Halifax, Nova Scotia are registered at the Grand View Hotel and will spend the winter here. Mr. Stairs is a wealthy banker and is immensely delighted with this country he says he can't help liking it well it is quite a change from Halifax.

Mrs. L.M. Nadeau of Los Angeles was up yesterday.

Rev. J.H. Reider was up from the metropolis Monday and Tuesday. He reports the university filled with students and in a prosperous condition financially.

Those wishing to board with a private family can find accommodations at my residence on Orange Avenue between Daffodil and Shamrock.

Mrs. A.B. Tomlinson

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J.A. Baxter returned Thursday from a 2 month's trip through the east. He enjoyed his vacation very much and comes back in fine spirits. He came home alone as was not expected.

G.M. Liebold the artist who spent the summer here returned yesterday from a trip to Indiana. Grant Grishaw came with him and will stay in Monrovia probably but Mr. Liebold will go to Pasadena. Where he is interested with E.I. Ames in an artist studio.

Danna G. Hyde who had the management of H. Christie's Clothing House for some months has been called to Pasadena being promoted to a better position with the firm there. He and his wife and boy left last week much to the regret of their many friends. E.B. Walker takes this position here and a hearty welcome is extended to him.

FAREWELL

The Pioneer bakery will change hands next week and the business will be continued under a new proprietor. Thanking the good people of Monrovia for the kind patronage to me for the past two years. I trust it will be continued to my successor. I have bought the Los Angeles City Bakery and have taken my son-in-law into partnership.

It took some time for me to decide to leave this beautiful city where I have spent the pleasantest two years of my life of 50 tears. For a better people I never knew from the good and kind W.N. Monroe down to the smallest boy. Indeed my children say they won't go but business comes before pleasure. I find it hard to take my children from Monrovia. The Gem of the Foothills with its good schools and the able professors and teachers. Professor Foshay has won the hearts of all his pupils and under his care they have made rapid advancement.

What shall I say of our ministers – Revs. Rieman, Gordon Colcord and Robinson _____. They are men of noble character and leaders in every good work. What of the most delightful of all climates _____ I do not think my children my good wife or myself have had a headache in the two years we have lived here and I don't wonder at it with plenty of good food pure sparkling water and heaven's own air to breathe Would that I had a trumpet to sound the glory of this climate all over the world. I have been in the Flowery lands Florida among the golden sand of Africa and on the frozen shores of Canada and the bay of Fundy and have received under an eastern sun in far-off Australia but Southern California surpasses them all. I considered it only one remove from the fountain of perpetual youth now brothers Kasson & Harvey don't forget to send me the Messenger every week on the wing of the rapid transit. Your truly farewell.

William Sinclair

AN OBSEVATORY

There was a sharp shock of earthquake in the Northern part of this Sunday the hardest since 1872. Houses in San Francisco and Oakland were severly shaken.

Miss Myrta Lamport spent several days the past week in Los Angeles.

Elmo Pirtle was up from the metropolis Monday visiting his old friends.

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Miss Foy a former schoolteacher of Duarte but now residing in Los Angeles visited Miss Lizzie Miller this week.

The California Florist has closed it first volume. It is the only publication of the kind in the state and is of interest to every floriculturist.

Miss Jennie S. Boyle a sister-in-law of Mr. Bell of the Steam Laundry arrived from New York City a few days ago and will remain here.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew, parents of Mrs. Sterling of Santa Ana have become residents of Monrovia and occupy one of the Venderink houses on Linwood Avenue.

George O. Monroe is selling Monrovia peanuts. They were grown by Grandfather S.A. Monroe in the northern part of the city. Being Monrovia peanuts they are a little better than any other peanut.

Warely T. Bull has returned from his trip to the east and resumed his duties at the Granite Bank. He had pleasant time but is more pleased to get back. He says J.I. Case and family will arrive here in a short time.

The Messenger is painted this week on fine book paper. The kind we shall use here after this gives the paper a much handsomer appearance and in fact there are few journals that surpass the Messenger in typographical beauty or in literary interest.

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W.A. Baxter drove p to Bakersfield last week with one of his fine teams. The horses were taken sick soon after he got there and he was compelled to leave them coming back by train. The alkali water was thought to be what caused the trouble with the horses.

The residence owned by Dr. Stevenson near the Rapid Transit depot has been moved by I.A. McCrary to Orange Avenue near the Methodist Church. The Dr. will occupy the place as soon as it is fixed up. He having sold his present home to I.A. McCrary who will move into it about the first of next month.

Thanksgiving! Let some needy person do the thanks while you do the giving.

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DECISION REVERSED

The following telegram from San Francisco, in regard to a lawsuit over a sale of land in Monrovia, will be of interest to our readers:

San Francisco, November 20. – The Supreme Court has handed down its decision in the case of M.S. Sentor vs. William N. Monroe. The suit arose from the sale of certain property in Monrovia, Los Angeles county, which was never completed and upon which plaintiff instituted suit to recover \$3,000 damages and was awarded in the superior court of the county \$1,019. Against this decision the defendant appealed and in the decision handed down, the Supreme Court has held that the demurer to the complaint which the lower court overruled ought to have been sustained. On that ground the motion for a new trail has been upheld.

THAT VETO

We were somewhat surprised that Mayor Workman of Los Angeles should veto the franchise allowing the Rapid Transit road a right-of-way in that city. In view of the fact that the road would largely benefit that city his motive cannot be understood. Perhaps he is so chagrined at the defeat of his party that he will see the balance of his term in fencing in Los Angeles with retrogressive measures. But then he too will be relegated into "innocuous desuetude."

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THANKSGIVING DINNER AND OYSTER SUPPER

At the Monrovia Hotel, under the auspices of the ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church. All are cordially invited to the best Thanksgiving dinner ever given in Monrovia for only 50 cents. Let everybody patronize this good cause and save the trouble of preparing Thanksgiving dinner for your friends.

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SOCIAL UNION

Mrs. W.H. Cook, secretary of the Social Union, has furnished the following program for the meeting Friday (tomorrow) night at Barnes' hall:

Essay Mrs. E.W. Little
Vocal solo Mrs. J.W. Harvey
Recitation Miss Gertie Mullally
Cornet solo A.E. Cronenwett
Address Rev. D.R. Colmery
Recitation Willie Matthewson

Instrumental Duet Misses green and Matthewson

THE SCHOOL BONDS

The Board of Education, as will be seen elsewhere, has called for an election on Saturday, December 8th, to vote on the proposition to issue \$10,000 bonds for school purposes. The board has also called a meeting for November 30th to discuss the matter. There appears to be a general misunderstanding of the matter among the people and we have taken the pains to look up the history of the school building in order that it might be placed intelligently before the public.

Shortly after Monrovia was first brought into public favor a premium sale of lots was arranged by W.N. Monroe to aid in building a school house. He induced the owners of lots in the Bicknell addition, 400 lots in all, to consent to an auction sale of said lots and a free excursion from Los Angeles was arranged. The lots were scheduled

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THE CANNERY

The meeting called for Saturday night was postponed to Tuesday night on account of the rain. The meeting held Tuesday night, G.W. Frazer presiding, was quite well attended. The soliciting committee was not all present, however, and only a partial report of what has been accomplished could be made. There has been quite and increase in cash subscriptions and in lots though not so much as was expected. After the reports of the committees a general discussion was had.

The names of J.C. Rowley and Henry Biggins were added to the committee on subscriptions and an adjournment was taken until Saturday night of this week, when a final report will be made. This leaves but a short time to conclude the matter and the committee is now making a thorough canvass of this vicinity. It is unnecessary for us to urge positive action, for nothing can be accomplished without it. Neither do we need to reiterate the advantages of securing the cannery, for all realize what they will be. But we would say, and emphasize it, that if Monrovia allows this opportunity to slip away, her people will have been proven blind to their best interests. We trust that all will see it in this light and make an individual and united effort to show that our gem city has not lost her grip.

Sierra Madre is taking a lively interest in helping Monrovia out, her people realized that a cannery will be a benefit to them and as close as they can hope to have one. Some liberal donations have been made from there, including an \$800 lot in this city by Messrs. Hosmer & Farey. We should show as much interest in the matter as outsiders should.

WE have heard a number of men say that as soon as the cannery is assured and a market was made certain, they will begin planting orchards and vegetables. Mr. Baldridge, of Covina, recently stated that the establishment of a cannery in any locality would increase the acreage to deciduous fruits 100 percent the first year and such a result would happen here.

This week marks the beginning of the third year of journalism for Monrovia. The *Planet* First appeared on November 20, 1886. The *Leader* was first issued on October 5, 1887. Nine months later the two papers were consolidated, the publication being named the *Messenger*. There was consolidated, the publication being named the *Messenger*. There has been steady, faithful, telling work done by the proprietors, which has largely assisted in bringing this gem city into the prominence it now enjoys. It has been a labor of love to them and they have endeavored at all times to fulfill their duty to the public.

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Dr. O.A. Wheeler, who returned last month from the east, has opened an office over the First national Bank for the practice of his profession. He practiced for a number of years at Bernardston, Massachusetts, with fine success. He spent some months here last summer, but did not open an office. All will be pleased to know has located here.

Mr. Marshall, of Los Angeles, has five acres on White Oak, which he is preparing to plant to fruit and ornamental trees. He is fitting it up for a home and hopes to move here at no distant date.

CITY COUNCIL

An adjourned meeting of the council was held Friday at 2 o'clock with Messrs. Pile, Baxter and Banning present.

Attorney Little read an ordinance changing the time of meeting of the council from 7 to 1:30 p.m. every Thursday. On motion of Mr. Banning the ordinance was adopted.

An Ordinance proving for allowing the city poll tax to be worked out on the streets was adopted on motion of Mr. banning.

An ordinance providing for an extension of time when taxes shall become delinquent to January 1, was passed on motion of Mr. Baxter.

The bills of H. Henrickson, R. Brown and Kasson & Harvey were ordered paid. The bill for the Marshall was objected to.

The petition of J. Blattenburg was continued in the hands of the finance committee.

The petition of A.A. Chubb in regard to wrong assessment was read and on motion the 35 cents overcharge was ordered returned.

On motion it was ordered that the zanjero be allowed \$2 per day for 26 days each month.

AN ELEGANT HOME

The Fine Residence of A.E. Lee on Silver Hill

No more charming site for a home could be imagined than that selected by A.W. Lee. It is on the eastern side of Silver Hill, directly east of the home of E.F. Spence. The grounds slope to the east and south. The view afforded includes all the valley from the Raymond Hotel, near Pasadena; across to the Puente hills and east to the Azusa, a picture that cannot be rivaled anywhere in the world, not even elsewhere in Southern California. The close proximity of the mountains in their rugged grandeur adds to the charm.

The residence, now nearly completed, is two stories in height, with a basement; the granite foundation extends several feet above ground. The main entrance is from the south. The massive steps leading to the porch are entirely of granite, finely finished, the material having been taken from the huge boulders on the ground. The porch extends around the south and east sides of the house, and there is a small balcony opening on the east from the second story. The southwest corner of the house is circular, terminating at the top in a circular tower.

The entrance leads to a hall along the west side of the house. A circular bay window first attracts attention. It is arranged with half circular sash and glass, which are bordered with cathedral glass in various colors. The transoms are of stained glass, each showing a large flower. To the right of the hall is the parlor and reception room. These rooms, as also all others, are finished in curly redwood, highly polished and oiled in the natural color, and no finish could be more tasty. The mantels are not yet in place, but will be of the best. The dining room opens to the east and is large, convenient and thoroughly pleasant. Back of this is the cuisine, fitted up with every necessary convenience

A broad stairway leads from the hall to the upper story. The "sewing room" at the southwest corner is the handsomest and pleasant in the house. The large half-circular windows afford a view that is simply enchanting. To the east is another very pleasant front room, and back of these are sleeping rooms and bath rooms. All in all it is just such a home as anyone would delight to own.

The work has been done mainly by Gid Bryan, C.W. Brown and James Antle and most excellently done. The painting is being done by Dunwell & Essig. The cost of the residence is about \$15,000. Mr. Lee and wife are expected to arrive shortly from Ohio and occupy this elegant place.