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J.M. Thomas was at Catalina Sunday.

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T.W. Strowbridge sold 3 lots in Monrovia yesterday.

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There have been a good many strangers at the hotels the past week

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F.S. Jones, manager of the Los Angeles office of the Syndicate was sup Sunday.

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There is a growing demand from renters for residences. From present indications there will be lack of accommodations here within a month. Now is a good time to begin building cottages. They would rent readily and there is no better way of investment.

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“Mephistopholes” C.A. Campbell’s fine bird dog was poisoned Tuesday night and also A. Lloyd’s watch dogs. Both were very highly prized by their owners. It is to be regretted that any of our citizens should be guilty of such an offense and we trust it will not be repeated.

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We would call attention to the advertisement of the Monrovia Pharmacy in this issue. Mr. Roberts, the proprietor, is a thoroughly reliable and experienced druggist and Mr. Stryker, his assistant, is also a graduate of a College of Pharmacy. It is a pleasant and satisfactory place to trade.

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Jay E Hunter was in the city last week wearing a Harrison hat.

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Miss Lizzie Scott has gone to the beach for a two-month stay.

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Mrs. J.H. Bartle and little daughter have returned from a two week's visit to San Pedro.

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George Shatters spent Sunday in Monrovia. He is now stopping in Los Angeles.

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The Syndicate has purchased a fine team and double carriage and is in readiness for the coming prosperity.

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W.N. Monroe has taken a cottage at Santa Monica and he and family will spend the coming two months at that popular resort.

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J.M. Hunter's mother and sister of Carlinville, Illinois are on their way to join him here.
They will stop a couple of weeks en route at San Francisco.

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T.W. Stowbridge purchased yesterday from W.N. Monroe one of the neat cottages on west Palm and will move his family out from Los Angeles at once.

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Lost in Monrovia probably on Cedar between Myrtle and Ivy, August 22nd a pocket book containing \$15 to \$20 in currency finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at the *Messenger* office.

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Baldwin scored a big success at Monmouth Park Tuesday. Loreda, Los Angeles and Grisette took first places, Molly's Last second and Ganymede third places. The prizes were worth from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

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J.W. Martin and family will leave next Thursday for their old home in Cynthiana, Kentucky Mrs. martin has never been contented here since the terrible accident at the store of Johnson & Parker Last winter, which resulted in the death of her son.

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C.L. Hunter was the victim of an unfortunate runaway. He is traveling salesman for Albee Bros. the Los Angeles confectioners and he with another gentleman was driving near Los Angeles when a rod that fastens the pole broke and the team ran throwing the carriages and occupants against a board fence. A piece of board struck Mr. Hunter in the thigh tearing a large portion of the flesh loose from the bone the other leg was badly bruised and one finger was mashed. He was taken to his rooms in Los Angeles where he is being cared for while his wounds are very sever they are not considered dangerous and his speedy recovery is anticipated.

We are pleased to record that the weeds are being cut down on a number of streets. It is a move that should extensively followed. There are a good many altogether too many homes in Monrovia that are overrun with weeds and rubbish anyone who is fortunate enough to possess a home here ought certainly to have sufficient pride at least to keep it free from weeds and he should ornament it with shrubbery, flowers and trees as we have frequently pointed out too little attention is given to beautifying our city. It not only detracts from the looks of the place but from the money value of the property. Monrovia has many attractions and no place could be made lovelier but we must do our part to attain the desired perfection. We trust that all will see the importance of our suggestion that much be done in this direction. The tourists are already beginning to arrive and we do not wish to impress them with the fact that _____.

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Rev. J.H. Reider has removed his family to Los Angeles.

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Miss Mabel Holden of Los Angeles is visiting Miss Lida Barnes.

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J.T. Tuttle is advertising some special Bargains in schoolbooks. See his ad.

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Buy your muscat and jelly grapes of Thomas Wardall opposite Duarte schoolhouse.

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Mrs. C.H. Roberts and Baby have returned from an extended stay at Long Beach.

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Miss Lida Barnes and her Aunt Mrs. S.J. Bradley of El Paso now visiting here spent Sunday in Oceanside.

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A fine fat buck was shot the first of the week just above Diamond Flats. We enjoyed eating some of the steak.

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R.B. Chess is back to Monrovia for a short time. He has been Conductor on the street car line in Los Angels for some time.

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Mrs. and Miss Taylor of the Stevenson House, Los Angeles are registered at the Grand View and will remain here some weeks.

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Mrs. S. Bowerman and daughter, Miss Jennie arrived from San Pedro Wednesday evening at attend "Queen Esther" and visit relatives for a few days.

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The funeral services of Eva Sawyer, daughter of D.W.C. Sawyer, were conducted by Rev. D.H. Colcord in the Baptist church on Saturday afternoon last after which the remains were interred in Live Oak Cemetery.

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J.W. Jeffery's, editor of the *Glendora Signal* spent Wednesday evening in Monrovia and attended the performance of "Queen Esther". He was very much pleased with it and would like our vocalists to present the cantata at Glendora.

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CARD OF THANKS

D.W.C. Sawyer and wife wish to express their heartfelt thanks to their friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy extended to them in their bereavement. It can never be forgotten.

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Peterson the Pasadena rape fiend was convicted and will probably get 25 years in San Quentin.

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Estimating from the number of names in the New Corran Directory, Los Angeles has a population of ver 100,000.

FASHION NOTES

Ribbons and ways of arranging them seem to multiply.

Black braid has as decided a vogue as gold or silver.

Bonnets made entirely of flowers are obtaining for evening and receptive wear during the entire season.

In English walking hats severity is so much the vogue that not a flower is seen upon them.

Brocades showing small flowers upon pale-blue, rose, yellow or white background are in style for waistcoats a la Directaire.

A vest that is perfectly shaped and not too showy in material can be richly embroidered and this arrangement prevents the addition of a long, wide shawl collar of some decorative fabric.

Shirred or plaited waists and basques will be worn in the house over plain or looped skirts when the fabric or the figure permits. The smoothly fitted garments with vest or ornamental front is good for the street.

Long wraps of wool goods are equally fashionable when fitted closely and when made up in the improved Mandarin shape. The sleeves may be wing shaped, close or half-close at the wrists and a handsome lining or facing is the only ornament.

There will be a marked absence of elaborate draping upon skirts this autumn, though the style of underlooping that prevailed in the days of Henry the Fourth will be popular. The fashion of introducing rich brocades or printed silks' upon skirts that are but slightly draped will bring to light again many a rich remnant of antique fancy costumes.

The present fancy for having a bodice look short waisted does not mean that they are really so: the effect is produced entirely by the broad ribbon girdle. Womankind understands that a rather long bodice if properly boned will fit her better than a short one and the short appearance is as perfectly produced by the ribbon belt under which the skirt of the bodice is passed.

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C.D. Ambrose discovered a day or two ago the old quarry from which the stone for the floor of the old San Gabriel Mission was taken. It is just over the bluff from where work is being prosecuted on the quarry of the Pomona Brownstone Co. In the old quarry the face of the bluff for about 80 feet had been worked and a tunnel about 30 feet had been made into the face of the bluff. The tunnel was in great part filled up, and among the rubbish was found a number of bones and small partially carved forms of animals of different sizes and shapes. "This old quarry was worked of course at the time of the building of the old mission and yet the stone from it in use as floor and threshold of the mission is but slightly worn. Mr. Ambrose has some of the images on exhibition in his office and the relic-hunter gazes upon them with more than usual interest,

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It is reported that the Charles Smith \$10,000 residence at the corner of Ivy and Greystone will be begun next week.

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J.A. Taylor, a brother of Dr. H.W. Taylor, a former citizen of our city, was over from Pasadena yesterday arranging to have a fine cottage erected north of Banana.

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T.W. Strowbridge, the purchaser of G.W. Frazer's dairy, was up Saturday. S.W. Seely and wife were with him from Compton and expect to locate here in connection with the dairy. Mr. Strowbridge will add a number of cows and extend the business considerably.

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L.H. Emerson will remove his family from the canyon down into the city. By the way, Mr. Emerson always had a good opinion of Monrovia, when he would admit that the water was all right, and now since he has been beaten in the canyon matter he knows it is all right and is moving down.

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T.J. Barnes, W.J. Huntley and C.H. Locke have organized a cannery company and have received quite a large invoice of material for making cans. They will start on a moderate basis with the view of expanding. Their first work will be to can a large quantity of tomatoes, which they have been growing. We predict success for them and trust they will soon branch out extensively.

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J.F. Sartori and others have organized a loan and trust company with headquarters at Los Angeles. Mr. Sartori will have charge of the business, but will continue to live here. We have been unable to learn the full particulars.

FORMAL OPENING OF THE San Gabriel VALLEY RAPID TRANSIT RAILWAY
Los Angeles, Pasadena and Monrovia Celebrate the Event

One of the happiest events that ever occurred in Monrovia was that of the formal opening of the San Gabriel Valley Rapid transit railway on Tuesday, August 28th. The excursion last week was an informal one given to the businessmen of Monrovia. Invitations were issued by the board of directors of the new road to the city councils of Los Angeles and Pasadena and to the business men of those and other places along the line and to the press, to join in the formal opening of the road on Tuesday by enjoying the excursion to this city.

Ample preparations had been made to entertain the visitors and carriages were at the depot in sufficient numbers to accommodate the excursionists, the train arriving at 11 a.m. The Monrovia band was in attendance and the procession drove through the city and to the handsome home of W.N. Monroe. A number of ladies assisted Mrs. Monroe and daughter Myrtle in receiving the guests upon the fine lawn and a few minutes were spent in viewing the manifold beauties of the place. The cavalcade then proceeded to Idylwild, where they were received by General Pile, Mrs. Ludlam and Mrs. Little, Mrs. Pile unfortunately being too greatly indisposed to appear. The drive continued to the top of Gold Hill, all being enthusiastic over the magnificent view afforded from that point. After visiting various places of interest and showing the wonderful results that have been attained in the growth of trees, shrubs and flowers during the scarce more than two years that Monrovia has existed, as well as the solid and extensive improvements that have been made, a halt was made at the Grand View Hotel where the real interest of the occasion centered.

As the visitors were ushered into the spacious dining hall a sight greeted their vision which one must have seen to appreciate. The long tables were laden with beautiful bouquets of flowers, mammoth clusters of purple grapes, pyramids of tinted velvety peaches, baskets of handsome plums, dishes of immense pears and enormous watermelons, all the products of Monrovia soil, while the more substantial viands such as chicken, boiled ham, chowders, etc., added the general enticing effect of the spread. One seldom sees tables more artistically arranged, and the credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Hotchkiss, who had entire charge of the arrangement. The ladies of Monrovia had kindly volunteered to serve the lunch and their presence added to the charm of the occasion.

Hon. E.F. Spence was made master of ceremonies and after the guests were seated he announced that General W.A. Pile would give the formal welcome to Monrovia. The address was a masterly one. He stated that it was a hard thing to make a before-dinner speech and among the good things he said we quote:

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“The thoughtful man is impressed by the amazing activity of the age, the marvelous all-pervading spirit of the nineteenth century in direction of the masses. It is diffusive and eccentric and not concentric, distributing rather than concentrating and diffusing rather than monopolizing. It is said by many that the rich are getting richer and the poor poorer, and though the first part of the statement is correct, the last is absolutely untrue. The great masses of the people are today better fed, clothed and housed than in any other period the sun has seen in the multitude of his cycles since he turned his face to the earth and to man. On the part of the San Gabriel Valley Railroad and on the part of the citizens of Monrovia, we invite you to see what progress we have made here, and in the name of one and all, I bid you thrice welcome to the gem of the foothills.”

The excellent lunch was then enjoyed in a manner so hearty that there could be no doubt that it was thoroughly appreciated.

General Pile offered the following toast: Our wives and mothers and the ladies in general, and as this is a railroad meeting, I may say they never misplaced a switch.”

Mr. Spence responded by saying that he wished in his younger days that his mother and misplaced a switch, which provoked much laughter. He then called upon Mayor Workman, as a good Methodist, to relate his experience.

Mayor Workman paid a high tribute to the enterprise of those who had prospected the road and predicted a continued phenomenal growth for Monrovia. He thought that in a few years the two cities would be built together.

Ex Governor J.S. Gosper followed with an interesting talk and enlarged upon the prediction of Mayor Workman, saying that he expected to live to see a solid city spread over the valley from Monrovia to Pasadena and Alhambra and on to Los Angeles. He said one could travel the world over and not find a more picturesque road than the Rapid Transit – it passed through a section whose scenery was simply grand, and it would become the most popular route for tourists in Southern California.

Mr. Spence called upon B. Chandler to relate his first experience in coming to Monrovia. _____ Monroe to plant a vineyard here. He still had his vineyard while Mr. Monroe's had grown into a city. He spoke in glowing terms of the gem of the foothills and its assured future.

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Mr. Monroe was then called out amid a storm of applause. He referred to the regret that had been expressed that no ladies had been invited and said, "I do not think it was Mr. Spence's fault and anyone who knows the color of my hair knows it is not mine." He assured those present that Monrovia would always endeavor to make them happy when they came and said they could make the directors of the road happy by coming.

W.L. Woodward, of Pasadena, was the next speaker and he was followed by N.C. Carter who said that when Pasadena and Monrovia were built together Sierra Madre would be SOMEWHERE.

Mr. Spence then called upon a tenderfoot, Hon. L.D. Hotchkiss, of Iowa. Mr. Hotchkiss spoke of his great admiration for this valley and said he had found it all he expected. He spoke of the greatness of the state of Iowa and added that he had three objections to that state, however, two of which did not exist here and one that did. The first two were the cold winters and the storms and cyclones of summer, and the third was that there were too many Republicans there as well as here, but that would soon be changed. He added, "Your fruit is indescribable and when I get back to Iowa and they ask me about it I shall have to answer like the Queen of Sheba did about Solomon's temple, 'The half has not been told.' About your wine I cannot say anything as I came from a prohibition State. (Laughter) I expect in the not very distant future to make my home in your beautiful valley and to spend the evening of my life under your sunny skies."

F.Q. Story followed with a few pertinent remarks in regard to the road and upheld the standard of Alhambra.

J. Humphreys was the next speaker, and then Mr. Spence called upon H.Z. Osborne of Los Angeles Express saying that the company would disperse after he concluded.

Mr. Osborne thought it was unnecessary to announce that the listeners would disperse after he finished speaking. He paid tribute to the power of the press and the influence it had had in building up the country and referred to the marvelous results the last three years had witnessed.

Professor Parker spoke of the pride Pasadena felt in the enterprise of Monrovia and that they had always admired the push of her people. He hoped that a double-track electric road would grow out of the Rapid Transit, connecting Los Angeles, Pasadena and Monrovia. Col. Ray, also of Pasadena, followed with a few well-chosen remarks.

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The entertainment was then brought to a close and the visitors were taken to the train and whirled back to the metropolis, accompanied by Mr. Monroe.

The ladies that assisted at the lunch were: Miss Lida Barnes, Mrs. B.F. Crews, Mrs. N.A. Wheeler, Mrs. E.P. Large, Mrs. C.C. Hotchkiss, Mrs. James Foshay, Mrs. A.E. Cronenwett, Mrs. M.S. Monroe, Mrs. E.C. Armstrong, Mrs. W.N. Monroe, Miss myrtle Monroe, Miss Mabel Holden, Mrs. W.H. Cook, Mrs. E.W. Little, Miss Rowley, Mrs. Miller and others. The popular clerk of the Grand View, J.T. Milligan, made the guests feel entirely at home.

There were 150 on the excursion. We could not get the names of all, but among them were: Mrs. John Bryson, Maggie Crouser and Libbie Woodworth. Los Angeles: Mayor W.H. Workman and wife, and Captain A.W. Barrett, B. Chandler and Mr. Bosbyshell of the Los Angeles city council: Professor M.M. Parker, mayor of Pasadena; ex-Governor J.J. Gosper, Hon. E.F. Spence; Sheriff Kaye and Tom Rowan, Democratic candidate for sheriff; E.C. Mason, of Fulton Wells, present county assessor; Col. A.W. Ray, president of the San Gabriel Valley Bank, Pasadena; G.A. Swartwout, of the Pasadena National Bank; F.Q. Story, auditor of the Rapid Transit; Col. J. Banbury, of Pasadena Republican candidate for county treasurer; N.C. Carter, duke of Sierra Madre; G.B. Adams and wife, S.B. Kingsley, C. Phillips, J.A. Wayne, F.C. Marsh, F. Edward Gray, H.F. Bishop and R.C. Deveraux, of Gervaise Purcell, of San Gabriel; Oscar Macey, H.H. Maynard, S.M. Perry and wife, W.E. Hughes, F.C. Howes, George T. Hanley, John Lovell, J.M. Guinn, C.H. Simpkins, T.J. Weldon, W.B. Bosbyshell, Frank N. Rust, D.W. Field, John Moriarty, Paul Oeker and J.H. Banks, of Los Angeles; G.T. Hatton, of the Herald, and E.F. Kubel of the Examiner; J.S. Mills, W.S. Arnold, M.E. Ward, J.C. Crafton, W.L. Woodward, Justus Brockway and J.D. Gilchrist, of Pasadena and H.N. Rust, of South Pasadena.

The occasion was a genuine success, from its inception to its completion. The good that will result to Monrovia from the excursion will be great. Those who had the pleasure to hear the speakers and note the enthusiasm that our fair town and its grand location awakened, will realize that Monrovia has hosts of friends on the outside, who will always have a word of praise for this foothill queen. The predictions as to the great influx of people this season and the grand future of this part of the valley were not overdrawn. One of the most potent factors in bringing about their fulfillment will be the Rapid Transit road, and the honor and profit are due to its projectors. The honor of making Monrovia what it is and of securing this road was justly accorded by the speakers to Major Monroe.

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I desire to express my sincere thanks to my many friends who labored so earnestly to save my house from burning on Monday last.

L.Barnes

QUITE A BLAZE

Monday afternoon quite an excitement was aroused by the report of Mr. Lawrence and George O. Monroe that the house of L. Barnes, on Myrtle above White Oak (now No. 167) was on fire and all the business men and people on the streets flocked thither. The fire had originated under the steps to the back porch and had spread under the entire house. The boards that enclosed the lower part of the building were torn off, hose was secured and after a hard fight the flames were extinguished. Meanwhile the furniture had been removed from two of the rooms and considerable water had been turned into the house. The fire had burned through the floor in one place. The furniture was damaged considerably and the total loss is probably not more than \$1,500. It was decidedly a narrow escape. The house is a large two-story building and its destruction would have entailed a heavy loss.

The cause of the fire is a mystery, but it is supposed to have started by a colored girl known as Lucy, who has lived with Mr. Barnes the past three months. Mrs. Barnes had left the house not more than five minutes before the fire was discovered, the girl being in a swing in the yard. She was seen to go to the back part of the house and leave immediately after. She had been detected pilfering a short time ago and had left, but came back the day before and begged to be allowed to stay. Mrs. Bradley, a sister of Mr. Barnes, was asleep upstairs and it is possible that the girl intended to cause her death, as she had discovered some of her pilfering. Lucy was placed under arrest and there is some pretty strong circumstantial evidence against her.

Later developments tend to show that Lucy started the fire accidentally, at least she so says. The insurance men are here adjusting the loss.

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NOTICE TO CATHOLICS

Mass will be celebrated here Thursday, September 6th, at 9 a.m. at Barnes Hall. After mass there will be a meeting of the congregation in order to raise funds to build a church in Monrovia.

Per instigation of
Rev. Father Cullen, Pasadena