The Bradbury building near the depot has been commenced.

A photograph gallery is being built at the corner of Myrtle and Lime Avenue.

Charles H. Stewart, Los Angeles, died at the Duarte Hotel on the 18th instant, of consumption.

"The *Planet* has followed the good example set by the Leader by making the first page the local page." – Leader. The *Planet* used to be printed so before the Leader was born.

G.W. Leathe has been appointed constable for Duarte and vicinity. He used to be on the police force of San Francisco and is therefore a thoroughly competent man for the position.

George Hunt, who has been solicitor for Johnson & Parker for some months past has concluded to go into the grocery business for himself, in the Monroe-Reider building on Myrtle Avenue.

An exceedingly creditable statement has just been made by the First National Bank of Monrovia, which began business the 1st of September last. The resources are \$153, 156.66. The deposits are \$88,772.21. The business is growing every day.

George W. Dumbell has made a re-subdivision of lots C, D, and E, Block 3, Monrovia. Whereas lots were unequally divided they are now placed in better shape, with 16-foot alleys. Arrangements are being made for the continuation of the cement sidewalk from the Granite Bank down Palm to Magnolia Avenues, which would pass this desirable property. The lots are all large.

Real estate sales were much more active this week. Upwards \$50,000 worth was sold.

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Charles Crocker, of Southern Pacific railway fame, accompanied by E.J. Baldwin, E.F. Spence, H.A. Unruh and others, did Monrovia on Wednesday. There is something in the wind.

Mr. J. S. Keefer has purchased the building known as the Monrovia Bath Rooms, and removed the same to his lots adjoining the Grand View Hotel on Lemon Avenue. The work of refitting, re-furnishing and decorating the same has already commenced, and this enterprising citizen never does things by halves so Monrovia can be assured of a first class barber shop and bath rooms. We understand the building has already been leased to a tonsorial artist who thoroughly understands every branch of the business, and will conduct the same on metropolitan plans.

YESTERDAY'S EXCURSION

Yesterday was a gala day in Monrovia. The event was an excursion from Los Angeles. About one thousand people arrived from the city at about 11 o'clock. All the streetcars were at the depot and every available conveyance was brought into requisition to convey the visitors uptown. Shortly after the arrival of the excursion an auction sale of an addition to the pacific View Tract took place. The sales did not drag, but went off at a lively rate. Fifty-five lots in all were disposed of, ranging in price from \$400 to \$800, making a total of about \$30,000. The sale was under the management of Cyrus A. Campbell, of the Monrovia land Bureau, and everything seemed to go off satisfactorily. A Los Angeles band was in attendance and enlivened the proceedings. The train returned about 4 p.m.

There was considerable property sold outside of the auction sale.

THE COLLEGIATE INSTUTE

There have been no new developments since out last issue anent the collegiate institute, which it is proposed to build in this city. A committee meeting was held last evening, at which the following prospectus and heading for a stock subscription was presented.

It is proposed to organize a stock company for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and managing a collegiate institute in Monrovia, for the education of boys and girls. Such an institute to be first class of its kind in all of its appointments, broad, liberal, thorough, strictly non-denominational and of such character throughout as to be an honor to the city and county, and furnish the best facilities for a thorough and high class English education, and fit scholars for entering any colleges or university in the country. The capital stock to be one hundred thousand dollars divided into 2,000 shares, of \$50 each. The affairs of the corporation and institute to be managed by a board of trustees. The school property to belong to the corporation and the net proceeds of the school to be divided pro rate among the stockholders. Of the vast importance of such an institution it is not needful to speak here.

Subscriptions to stock are now in order. It is expected that at least \$100,000 will be subscribed. A public meeting in the interests of the proposed institute will be held in about ten days, at which a number of addresses will be given, besides some vocal and instrumental music.

BAND SERENADE

The Monrovia Band was out last evening for the first time. There are eleven instruments and the boys played them remarkably well. They engage the Grand View bus, and driven by Charlie Clapp's fine team, they went out on a serenading tour. They visited the following places: The Badeau block, Grand View Hotel, Monroe Brother's office, General Pile. George W. Dumbell, W.N. Monroe, L. Barnes, F.N. Myers, J.S. Keefer, J.W. Hotchkiss, E.W. Little, J.F. Sartori.

RAPID TRANSIT NOTES

The road is graded as far as the Batz farm, where the camp is now situated; have heavy work here on a 50-foot fill and a 30-foot cut. The cut is all sandstone but is gradually being cut down under Messrs. Monroe's management. The coyotes are very thick around here, sometimes three or four are seen on the hills at once in the daytime, and at night they keep the camp awake with their yelping. We have organized a baseball club called the "Rapid transit Nine" with the following officers: President F.M. Monroe; vicepresident, D. Sevier: Manager, M. Shrode; Secretary, C.O. Monroe; Treasurer, George Monroe; committee, R. Cummings, W. Pratt, T. Parker. The team is composed of Gilbert, Hart, Parker, Cummings, James, Hathaway, Morris, Worthy, Pratt and Miller. The battery, Hart and Gilbert are from Canada and late of the Comets of the Ontario Eastern League. Gilbert caught for the Peru, Indiana, team last season and has a good record behind the bat. Hart is a fine pitcher and has the curve business down fine. The battery works well together. Parker at first, late of the Watsonville club. He is a very solid man at first. Morris, the 6-footer, is in the right place at second. Cummings is the short stop, and his stops are wonderful for a young player. Worthy, at third and his accurate throws to first are the field and not only are they experts in their respective specialties, but as batters and base runners they are a success.

Manager Shrode is of the opinion that he has a team that can play ball and would like to hear from the Monrovia team or any other amateur club in the county.

THE GAS WORKS

There has perhaps been no enterprise in this city that has been pushed ahead so rapidly as the gas works. As soon as the company obtained their franchise they immediately commenced work. The main pipe has been distributed along the avenues and the work of laying it will be commenced Monday. At that time fifty men will be put to work. Gas will not only be furnished for illuminating purposes, but for fuel and a revolution in the price for the latter is promised our citizens. It is expected that the city will be illuminated by gas o the first of April.

Seven carloads of steel rails for the Rapid transit have arrived.

The Reynolds brick building, nearly opposite the *Planet* office, has been commenced.

Evans, the tailor, has received a portion of his stock. He is preparing and advertisement for next week.

At a meeting of the Monrovia Street Railway Company Thursday evening it was decided to continue the line of railway up Myrtle Avenue to White Oak, also from the corner of Magnolia and Walnut down to where the rapid Transit depot will be built.

Dr. W.S. George has moved into his new office in the corner rooms over the First National Bank. Associated with him is Dr. G.R. Walworth, dentist. The rooms are neatly furnished and well lighted, and make excellent quarters for these gentlemen.

Has it ever occurred to you that Monrovia should have some protection from fire in the shape of a fire brigade. Is an engine necessary, or is there force enough in the water pipes?

G. Howitt, merchant tailor of Pasadena, was in Monrovia today.

A young daughter arrived at the residence of N.S. Williamson on the 20th instant.

M. Weight thinks of putting up a building on Orange Avenue between Primrose and Myrtle.

Professor Pierce of Pasadena public schools was in Monrovia Wednesday.

The Davis Addition to Duarte has got a new butcher shop a branch of C.B. Clapp's shop in Monrovia.

The only attempt at celebrating Washington's Birthday in Monrovia was the closing of the banks and schools and the entertainment in the evening.

The father, mother and brothers of George R. Johnson are expected here in a day or two from Rockford, Illinois. They will make a permanent home here.

Commencing, Monday, February 17th, C.H. Cockran will take charge of Johnson & Parker's delivery wagon entering in the capacity of soliciting agent.

R. Lamont & Co. have taken a 5 years' lease of the room now occupied by A.F. Reynolds & Co. in the Johnson & Parker block and will move in about the first of April.

Hung in the office of W.E. Pile & Co. is an oil painting of Sierra Madre Villa with the mountains in the background. The picture is a very creditable one and was painted by J.H. Lewis, of Sierra Madre, late professor of drawing at the London University College, England.

This year Easter will fall on the 1st of April – 9 days earlier than last year. The earliest possible day for Easter is the 22nd of March and it fell on that day in 1818 for the last time in about 200 years. In 1918 Easter will fall on the 22nd of March as it did in 1845 and 1856. The latest Easter occurred 1886 the 25th of April and it will not fall on that date again until 1913.

OUR LETTER BAG

The Central Land Office has just been moved from its old stand on Myrtle Avenue to a very central location on Olive Avenue between Myrtle and Ivy where we shall be pleased to see all our old customers and multitudes of new ones.

R.J. White & Co. furniture dealers have a handsome new delivery wagon.

The auction sale of the Crescent Addition to Monrovia takes place March 1st.

A petition is being circulated asking that a polling booth be established in Monrovia.

Miss Daisy Davidson of Los Angeles is spending a week with her sister Mrs. John Charters.

Stone is being hauled for the foundation of the new Congregational Church at the corner of Lime and Charlotte Avenues.

FOR RENT – Double house with 4 rooms in each part neatly furnished on White Oak Avenue between Primrose and Magnolia. Apply to Monroe Bros.

Professor J.A. Edgren has returned from an extended trip to the northern portion of this state. He has been looking for a location for a colony and has found some very good cheap land.

I have a few pleasant furnished rooms at my house on Ivy Avenue corner of Orange, which I will rent at very reasonable rates. Good beds, new bedding, near car lines and business. Special terms by the month.

Mrs. Louise Bruce

A.T. Taylor living near the depot met with an accident Thursday evening. He had been driving his team that day hauling stone for the new Congregation Church and while on his way home in the evening one of the lines dropped down between the horses. He got down to get it and the horse took fright knocked him over and ran away not stopping until they reached home. Mr. Taylor was insensible when found. The Grand View' bus happened along just then and he was driven home. His injuries were not very severe and he will be around again in a few days.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

NOTICE

A meeting of the stockholders of the Monrovia building and Loan Association will be held at Barnes' hall. This evening for the purpose of ratifying the proceedings of the directors had at a meeting held February 18th and to adopt by-laws and transact such other business as my be necessary all stock holders are requested to be present.

When you come from the city with a bundle of goods that you could have bought just as well from your home merchants and for the same price don't you feel just a little bit mean? Honor bright, don't you? By this means you are doing your share toward the ruination of every businessman in ton because we all depend on one another when you have cash to pay for your goods. Don't go off to some other town to make your purchases and expect your home merchants to "carry" you for months. It isn't fair give those who accommodate you the benefit of your cash transaction the better to enable them to keep a well assorted stock on hand. If they get all trade we guarantee that they will keep a full line of goods.

CHAPPPELOW'S NURSERY

William Chappelow, the nurseryman who has his nursery on Mountain Avenue. Duarte has done a very successful business this season. He has completely sold out his nursery stock of over 7,00 trees and has several orders that he can't supply. He made one sale last week of over 2,500 trees, which went to Antelope Valley. He will confine his business hereafter to the flower shrubs and fancy tree business.

Representative Vandever has presented in the house a petition of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Southern California numbering 1,378 members asking for a repeal of the Internal Service tax on distilled spirits.

An exceeding bold robbery was committed in Los Angeles last Sunday evening. Buglers entered the residence of Ed Dunham (of the Nadeau) in East Los Angeles while the people were absent and walked away with a small safe containing about \$1,200 worth of diamonds and small amount of money.

Fritz Anschlag the bloody butcher who murdered Mr. & Mrs. Hitchcock near Santa Ana has been tried and convicted. The sentence of death was passed yesterday. The crime was committed on Monday night. January 23rd but was not discovered until the following Thursday in less than one month the fiend had been tried and convicted. In this case justice came sure and quick the object of Anschlag in committing this double murder was to better his condition. He bargained with Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock to purchase their farm and paid them a certain sun down. The deed was prepared and signed. They were all to go to town together to complete the bargain and while on the way in a wagon Anschlag killed Hitchcock and his wife with a hatchet and buried them. For a time there was talk of lynching but a feeling that justice would deal "fairly" with the brute caused the parties to desist.

CHEAP STATIONERY

It is a mistake to suppose that cheap stationery is a matter of economy says the Appleton, Wisconsin Post. It should be borne in mind by every businessman that his letter paper is his representative to many people who have never seen him and who are likely to form their judgement of him to a large extent by the qualities of his proxy. A man who uses poverty-stricken stationery stand in a bad light to those he addresses himself to. For the sake of economizing a few cents. He gratuitously prejudices himself in the opinion of many who may be of importance to him; for good stationery is like a

Good suits of clothes and so long as men continue to judge from appearances they will find both of value to them. Join the ranks of those therefore that patronize the *Planet* of their office stationery.