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IMPROVE THE TOWN

There are so many good points in the following paragraph from the Orange Tribune that the *Planet* cannot refrain from publishing it:

“If you want your town to improve, improve it. Don’t go to sleep, but get up and work for it. Push. Get in. Advertise it. Talk about it, and talk favorably. If you have any property, improve it. Paint your house; clean up your backyard. Make your surroundings pleasant and you will feel better, and your property will be worth more dollars in the market. If you are doing reasonably well, advise your far-away friends to come and invest near you. Work steadily for your home place and home interests. Trade at home and help your home dealers. Keep your money at home as much as possible, and it is likely to help you in return. The successful towns of Southern California have been made successful by the property owners “pulling together.” Public improvement is an investment that pays. Don’

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They had another earthquake up north this week.

The will of the late Remi Nadeau was filed in the County Clerks Office, Wednesday of last week. After making provision of the payment of encumbrances on the Nadeau house. Conveyed to his wife Laura N. Nadeau on December 30, 1886. He wills all the personal property contained in his dwelling to his wife, Laura. To his children, Joseph Nadeau, Marybell, Minnie Tilton and George A. Nadeau he leaves \$5,000 each. To Cora E. Powell, Gertie A. White and Frances M. Eggleston The children of his _____ each. The children of his sister Harriet are remembered by a similar sum the residue of the estate is willed to Joseph Nadeau, Marybell, Minnie Tilton, George A. Nadeau, Cora E. Powell, Gertie A. White and France M. Eggleston. His estate is valued at \$950,000.

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Beer's new store will be opened Monday.

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The new addition to the Monrovia Hotel is now completed.

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The new Methodist Church is receiving a new coat of paint.

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The framework of the Johnson and Parker's store has been commenced.

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Buck and Campbell are the Monrovia agents for lots on the new town of Duarte.

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Captain A.H. Johnson of Fort Dodge, Iowa is visiting his friend W.N. Monroe.

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Eighteen gamblers were captured under the Nadeau house Los Angeles the other night.

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Frank Mendenhall is having built a two story house at Duarte. George E. Keys is the contractor.

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L.F. Scott, of Los Angeles, a gentleman largely interested in real estate in Monrovia was in town this week.

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Buck and Campbell are the agents for the Pasadena subdivision in Monrovia. Good Lots
for \$250 and \$300 terms easy.

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A. J. Hall father of E. A. Hall of Duarte was seriously hurt in Los Angeles Wednesday in a collision between an engine and a streetcar.

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A choice business lot, 25 feet front by 160 deep, well located for the sum of \$350 for a few days only. Inquire of Buck and Campbell.

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Miss Riegel, from Dayton Ohio, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Sherwood. She is delighted with Southern California and particularly Monrovia.

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Charles D. Clark and De Witt wise of Los Angeles breathed some of Monrovia's fresh air today.

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The Monrovia Public School closed Wednesday afternoon until Monday next. The Sierra Madre teacher resigned, Mrs. Tuttle had to fill her place until a new appointment could be made. Although it is fun for the children it was hardly the correct thing to do.

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The attention to the public is called to the fact that Stewart and Mulford are about to subdivide and place on the market 40 acres of land in 5 and 10-acre tracts on the south-side of the San Gabriel Railway. The Avenues of Monrovia will be extended through the tract. The lots will soon be offered for sale.

J. H. Bartle, of Port Arthur, Canada has disposed of his large dry goods business at that place, and as soon as he can wind up his affairs will start for Monrovia accompanied by his wife. They spent a month in California last winter and were so much in love with it that they decided to make this their home. Mr. Bartle is a son-in-law to S. Bowerman and a brother-in-law to the editor of the *Planet*. He will probably enter business here.

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ANOTHER FINE RESIDENCE

The editor of the *Planet* was yesterday shown the plans for E. W. Little's handsome new residence, to be built on Magnolia Avenue, above White Oak and adjoining the property of General Pile the house will be two stories high and of modern architecture, somewhat similar to C.Z. Culver's handsome residence on the corner of White Oak and Myrtle Avenue. The lower floor will contain a parlor, dining room, library, kitchen and hall with two fireplaces. The upper story will have four large chambers with a bathroom and fireplace. There will be five bay windows and a circular piazza with a tower roof. The size of the building will be 28x42. Newsome Brothers of Los Angeles are the architects and George E. Keys of Monrovia the contractor. It is to be completed in two months.

DEATH OF COLONEL KEEFER

By the untimely demise of Colonel Samuel Keefer, which occurred last Sunday morning. Monrovia loses another valued citizen. Colonel Keefer arrived here from the East a year ago last fall and spent the winter with his wife at the residence of W.N. Monroe. He was an invalid suffering from a complication of diseases, and hoping that he would find his health better here, returned East and disposed of his business he purchased considerable property on the town site of Monrovia and made arrangements for the construction of a hotel, the result of which may be seen in the elegant Grand View. He had also intended building a handsome residence on his foothill property. His malady was incurable, however and resulted in his death at the time stated Colonel Keefer was a brave and gallant _____ a respected and enterprising citizen and his loss will be sadly felt in our midst. Funeral services were held at the hotel by Rev. Charles Shelling on Monday after which the remains were conveyed to Los Angeles to be placed in the vault 'til spring when they will be taken East for interment.

NEW PLANNING MILL

The *Planet* announced last week that a planning mill was about to be built in Monrovia. Since then more particulars have been gleaned in regard to this new enterprise. W.H. Ames is the proprietor. The size of the building will be 44x56 feet, with an engine house 14x25 feet, in which will be placed a fine engine of 25-horse power. The mill will be furnished with first-class machinery throughout. The plant will consist of planer, matcher, 10-inch moulder, large turning lathe, scroll saw, band saw; also other saws and tools necessary to fit out a mill of this kind. The building is ready to receive the machinery, which is being placed in position. It is expected that by the latter part of next week, or thereabouts, the machinery will be in running order and the force at work. Contractors and others will be greatly benefited by the starting of this enterprise. The mill is situated on Falling Leaf Avenue, between Myrtle and Primrose Avenues. As the building interests of Monrovia and surrounding country are largely on the increase, the prosperity of this new venture is assured.

RAILWAY RUMBLINGS

(Los Angeles Times) The theatre train on the evening of the Patti concert brought in 120 from along the line of the San Gabriel Valley road. These trains have grown in favor and in patronage from the start.

The big bridge across the San Gabriel River is marching on rapidly. Out of the five spans necessary to cross the wide wash, the two longest ones—aggregating about 1,200 feet are completed and the force is at work on the third. President Crank promises that trains will run over the bridge by February 10th.

The Santa Fe system now has an all-rail system between Los Angeles and Prescott, Arizona, open for freight traffic. Passenger business over the same line will be taken in a few days.

The National City Record says: The National City and Otay Railway Company sent to the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia, for an engine, and received the reply that there was an order in ahead by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company for 100 engines, to be used on the western end of their line. This goes to prove that the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway folks mean business out this way.

The only matter not yet decided is whether the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Railroad will constitute the western terminus on the line. In case its grades are found too heavy for the ponderous transcontinental freight trains to surmount advantageously, a line will strike off from the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley to the south, and come into the First street grounds south of the Southern Pacific track. The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley will come into the same grounds by a southern extension of its present track.

The Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe company's new depot at the foot of First Street, Los Angeles, will be begun probably within the next sixty days. The plans are nearly complete and preparations are active for commencing work. The edifice will be two stories high and will be constructed of brick and the foundations will be of stone. The tracks for the cars will all run close to the river, and the car yards will all lie between the depot and the riverbank. The passenger depot will be, by a considerable distance, separated from the freight depot. The later will be of wood. Both buildings will face the city with their rears to the car yards and the river. From First to Second Street, in front of the depot, will be opened a street 150 feet wide. The streetcars will come down Second Street and down First, passing along this great avenue in front of the depots, and returning to the city by the other street.

The whole affair will be very finely planned and as well executed. No railroad company in the United States will have better facilities for the transaction of business than will the new system of the Great Southwest.

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The Duarte Comet is on our table. This is a very small Comet; about the size of the good old flapjack of our boyhood days. It will shine "head and tail" for Duarte. It is hoped it will a tale unfold as to who the publisher is. May the ray of light, which the Comet has shed above the horizon, never disappear, but grow in power and strength as it sails through the blue Empyrean.

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Articles of incorporation have been filed with the county clerk by the Monrovia Methodist Episcopal Church. The trustees are E.F. Spence, W.A. Pile, W.N. Monroe, E.W. Little, A.T. Taylor, B. Bradley and C. Shelling.

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Large trainloads of rails are being sent daily by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad into Southern California, for its new branch lines in the vicinity of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and San Diego.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Eastern Farmer	Yes, the soil around Monrovia is good; it is excellent; all kinds of fruit can be raised in this neighborhood. We advise you to come.
Daisy	No, dear there are no dudes in Monrovia, and our young men never flirt; but they are real nice, and perhaps you may find one to suit you.
Merchant	Yes, our town is booming. A good time to look around would be on the 14 th of February, the day of the grand excursion and picnic.
Birdie B.	Yes, his second name is Shake; but that is only part of it.
Home Seeker	Better invest in a lot now, as prices are going up all the time. Money placed in real estate in Monrovia is a good investment.
Subscriber	Our terms are two dollars a year --- in advance. We have mailed you the paper regularly.
Tourist	The Grand View is the finest hotel here. It is equal to any in the state. There are other comfortable hotels at cheaper rates.
Charles W.	No, the Monrovia Minstrels have not disbanded. They have gone on an extended tour east.
Carpenter	Yes, you can find plenty of work if you are a competent workman.
Invalid	There could be no healthier place for you than Monrovia. It commands a view of the entire valley and the ocean in the distance; the water is pure and sparkling; very few fogs and little or no frost.
Investor	Yes, the street railway is an assured fact; it will be built at an early date. There is nothing definite about the S.P. road as yet.
Peter J.	There is no liquor sold here except for medicinal purposes; there are no saloons and none are wanted.
Claudia B.	Sorry to disappoint you, dear, but we are married. We could suggest another nice young man. We like to be accommodating, but this would be too, too much.

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A Grand excursion and Picnic on St. Valentine's Day.
The "Boss Foothill Town" Will Keep Open House

The *Planet* takes great pleasure in announcing to its readers that a grand excursion over the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Railway to Monrovia will be given St. Valentine's Day, the 14th of February. Cheap rate return tickets are being negotiated for, and there is no doubt but they will be so low that everybody can come. The program is not completely drawn up yet, but a very enjoyable occasion may be looked for. Free carriages will be in waiting at the depot to convey excursionists to the picnic grounds, and also around the valley and foothills, among Duarte and Monrovia beautiful fruit groves, the like of which is nowhere else in Southern California. Every opportunity will be given the visitors to have a pleasant time. A special invitation is given to eastern visitors also to those who from January to December are confined in offices and shops. Put business aside for a day and come out and get some fresh air, and have a drink of pure fresh water, which is conveyed in pipes directly from the canyon. Our tall and shady oaks spread their arms open to receive and give you shelter from the sun's rays, while you partake of a free lunch and fruit. Don't forget the date; fuller particulars will be given by posters and advertisements. Come and we will do you good.

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One of the biggest railroad deals of the season, and perhaps the most important has just been completed. The Southern Pacific Company has purchased 45 acres in the proposed townsite of Ramona, six miles from Los Angeles, and near the San Gabriel Company's huge winery. The company will build car shops there, and make the place a second Pullman. Towns are built in very short order in Southern California now.