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Chicago has the finest carriage repository in the world, that of the grand Studebaker building on Michigan Boulevard. The name of "Studebaker" is of worldwide reputation and associated with that which is "Best on Wheels." The building is eight stories high. The two first stories are of granite and the remaining portion of Bedford stone. J.M. Studebaker is largely interested in Monrovia properly and intends building a residence here.

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Slight shocks of earthquakes have been felt in California lately but there have been none in this country for nearly 2 years and they are only small fry when they do come.

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All sorts of means are resorted to in smuggling opium to California. It is believed that large quantities of it are taken to San Pedro and San Diego in lumber and coal ships from British Columbia.

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The new \$5000,000 post office building in Los Angeles will be located on the corner of Main and Winston Streets which has been purchased for \$28,000. It is pretty far west for the present center of business but business will no doubt grow that way.

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ARE YOU GOING TO THE BEACH?

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THE BUILDING BOOM'S COMMENCING

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WANTED – A first-class draftsman Zimmerman & Blair.

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Frank Hawkesworth will spend Sunday in Pasadena.

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The census of Monrovia school district is being taken.

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Miss Myrtle Lamport has gone on a visit to Pasadena for a week.

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Dr. Taylor Stewart returned yesterday with his family from the East.

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Oscar Hinters tonsorial artist has departed for green fields and pastures new and a new man has taken his place.

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Rev. Mr. Brainerd of park Congregational church spent last Sunday and Monday in Monrovia Mrs. Brainerd had been here for several days previously.

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Fifty loads of lumber have been landed at San Diego to be distributed at the stations just opened on the new railway between Pasadena and San Bernardino.

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Attention is called to the advertisement of the livery and feed stable of Monroe and Armstrong at the corner of Magnolia and Lemon Avenues. They have a fine large barn and sheds, which have been recently erected at a cost of \$5,000.

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Messrs. Zimmerman and Blair architects and builders have plans almost ready for a number .Of buildings among them are the schoolhouse \$5,000. Residence for E.P. Large \$3,000 and residence for Dr. Stewart \$2,500.

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The carpenter work on the new Methodist church has been completed and every thing is now ready for the painters. The woodwork will be stained and varnished which together with the beautiful decorations will combine in making one of the most attractive places of worship in California. A fine large platform has been built for the choir with the pulpit immediately in front. The church should seat nearly 500.

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There has been a little effort – but very little – made to cultivate the grounds of Monrovia. This is a deplorable state of affairs. It is a mistake and should be remedied as soon as possible. If you intend to make a home here among us why not go about improving your property at once. If you have not got your house built find out where you will locate it. Then set out your trees and shrubbery. You will be sorry afterward if you don't.

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They have started a scheme over in Pomona that would be a fine thing to adopt in Monrovia. The objet is to enable men of limited means to build residences and improve their property at a price per month little more than the actual cost of renting. Both the principal and interest to be paid in monthly installments. By this means the builder will be enabled in a short time to pay up the indebtedness and live thereafter in the shade of his own vine and fig tree. The plan has been in practical operation in San Francisco for the past 30 years and found to work admirably for all parties concerned.

THE UNION PACIFIC

The New Overland Route Through the Valley

The *Herald* publishes the following, which is a reasonable view of the situation relative to the particular line named:

It is an open secret that The Southern Utah railway managers have a desire to extend their line to the Pacific Coast. This line, as is well known, is controlled by the Union Pacific Company. It now extends from Ogden south through Salt Lake City, through the West Side of the Territory of Utah into Lincoln County, Nevada, at Bullionville, south of Pioche, and about 280 or 300 miles from Ogden, in the direction of Los Angeles. About 700 miles more remain to be laid to connect the great central city of the territorial portion of the Union with Los Angeles, the great central city of Southern California. From Bullionville south two lines are proposed, one to go via Alkali Flat, Indian Spring Valley and Callville, in Nevada, thence westerly to Amargoss Valley, in California; the other to go farther west via White Buffalo Springs into the same valley in this state, where the two lines would unite and proceed southward to Daggett, on the A.T. & S.F. railway, or go further east passing near Providence mountains, and after crossing the A.T. & S.F. enter the Dry Lake mining district, whence an easy grade is obtained to the Mojave river and the Sierra Madre mountains. At this point the question of a passage through the mountains is a serious matter. A contemporary recently stated that the road would come through Millard's Canyon into the San Fernando Valley, but unfortunately, Millard's Canyon debauches in Altadena near La Casitas, in the San Gabriel Valley. The largest canyons available in the San Fernando district are the Tujunga and Pacoima, but these would not be very feasible. The Arroyo Seco is also a very tortuous canyon, but could be made available by one long tunnel and several short ones. The canyon, and the one most likely to be adopted, is the San Gabriel canyon. This canyon, by its North Fork, penetrates deep into the Sierra Madres, and by one long tunnel and a few short ones would afford a passage for this great thoroughfare into the San Gabriel valley at Azusa and Duarte. The route from Bullionville to the Sierra Madre offers no particular engineering difficulties. The line can be traversed by a wagon and horse all the way. One great incentive to the construction of this line is the vast mineral wealth that it would open to the commerce of the nation. There is a series of mines along the proposed route that is a astonishment to all that behold them. Ledges of salt, pure as the refined article, lie open to view for many miles in extent, and are simply inexhaustible in quantity; besides coal, iron, copper, marble, borax, lead, soda, silver, gold and antimony. Every station on the road could be located on a valuable mine. Citizens of Los Angeles have traveled over the road many times and all pronounce the line feasible. Its construction would shorten the distance between Los Angeles and Chicago a hundred and twenty five miles, and vastly increase the business of this city. Cheap coal and iron are needed in Los Angeles, and

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this contemplated road could furnish both. Another important feature of the proposed road is the fact that it goes through a region where it has no interference with rival lines. From Ogden it would pass through a new region hundreds of miles from any other railway till it crosses the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe in San Bernardino County. The business of such a line would be immense and afford a vast market for the fruits and other products of Southern California. It is most devoutly hoped that the line will be built and that most speedily.

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On Wednesday evening of this week a Masonic lodge was organized in Monrovia. A charter will at once be applied for, and it is expected that they will get it in shape for work in a few weeks at least. The lodge will start off with a good charter membership. The meetings probably will be held in the Odd fellows' hall. Brethern in Monrovia and vicinity who wish to join as charter members are earnestly requested to report to L.B. Sherwood or J.W. Harvey at once so that no delay will be had in securing the charter.

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A few days ago we noticed a fire on the mountainside back of Monrovia. Hon. Abbot Kinney is offering a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the individuals who made attempts recently to start mountain fires. Mr. Kinney is president of the state board of forestry and is energetically moving in the right direction. The law provides severe penalty for the crime of burning our mountain district and it is the determination of the board to make swift work of the execution of the law against the convicted offenders.

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PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY

Monrovia is to have a photograph gallery. Dr. Edgren, late of Nebraska has decided to locate here. For a week or two past he has been engaged in taking views of surrounding scenery and has been prevailed upon to open a gallery. It will be located on Magnolia Avenue near Palm. The doctor is said to be an artist of considerable experience and will undoubtedly receive a large patronage as our citizens prefer dealing at home in preference to going elsewhere. Success to the new enterprise.

BUILDING BOOM

The building boom has lately received another boost. Carpenters are not quite so scarce and lumber is a little more plentiful. The boom that is just starting will no doubt keep up all summer.

L. Barnes' new house on Myrtle Avenue is nearly completed. He expects to occupy it shortly.

F.M. Monroe's residence is being pushed forward rapidly. It is a counter part of L. Barnes residence. It is being built on Magnolia Avenue on a line with C.O. and W.N. Monroe's.

William Hurtly is building a four-room cottage on Olive Avenue nearly opposite the Methodist church.

C.H. Brown has commenced his \$1,200 residence on Primrose Avenue above White Oak.

Captain William Smith has the lumber on the ground for a residence on Primrose Avenue above White Oak.

The stone foundation for the \$10,000 schoolhouse is completed. The building will be erected at the corner of Orange and mayflower Avenues and will be one of the finest school buildings in the county. There will be an acre of ground surrounding it.

Jefferson Patten has the stone and material on the ground for his fine \$5,000 brick residence at the corner of White Oak and Magnolia Avenues. This will be the first bank building in Monrovia.

General Pile is building the foundation for his fine residence, corner of mayflower and Banana Avenues.

The stone foundation for E.P. Large's residence on Myrtle Avenue is completed and the building will be commenced immediately.

C.C. Hotchkiss' residence on Myrtle Avenue is nearly completed.

Louis Wilde has commenced a residence on Lemon Avenue near Charlotte.

Dr. Stewart's new post office building is well underway.

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The contract for the stone work on Granite Bank building has been let to Messrs. Evans and Middleton. They have erected their sheds and commenced work in preparing the granite for the building.

The contract for the granite block near the bank will be let in a day or two.

M.S. Monroe's residence corner of Magnolia and Banana Avenues has been commenced. The stone foundation is completed.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATED FREE OF DEBT SUNDAY LAST

The handsome new Baptist church, situated at the corner of Charlotte and Olive Avenues, was dedicated to God on Sunday may 22nd and it is pleasing to say that there is not a cent of debt remaining upon the edifice or any of its furnishings.

The Baptist church decided to build in Monrovia, shortly after the organization of the town. Services had previously been held at Duarte but it was deemed advisable to sell the property there and come here with commendable fore-thought the town company gave the church a number of lots at a nominal figure allowing the trustees the advance in price when the lots should be sold. Three lots for the erection of the church were also donated.

The outlook seeming to warrant it. The erection of the church was commenced. During its erection about \$5,500 was raised. The cost of the building was about \$7,700. A debt of \$1,250 was left which was subscribed in seventeen minutes. On Sunday morning before the dedication took place. A new bell has been donated by J.O. Matthewson and W.N. Monroe furnished the handsome organ.

The architecture of the church is very pretty and the furnishings complete in every detail. The floor is carpeted and the main audience room seated with opera chairs. Sliding doors connect two lecture rooms with the body of the church.

The church was packed full Sunday morning. The dedicatory sermon was prepared by W.H. Pendleton, D.D., of Los Angeles. In the service of the day he was assisted by Rev. Tomlinson, Lord Woolsey and Reider. Dr. Pendleton's sermon was a very powerful one and very much enjoyed by his hearers. In appearance and delivery he puts one in mind of Beecher. The music was furnished by a quartette choir consisting of Professor and Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Hotchkiss and Mr. Perham. The two former sang solo that was very appropriate. The services were continued in the evening when there were addresses by Revs. Tomlinson, Edgern, Pendleton and Rider. One hundred dollars was subscribed toward furnishing the Sabbath school with library and music books. Hereafter services will be held regularly in this church. The Sabbath school will not be removed till the completion of the Methodist church when the union Sabbath school will be disbanded.

Rev. J. H. Reider has been chosen pastor of the Baptist church. It starts out with a strong membership and bright prospects

THE SCHOOLHOUSE

Architect L.R. Blair yesterday showed the *Planet* reporter the plans for the \$10,000 schoolhouse, which will be built at the corner of Mayflower and Orange Avenues. The contract will be let in a few days and an effort will be made to have the building completed for the beginning of the fall term. It will be 2 stories high and contain 6 schoolrooms. The dimensions are 86 feet on Orange and 60 feet on Mayflower Avenues. Each schoolroom averages 28x35 feet in size the main entrance will be on Orange Avenue. The ground floor will also contain hallways, cloakrooms, principal's office and janitor's room. There will be folding door between the 3 school rooms both upstairs and down. When these doors are opened 2 very large audience room may be had. There will be a large tower in the center front. When completed this will be a very attractive building.

BANK OF MONROVIA

A private bank under the above title will be open for business on Monday next. A neat and comfortable office has been fitted up on Myrtle Avenue near the corner of Orange where the company will transact business during the summer. It is their intention to start a national bank as soon as their new building is completed, permission having been received from the Controller of the Treasury to start the First National Bank of Monrovia. Plans for the new building are now being prepared in Los Angeles. It will be built of brick, two stories high and be situated at the corner of Myrtle and Orange Avenues.

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STREET RAILWAYS

The Myrtle Avenue Street Railway is being pushed right along. The rails have been laid from the depot up Myrtle Avenue as far as Falling Leaf Avenue.

The Monrovia Street Railway is also being built. The laying of rails is going on rapidly commencing at Chestnut Avenue and working north.

Both roads are expected to be in running order by the 4th of July. The need of street railways has been felt for some time as the depot is quite a distance from the center of business.

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THE BRICKYARD

A kiln containing 175,000 bricks has lately been burned in the yard of S.H. Johnson corner of Mayflower and Orange Avenues. The brick is of a very fine quality. Mr. Johnson informs us that nearly the entire lot has been sold about 40,000 will be required by Mr. Patten's brick residence. Preparations are being made to burn another kiln shortly. This business has grown wonderfully during the past few months.

WHAT MONROVIA HAS

A boom

Pure water

No saloons

Two banks

A brickyard

A planning mill

Graded streets

A go ahead people

Two livery stables

Two Lumberyards

Two elegant churches

A Number of fine hotels

Three street railways buildings

Some fine blocks being erected

Several reliable real estate agents

Shade trees set out on the avenues

The best water system in the state

The loveliest site imaginable for a town

A very bright outlook for the future

A \$10,000 schoolhouse under construction

A boom that us sold as the everlasting hills

The different business branches well represented

A number of fine residences being built at present

One railway and another located through the town

As fine a class of citizens as can be found anywhere

_____ country surrounding it that produces the best oranges in the state.

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A.L. Holt and Company dealers in furniture and house furnishings have lately put in a large stock of all paper, window shades, etc. His stock is well selected and very complete. You should inspect his samples if in need of any thing in the lines he carries.

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Jame Renaker, a brother-in-law of Dr. C.H. Stewart will arrive in Monrovia in July. He will open out a book and stationery business in the building now being erected by Dr. Stewart. He will also act as assistant postmaster.

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George Zimmerman was so happy last Saturday and Monday he had to quit work. There arrived at his house Friday night a bouncing baby boy, weighing 10 pounds.

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The Granite Bank Company is making arrangements to open out a private banking business in W.N. Monroe's office until such a time as their new bank building is completed.

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Mrs. E.L. Beck has been very ill during the past week. In fact she is not yet entirely out of danger. Her infant is also lying near death's door.

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Bill Manning ho is to have a mill at Turnverein Hall, Los Angeles, is trying to arrange for a sparing exhibition in Monrovia.

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A watering cart is a great necessity. What enterprising citizens will start the business.

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A few streetlights would be very acceptable these dark nights.