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T.V. Lamport departed Monday night for Uincennes, Indians.

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F. B. Carter Jr. is preparing to build a residence on his ranch in the lower Duarte.

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All ladies are invited to inspect the domestic sewing machines, at Large and Wheeler's.

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A note from W.S. Hall brings the news that he is now stopping at Tehachepi, Kern County.

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Don't forget to subscribe for the *Messenger* than which there is no better paper in the valley.

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Z.L. Underwood of Rushville, Illinois who was here last winter writes that he will return with his family about October.

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Heavy fogs have prevailed in the early mornings of late. They are enjoyed by all but a portion of the invalids.

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Mr. Putman a brother of Mrs. Sackett has been here this week. He lives in the nothern
part of the state.

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Mrs. A.S. Baldwin and Miss Louise Hutchinson went to Santa Monica yesterday where they will remain for some time.

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Mrs. G.L. Smith and daughter Ethel of Riverside formerly of Amherst, Massachusetts
have been visiting at Rev. D.H. Colcord's.

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Mrs. Majors, Miss Lizzie and Jack Majors of Pasadena spent Friday with Mrs. Frank Kasson they were delighted with our city.

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Instructions in Christian Science by Mrs. M.E. Bucknell M.D. at her residence,
Mayflower Avenue, first house above White Oak Avenue.

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Mrs. Shrode, Charles and Maje Shrode, Miss Jennie Shrode, Miss Mabel Wardall and a number of others from Duarte are at Long Beach for a months outing.

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J.F. Sartori and wife were due to arrive home last evening.

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Mrs. Clyde A. Smith who has been quite ill is convalescing.

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Dr. H.C. Rankin and a lady friend enjoyed a drive to Pasadena last evening.

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Two Los Angeles mining prospectors packed their burros at this point yesterday and climbed the mountains in search of a fortune.

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Walter Monroe was exhibiting this week some Kelsey Japan plums of his own raising. They are as large as peaches an have a very small pit the flavor is peculiar but fine.

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J.W. Beebe, of Chicago, a brother of Mrs. E.P. Large is visiting her at present. He is looking over the country with a view to investing and has about decided to locate in Monrovia.

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The City Council met on Thursday evening as a Board of Equalization and the books were examined. A few complaints were heard and an adjournment was had subject to the call of the president.

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Wanted to exchange a lot in good locality in this city valued at \$700 for a team of horses or mules suitable to work on a ranch will give a good exchange. Address A. care of *Messenger* office.

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The clerk who presides at the court of Juno at Los Angeles on Monday granted License to Dennis Bascomb and Miss Celia A. Cook both residents of Monrovia. Further than this of the wedding we know nothing.

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Hale Bros. have the contract of grading and clearing up 216 feet on Banana Avenue west from Charlotte in front of Hale Bros. and Leffler's property this will make a decided improvement in the appearance of that section let others continue the work good.

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G.W. Frazer proprietor of the Margareta Dairy has sold his cows dairy buildings Route etc. to Mr. Strowbridge of Compton who will take possession September 1st Mr. Frazer and his son will give their entire attention to their fruit ranch on Banana.

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Miss Sallie L. McGuire of Wilkes Barra, Pennsylvania who has been making a visit of several days with Miss Jean MacClulloch left on Monday evening for her home fully convinced that Monrovia is the one place and with the determination to return next summer if not sooner.

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A large party left here Tuesday for a couple of weeks vacation at Santa Monica among them were George Hall and wife G.W. Sevier and wife R.E.L. Sevier, Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. W.N. Monroe, Myrtle Monroe, Mrs. C.O. Monroe, and Mrs. G.W. Monroe

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Rev. Dr. Graves has taken rooms for his wife at the Grand View Hotel where she will remain during the winter as she finds the climate of Monrovia agrees with her better than any other resort they have visited. The Dr. will depart on Monday next for Texas where he will engage in Evangelical work.

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Evans & Middleton who have been working the granite quarries in the Saw Pit Canyon. Have removed their working force to near Riverside where they have purchased some land on which there is a fine granite ledge. Mr. Evans will have charge of the business there while Mr. Middleton will attend to affairs in Los Angeles.

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We mentioned last week the departure of George A. Pearsons, J.M. Thomas and Aaron Thomas on a hunting expedition to the mountains. Mr. Pearson had the good fortune to shoot a fine deer west of Monrovia Peak.

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The Monrovia delegates to the county convention of the democracy were Dr. J. D. Baker, J.F. Banning and William Smith. Duarte's contingent was J.C. Shephard and J.T. German while Sierra Madre Sent C. N. Minor and L.E. Steinberger.

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Parties in either California or the east who desire information concerning Monrovia and vicinity will do well to write to the Syndicate. L.T. Graves manager they are thoroughly posted and perfectly answered and descriptive circulars sent on application.

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Tuesday Morning Miss Etta Evans daughter of W.H. Evans the tailor met with what might have resulted in a serious accident but for the timely assistance of her mother and some of the neighbors. She was at work over a gasoline stove when her apron caught fire from the blaze and was completely burned. Those present warped her in cloths and succeeded in extinguishing the flames before she was harmed.

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Mr. Brownlie, of the steam laundry, informs us that he has purchased a cuff machine, a collar machine, a neck band machine, a shaping machine and other machines which are expected to arrive shortly. This in addition to the machinery in the Grand View Laundry, which they have also purchased, will give them a complete establishment. The building they are erecting on Grand Avenue is nearly finished and as soon as possible they will begin work.

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Dr. Stevenson brought a couple of bushels of yellow clingstone peaches around to the proprietors of the Messenger this week. As fine peaches as one could wish. He has a good many on his lot on Magnolia Avenue. The Dr. was urgent in trying to start a cannery here last spring and if he had succeeded there would now be a better market for such fruit. The cannery will come however and meanwhile we can enjoy the Dr.'s peaches.

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C.B. Clapp who recently sold the Monrovia Meat Market has purchased the American Livery Feed and Sale Stable on Second Street between Main and Spring Streets, Los Angeles. He took possession of the property on the 15th. Charley was one of the pioneer citizens of Monrovia and we regret to lose him for even a short time. We wish him success but predict he will be back here in a few weeks. His mother will remain in Monrovia.

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W.H. Evans, E.C. Valentine. J.M. Hunter and R.H. Valentine returned Tuesday from their trip to Kern County. They went overland driving 700 miles going and coming. They report a very pleasant trip and pronounce their land in Kern most excellent. They had it surveyed about 4,000 acres in all homesteaded by 16 persons from this vicinity. They will camp on it this fall and put down some artesian wells there being good prospects for water.

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FOR RENT

South half of L. Beer's Bakery building on Myrtle Avenue. Good store room on the ground floor and three rooms up stairs. Inquire at Judge Norman's office.

FASHION NOTES

Fashions for the seaside are now the greatest interest of the moment. They are pretty well decided upon, and as a whole are both useful and becoming. There is great scope for choice of materials in the light and thin woolens that are supplied at all good drapery establishments and are very serviceable; also in the multitude of zephyrs and cambrics, plain and embroidered.

The attempt to revive short waists is not received with favor, as ladies not exactly slight in proportion are decidedly averse to it.

For travelling, excursions in the country and morning walks on the beach the sailor costume is still in favor, but not as exclusively so as it has been of late years. It is made chiefly of light cloth or summer serge either plain or checked, trimmed with soutache, braid or galloons, large buttons made of leather with patterns imitating wrought iron. The belt is fastened with a buckle of wrought iron in the Egyptian, Assyrian or Russian style. A blouse made of either red, blue or gray flannel or serge, trimmed with white, the skirt falling just above the knees, make a very neat bathing suit for a lady.

The favorite color now to be seen is the tender green of budding leaves. Dresses of India-silk are in great vogue and look particularly well in this cool soft color.

Upon straw hats there are perfect masses of flowers, principally young ivy leaves and opening rosebuds. They are also placed in large clusters, Guelder roses, lilac, acacia or elder-blossoms, but often they are merely trimmed with a tulle scarf and a sheaf of lilies of valley in front.

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CITY COUNCIL

The regular session of the city council was held Thursday evening with all members present except, Dr. Stewart.

The minutes of the meeting of the 2nd and 9th were read and approved.

There were no reports made by any of the committees.

The bills of Todd & Shriver and McDonald were referred to the committee on finance.

There being no further business the board adjourned.

DEATH OF MISS EVA P. SAWYER

At 8:30 p.m. on last Sabbath at the home of her parents on Jay-Eye-See Avenue, the frail thread that held Eva P. Sawyer to life was severed and her spirit passed to the realm of eternal peace. Miss Sawyer arrived in Monrovia from Columbus, Ohio, only twenty days previous to her death. She was a daughter of our esteemed citizen, D.W.C. Sawyer and wife, but had remained at the old Ohio home after her parents came to the coast in quest of health for Mrs. Sawyer. Until last winter she was a picture of health, but contracted the typhoid fever, which was followed by a decline and she gradually grew less strong until the end came. She was born in Grandville, Licking County, Ohio, on August 3, 1870 and was consequently 18 years and 16 days old. The greater part of her life was passed at Columbus, Ohio. Her early death is a sad affliction to her parents and brothers and sisters

The funeral services will be held from the Baptist church at three p.m. on Saturday

ACCIDENTALL SHOT

On Tuesday Ernest Staysa, a nephew of E.P. Large of this city, accidentally shot himself at Pasadena, dying instantly. He had lived with his parents at Pasadena until a few weeks ago, when they removed to a ranch near Norwalk. Ernest and a brother drove up to Pasadena on the day named and in attempting to take a gun out of the back part of the wagon it was discharged, shooting him through the heart. He was 25 years old and a promising young fellow.

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The Monrovia Rapid Transit Road is completed to within a mile and a quarter of the city and trains will commence running tomorrow omnibuses will convey passengers from Spring Street to and from the temporary terminus of the road free of charge. This insures cheap and quick communication with Ramona, Monrovia and intervening foothill towns which will doubtless result in large accessions to their population. The company will build an elevated track across the river and extending to the city terminus at the corner of _____ and Los Angeles.

Express

SIERRA MADRE
(From the Vista)

Peaches are ripening rapidly and the trees are fairly loaded. It is claimed by some that they are unusually early this year, some September varieties being already ripe.

The meeting for organizing a Republican club, last Monday evening, resulted in the selection of the following officers: President, N.H. Hosmer, vice-president, H.F. Miller; secretary C.W. McCabe; treasurer, M.W. Copps; executive committee, A.D. Hawkes, Charles Deutsch and Charles I. Nye. The meeting adjourned to a call of the president. It is expected that this city will attain a membership of forty or fifty.

A Large hay barn belonging to A.B. Chapman was burned last Wednesday night about 12 o'clock. The barn was 100 feet long by 30 feet wide, with a shed the entire length, 14 feet wide. The barn contained 80 tons of hay and the total loss was about \$2,000, partly insured. As Mr. Chapman's office and store was burned only a short time ago, and as the origin of the fire in both instances was a mystery, Mr. Chapman thinks he has grounds for the supposition that these fires are the work of an incendiary.

As an evidence of the munncense of our soil and climate we have only to look at the flower gardens of our recent settlers. Mrs. M. W. Copps, who has been living in her new house but a little more than two months, has several varieties of beautiful roses in bloom. Of course, these were planted before the house was occupied, but they are the growth of the present season. Some specimens which she has shown us, although the product of the midsummer are as handsome and perfect as though grown in the early spring.

MONROVIA TO LOS ANGELES

An Excursion of Monrovia People over the New Road

The completion of the San Gabriel Valley Rapid transit Railway has been looked forward to with a great deal of interest by the people of Monrovia, and now that it has been practically accomplished there is a corresponding feeling of exuberance over the event. It is generally known that the Los Angeles terminus of the road is to be near the plaza in the center of that city and that the road is to be an elevated one from the city limits. As it will require some time yet to construct this elevated portion of the road the managers concluded to begin running trains to the Mission Road in the suburbs of that city and to transfer passengers from that point by omnibus. Accordingly, a regular daily service of four trains each way was begun on Tuesday of this week, and we now have a quick and easy means of transit to and from the metropolis.

THE EXCURSION

W.N. Monroe, general manager of the road, issued invitations to the businessmen of Monrovia, requesting them to join in an excursion over the road on Tuesday afternoon. At the appointed time a large crowd was at the neat depot and at 3:40 the train, composed of three new coaches, pulled out on the trail trip. The run was made to the Mission Road in a little less than an hour, including a five minutes stop at Ramona. The scenery along the route is unequaled and varied. From Monrovia to Ramona, though the famous Santa Anita ranch, orange orchards and vast vineyards, Sunny Slope and Alhambra rich in flowers and fruits and lovely homes – with all this our readers are familiar. Beyond Ramona the scene changes. The route lies through and along the hills that afford such excellent grazing lands in winter and early summer, but which are now becoming barren and less attractive. Starting from the base of the mountains one finds almost every variety of surroundings that Southern California affords and the striking contrasts afford much pleasure. This route is destined to be exceedingly popular with pleasure-seekers and travelers, and our beautiful foothill city is a fitting terminus for such a picturesque route. The new road is destined to bring Monrovia into more popular notice, as it will give an easy means of reaching this spot, which all so greatly admire.

The train stopped but a short time at the Mission Road not long enough to allow the passengers to go over to the city. The return ride was made in 45 minutes and all who joined the excursion enjoyed it immensely. The Monrovia band had kindly volunteered its services for the occasion and furnished excellent music wherever a stop was made. The band boys are always ready to lend a hand in the interests of Monrovia and deserve a hearty recognition by our people at all times.

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The three coaches were crowded and many had to stand. Among those present we noted Father Monroe and wife, Rev. A.P. Graves, William Baxter, General Pile, W.N. Monroe, and nearly all the businessmen of the city. The train was met at the Mission Road by Hon. E.F. Spence and Professor M.M. Bovard, who came out to Monrovia with the excursionist.

On Tuesday the regular running of the trains was begun. The trains leave Monrovia at 7:00 and 9:10 a.m. and at 2:30 and 4:40 p.m. From the Mission Road free transfer by carriages is made to the Baker block in Los Angeles, the office there being in that building, on Arcadia Street, opposite the Well Fargo office. Returning the carriage leaves that office at 7:40 and 9:50 a.m. and at 3:10 and 5:20 p.m. This schedule will make it possible to make a quick trip to Los Angeles and back so the road will undoubtedly get most of the passenger travel, the more especially as extra inducements in the way of cheap fares are being offered.

Monrovia rightly feels elated over the completion of the road, and has faith to believe that it will bring an added prosperity. That we have this road is largely due to Monrovia enterprise and capital and particular credit is due General Manager Monroe for the unflagging interest he has shown in pushing the enterprise forward. When the elevated portion of the road shall have been completed, which will be as soon as possible to have it done, and the branch line from Ramona to Raymond and Pasadena now under construction, shall be in operation, there will be no more popular nor profitable line of railway in Southern California. Not only will it benefit the owners, but will aid largely in the growth of the various towns along the line and more especially will it prove a bonanza for Monrovia.

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L.D. Hotchkiss and wife arrived Monday from Pulaski, Iowa, on a visit to their relatives and will remain about two months. He is an uncle of C.C. Hotchkiss. They express themselves as being much pleased with our city. Mr. Hotchkiss is s member of the present Iowa State legislature and a prominent man of that state.

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C.C. Hotchkiss and wife, L.T. Hotchkiss and wife, L.D. Hotchkiss and wife, L.R. Hotchkiss and wife, J.W. Hotchkiss, Ed and Tom Hotchkiss, Mrs. Nettie Freeman (nee Hotchkiss) and S.A. Monroe started yesterday on a drive through the Santa Ana valley and along the coast. They are certain to have a jolly time, for each and every one of them is pleasant and affable and all together they are an exceptionally good lot of citizens.

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J.H. Bell, wife and son, and Mrs. James Brownlie, and son arrived Tuesday night from New York City. Mr. Brownlie has been here some weeks, and he and Mrs. Bell are the proprietor of the new steam laundry. We welcome these enterprising gentlemen and their families to Monrovia.

QUEEN ESTHER

To be Given next Tuesday and Wednesday Evening

As will be seen by the large posters, the beautiful cantata entitled "Queen Esther" will be given in Barnes' hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week. Owing to the absence of some of our local talent it has been somewhat difficult to get all the parts filled. Mr. Lebo, who was to have been Mordecai, was compelled to go east, and his part had to be filled. Mr. Bailey, of Pomona, has kindly consented to fill the bill. Until recently there has been a lack of ample voices, but their parts are more evenly balanced now and the choruses will undoubtedly be rendered in good shape. The cast of characters is as follows:

Queen	Miss Lizzie Miller
Queen (Second Night)	Mrs. J.W. Harvey
King	J.W. Harvey
King (Second Night)	Professor James A. Foshay
Zorish	Miss Addie Bowerman
Haman	Professor James A. Foshay
Haman (Second Night)	J.W. Harvey
Mordecai	Charles A. Bailey
Prophetess	Miss Myrta Lamport
First Maid of Honor	Miss Jennie Pomerene
Scribe	J.R. Davis
High Priest	W.C. Striker
	Jessie Barnes
Queen's attentions	May Norman
	Della Lamport
Zorish's attendance	Lora Lamport
	Kenneth Bowerman
	Harry Miller
King's Guards	Charlie Green
	Nathaniel Johnson

As will be seen by the above, a slight change will be made in the cast of characters for the second evening. Mrs. J.W. Harvey will be "queen" Professor Foshay, "King" and J.W. Harvey, "Haman."

Elegant ancient costumes have been secured from Los Angeles which will add greatly to the attraction of the play.

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The expanse of producing this cantata is large, and it is to be hoped that the citizens will turn out in large numbers and fill the hall both nights. Tickets will be on sale Friday noon at the Star drugstore where seats may be reserved. If you wish to have a good seat does not fail to have your place assigned you on the plan and secure the ticket therefore. The price of admission has been placed at 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The program each evening will be the same. Miss Myrtle Monroe will act as pianist, assisted by A.E. Cronenwett with the violin.