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Los Angeles Times – The crazy men still bob up serenely all along the foothills and are making money. “I paid \$400 for a corner lot in Monrovia, a year ago,” said a gentleman the other day, “and here I have just been offered \$7,000 for it.” I refused because I think I can get \$10,000 out of it within 3 months.” All the same if that lot had a property of the humble scribe who pens these lines he would have accepted the offer and allowed the other fellow to make the remaining \$300. It is astonishing how little selfishness there is in newspapermen.

PETITION AND REPLY

MONROVIA, APRIL 11, 1887

To L.L. Bradbury

The undersigned believing it best for the general good that this settlement should have but one name, instead of more, hereby ask you to give up the name of West Duarte and consent that it be merged into that of Monrovia, which is much the largest territory.

J.T. Tuttle

J.T. Little

E.L. Buck

William H. Lordan

F.N. Myers

John Brossoot

J. R. Mitchell

R.N. Hilton

George E. Pugh

D. Carr

J.C. Morris

M.R. Hammand

A.L. Holt

C.N.Y. Clapp

George B. Oliver

P. Leveau

S.W. Vivian

Isaac Smith

A.B. Tomlinson

Hiram Clark

Frank J. Smith

L. Barnes

R.M. Levering

L.J. Wilde

George M. Smith

L.H. Green

J.S. Keefer

Jean Lafreyue

William E. Pile

C.D. Eggleston

George Addison

F.B. Llyod

Thomas M. Godfrey

R.J. White

C. Tucker

J.M. Rice

C.A. Campbell

John Wild

J. F. Satori

E.T. Hardgrave

M. Albee

E.F. Patterson

C.C. Cook

George Cyphers

E.P. Large

William N. Mills

Y. Mushrush

P. Mitchell

J.A. Baker

W.G. Donaldson

John Patten

E.C. Demarest

A.E. Brown

J.A. Spalding

J.W. Myers

H.C. Luce

W.L. Phippen

F.E. Grover

W.S. Culus

E.B. Millery

George W. Perkins

E.P. Duval

S.S. Buckland

Albert Hickok

R. Byelod

F.E. Hawkesworth

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DUARTE, APRIL 15, 1887

Messrs. Buck & Campbell, Wm. E. Pile and others, Monrovia:
Gentlemen – Your communication of the 12th, asking me to give up the name of my
townsite adjoining Monrovia on the south and containing the only railroad station for the
two places, reached me yesterday.

Much against my desire, months ago, I consented that the station should be placed at the
foot of Myrtle Avenue, believing all of the people of Monrovia wanted it there; and now,
in surrendering the name of West Duarte, I do so mainly in deference to the wishes of the
same community, admitting that one name is better than two, and that Monrovia is a very
good one.

Monrovia can now truly say that she has a railway station.

Very Respectfully yours,
L.L. Bradbury

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Longstreet and Griffin have opened up business in their real estate office at the corner of
Myrtle and Olive Avenues.

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Large additions have been made to the *Planet* jobbing department during the past two weeks. Send in your work.

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The family of William Sinclair of Pioneer Bakery arrived in Monrovia, Tuesday, from Washington and William is now happy.

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LOST - At town hall, April 2nd a red camel's hair shawl. Any one returning the same will be liberally rewarded. Mrs. E.W. Little.

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A professional female beggar infested the streets of Monrovia this week.

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Both street railway companies have distributed ties along the routes of their lines and work is announced to commence as soon as the rails arrive.

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Grevilla Robusta is a beautiful tree of rapid growth with fern-like dark green foliage and orange colored flowers for sale at Chappelow's Nursery plants 15 to 18 inches high price 35 cents.

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The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad's union depot will be a splendid affair it is to be constructed of pressed brick and cut rock with a high clock tower in the center. The waiting rooms will be on each side.

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Over one hundred land speculators who attended that sale at Gladstone last Saturday, were left in the sage brush by the train. They made their way to Monrovia – The nearest and best haven of rest – and filled up all our spare beds. The early morning train took them to the city.

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The residence of E.F. Spence is being rapidly finished.

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Four hundred seedling orange trees, eight years old for sale. Apply to J.F. Norman.

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You should go to the town hall this evening to hear Professor Ludlam recite the "Raven."

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Three-quarters of a new trail has been completed to Wilson's Peak, via Rubio and Eaton Canyons.

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A large new map is being prepared of the town of Monrovia embracing all subdivisions.

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Mr. Newsom the architect of Los Angeles was in town Wednesday and took \$10 worth of tickets for the Methodist church entertainment this evening.

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There has been a very heavy sale of acre property above White Oak Avenue during the past week. Several elegant houses will be built there very shortly.

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New families are coming to Monrovia every day but there is a scarcity of houses. Some of our moneyed men who have the interests of the town at heart would do well to erect a number of houses for rent or sale.

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ANOTHER NAME CHANGE

Owing to the kindness of Mr. L.L. Bradbury withdrawing the name of West Duarte from Monrovia, we will withdraw the name of East Monrovia from Duarte. We will allow nobody to be more clever than we are. We will now call our town in Duarte "the Duarte."

BUILDING NOTES

The new \$10,000 school house will be commenced.

A.S. Baldwin intends building a fine residence on White Oak Avenue, between Primrose and Magnolia.

Captain William Smith is preparing to build a residence on Primrose Avenue above White Oak.

Mrs. Fletcher has disposed of her acre lot and cottages on Myrtle Avenue, for \$5,000.

L. Barnes' fine large residence on Myrtle Avenue is going up rapidly.

C.C. Hotchkiss has commenced work on his residence on Myrtle Avenue

E. P. Large is having plans prepared for his residence, to be built on Myrtle Avenue, above White Oak.

The foundation for the granite bank building at the corner of Palm and Myrtle has been almost completed.

J.M. Thomas, of Los Angeles, will soon commence a residence on Banana Avenue, between Magnolia and J.I.C. Avenues.

M.S. Monroe's residence will be on Banana Avenue, near the head of Magnolia.

B.S. Hayes is improving his four acre lot, lying between J.I.C. and Mayflower Avenues, preparatory to commencing a handsome residence.

John Patten, harness maker, is building a new shop on Myrtle Avenue near Falling Leaf.

The new granite block at the corner of Palm and Myrtle Avenues will be 52 feet front by 80 feet deep, and two stories high.

Rev. T.E. Robinson, of East Los Angeles, will build a residence near that of E.F. Spence.

Jefferson Patten is having the plans prepared for a \$4,000 residence at the corner of White Oak and Magnolia Avenues. Zimmerman & Blair will commence work on it shortly.

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A LARGE SALE

Over \$15,000 of Premiums

On Friday afternoon the J.D. Bicknell subdivision of 200 lots were offered for sale at an equal sum of \$400 each and the choice put up at auction. As we went to press all of the lots were sold. The highest premium paid was \$400. Every lot was sold at a premium. Over \$15,000 in premiums was realized. After the expenses of piping water on the property is paid the balance is to go toward a schoolhouse, which will be built at the corner of Mayflower and Orange Avenues at a cost of \$10,000. The sale was decided a success.

SUCCESSFUL DRAWING OF LOTS

About two weeks ago Messrs. Buck & Campbell, the agents, placed on the market fifty-two lots known as the Brown place – at an equal sum of \$450 per lot and in a few days they were all sold off. The subscribers to the lots met at the office of Buck & Campbell on Tuesday evening for the purpose of drawing for choice of lots. There were five premiums. The first, a house of seven rooms and four lots, was won by Charles Clapp and Charlie is now the happy possessor of property valued at \$6,000, which only cost him \$450. The second choice was won by Professor Henry Ludlam, who gets a lot adjoining the house with the finest live oak tree in Monrovia. The third premium was for a \$100 rebate on purchase price, won by William Ruddy. The fourth, a lot and \$50 premium, won by B.W. Kinney. Fifth, C.A. Shrode, lot and \$25.

George M. Smith was chairman and John Wilde and J.W. Harvey judges. E.P. large acted as secretary and W.E. Pile and E.R. Mount as tellers. Everything was done to the satisfaction of the participants. The drawers of the ballots were C.H. Shaffner and J. W. Harvey.

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THE TRACK COMPLETED

The rails of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Railroad and San Bernardino and Los Angeles Railway is almost connected. Mr. C. W Smith, Vice President and General Manger of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad will leave for the East on the first through train. The new line will be part of the California Central Lines of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe system and in a few days the through trains from Los Angeles to Boston will go over this line through Pasadena, Monrovia and the other foothill towns to San Bernardino direct. The day for celebrating the opening of the road has not been fixed.

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Covina Exponent - "We visited the live growing town of Monrovia this week and were much pleased with the clean healthful appearance of the place from Mr. Harvey the *Planet* man. We learned that two franchises had been applied for, for streetcar lines and may other improvements are contemplated in the near future. Monrovia has the most unselfish goodwill of the exponent.

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The musical people of Monrovia and Duarte are invited to attend a meeting to be held in the town hall on Tuesday evening of next week, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of forming a musical society.