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There is going to be a slaughter in the Planet office in about a week. We are going to cut off the names of subscribers who have not paid their subscriptions in advance. It amounts to very little money to each subscriber but quite a sum to us. Subscribers let their subscriptions run a month over time and then conclude that they will not take the paper any longer. They think it doesn't amount to much and we will never miss the amount. Friend that would amount to just \$166 to us. We can't afford to lose it. Several hundred dollars should be sent to us at once. Our employees won't work for nothing.

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Southern California draws largely from the New England States in the make-up of her fast increasing population. Hundreds are arriving every week.

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There is a pool of stagnant water almost continually on Orange Avenue, near Myrtle. The neighbors complain most bitterly about it, and call the attention of the City Marshall to the fact. If it is allowed to remain much longer it will be bad for the health of the neighborhood.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT

The Explosion of an Oil Stove Kills Edward Martin.

Shortly after 12 o'clock on Thursday the news was circulated around town that an explosion had occurred in the store of Johnson & Parker, on Ivy Avenue, and that Edward Martin, a young clerk, had been killed. A reported hurried to the scene and found the report only too be true. Not only had the boy been killed, buy H.T. Parker, one of the members of the firm, was seriously injured. In the store a small crowd was gathered around the remains of what was kerosene stove a short time previously. It was a complete wreck. Pieces of it were scattered over the store; one having gone through the front window. Upon enquiry as to how the explosion occurred, no one seemed able to give an opinion.

The stove was a new one and had only been filled and lighted ten minutes previously. Five minutes before the explosion all the employees were gathered around the stove, but had proceeded with their work. Had the explosion occurred than the accident would have been more terrible.

Young Martin had been out delivering goods, and as it was raining his clothes were wet. He was drying them and was sitting on a box near the stove on the south side. Mr. Parker was standing on the opposite side of the store, and very close to it. G.R. Johnson was cleaning the south window and his brother Wesley had just gone out the door. Miss Etta Phelps, the bookkeeper, was at her desk. This was the position they were in when the explosion occurred. Miss Phelps received a slight cut on the forehead, Mr. Parker a gash on the leg and a severe cut on the left cheek which bled profusely, and he shortly afterward became unconscious. The unfortunate lad, Martin, received the greatest injury. His two legs were lacerated in a frightful manner, the flesh being completely torn off the bones. One of his thumbs was also injured. The boy did not lose his consciousness for some time and managed to crawl to the door of the back shop, and the being open he crawled in and laid down. It was not known at first how seriously he was hurt. Friends carried the wounded boy upstairs and a doctor sent for immediately. Drs. Stweart and Reynolds were soon in attendance. Nothing could be done to save the poor boy's life and he died in about three-quarters of an hour. He was an excellent boy, about 16 years of age, and was the principal breadwinner for an invalid father and mother, who were stricken when the news reached them. His employers thought a great deal of him and greatly deplore the accident, which so suddenly ended his young life.

Mr. Parker was shortly afterward carried to his home but remained in a semi-conscious state all afternoon but is improving nicely now.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT - Continued

LATER

Some startling developments were made in the explosion accident Friday afternoon. It did not seem possible that the gas from the kerosene stove could make such a terrible explosion, especially as the fire had only been lighted ten minutes. Friday forenoon a man came down from the canyon after some dynamite caps that had been ordered for him at the same time and from the same firm the stove was received from. The caps had not been received. The theory given is that the box of caps had been placed inside the drum of the stove by the shipper, and the consignees were not warned of the fact. Everything seems to point to this. The holes and dents in the drum were all on the inside. Some pieces of caps were found around the store. The coroner was notified and arrived here Friday evening, but too late for us to publish the result of the inquest.

WILL RECEIVE

There has not been a very liberal reply to the request for the names of those who will receive on Monday, but such as they are we give them. Mrs. W.N. Monroe assisted by Mrs. Tom Monroe and Mrs. W.H. Cook, will receive their friends at the residence of W.N. Monroe on Monday next between the hours of 9a.m. and 4 p.m.

Mrs. E.W. Little, assisted by Mrs. W.A. Pile, Mrs. Henry Ludlam and Miss Rice, will receive their friends at Rosemond on Monday, after 10 a.m.

Miss Myrtle Monroe will receive with Mrs. A. G. Miller and daughter.

A HANDSOME STORE

A Planet representative was shown through the new store of D.D. Jay & Co. this week. It is situated in the new Monroe brick block on Myrtle Avenue. The size of the store is 24 by 80 feet. There is a large oval top plate glass window in the front, with a large double entrance door. The store is partitioned off, about 50 feet in depth being used as the main store. Counters are on either side, with shelving and medicine cases on the walls. The prescription case is in the rear center and is made of curly redwood, which, when oiled and varnished, will look very handsome. There are some very fine showcases, filled with elegant goods such as are generally carried by the trade. Dr. Jay has two rooms in the rear, one for an office and the other for a consulting room. On the other side is the paint warehouse, where a full line of paints, oils, brushes, etc. will be kept in stock. There seems to be a place for everything, and everything is in its place. The store is under the management of Fred A. Shaw, of Bowmanville, Ontario, who is a graduate from Toronto, and comes very highly, recommended. The members of the firm --- Dr. Jay and C.C. Hotchkiss were in business together in Pulaski, Iowa, for a number of years. Carrying such a well-selected stock as they do, they are sure to do a large business. We wish them every success.

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BORN

Tailor – at Monrovia December 17th 1887 to the wife of H.C. Trailor an eight pound daughter.

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LOOK AT THESE FIGURES

The following figures show the amount of business done in the real estate office of W.N. Monroe & Son during seven months.

MONTH	DOLLARS
May	213,585.29
June	28,313.82
July	135,810.96
August	142,794.30
September	43,575.30
October	45,411.93
November	108,322.77
TOTAL	717,814.95

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Have you paid your road tax? It is due. Quite a sum was collected a couple of months ago by E.M. Wardall, overseer, but all collected within the city to be expended upon our avenues. This will put our highways in better condition.

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The citizens of Monrovia have offered a house and a lot to General Fremont if he will locate here.

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Co-Partnership Notice
Monrovia December 20, 1887

The undersigned has purchased Kerckhoff – Cuzner Mill and Lumber Company. Their lumber business of this place have this day formed a co-partnership under the firm name of Monrovia Lumber Company (not incorporated) for the purpose of carrying on a general retail trade in lumber, sash doors, blinds, lime cement, plaster and everything in the line of building material at Monrovia and other points. We earnestly solicit the trade of Monrovia and will do all in our power to accommodate the trade.

W.M. Monroe
T.V. Lamport
W.H. Cook
K.T. Hotchkiss

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W.N. Monroe has commenced a building opposite the Granite Bank there will be used as an express and telegraph office, which we are pleased to note, will be opened up town as soon as the building is ready. At present there is no commercial telegraph office in the city and the express is too far away.

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The boarders at the Monrovia House made up a purse of \$10.50 in coin and presented it to the dining room girls at the Monrovia House as a Christmas gift on last Saturday eve.

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The saloon has flown, but it will be opened again just outside the city limits between here and Duarte. Well we can't govern the whole universe.

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The store in Spence's block is being rapidly completed for the dry goods store of J. W. Robinson.

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Combs and Banning have now received a full supply of under taking goods and expected to have a hearse soon.

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Pasadena Cycling Club took a run to Monrovia Monday afternoon under the leadership of Captain George Frost.

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F.W. Cherry has a petition before the city trustees this week, asking permission to establish gas works in Monrovia. The matter has been referred to a committee. While gas is good in its way, it can't hold a candle to electric light; and it is to be hoped that the matter will be thoroughly debated and considered before such a franchise is given. Our waterpower would give us the motive power for electric lights. The city should do its own lighting, and not depend upon an outside company.

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The question of sewerage was brought up before the city trustees this week and received some discussion. The matter stands about this: There are no funds in the city treasury and sewers cannot be built without money the matter will have to “lay on the table” until after an assessment and collection of taxes is made which we hope will soon be forth coming. We must have sewers.

DEATH OF J.F. STUDEBAKER

We have received a copy of the Sunday News, of South Bend, Indiana, containing the announcement of the death of Jacob F. Studebaker, brother of J.M. Studebaker.

Mr. Studebaker's last illness was of brief duration. He left South Bend on Wednesday, December 7th, accompanying his brother, Mr. J.M. Studebaker, as far as Chicago on his western trip to Monrovia. He was then in the enjoyment of perfect health. On Thursday and Friday he attended and supervised the sleigh opening at the Chicago branch and in the evening of Friday attended the theater in company with a Chicago gentleman. Up to that time there had been no premonition of the disease that was lurking in his system and that was destined to bring his life to an untimely end. Before morning, however, the disease manifested itself and by Saturday evening he was suffering from a well-developed case of inflammation of the bowels and his condition was such that it was deemed advisable to summon his wife. Mrs. Studebaker and the eldest daughter, Ida, went over to the city on Sunday. They arrived none too soon for the progress of the disease was so rapid that his recovery was doubtful from the first. By Thursday his symptoms had become alarming in the extreme and the physicians in attendance regarded the case almost hopeless. From that time until his death he failed rapidly, suffering greatly and delirious most of the time. As in the case of the death of his father and mother it was Mr. J.M. Studebaker's misfortune to be absent at the time of his brother's death. He was in Denver enroute to California, but was reached by telegram and will be home in time for the funeral. Mrs. Chord and Helen, the youngest daughter of the deceased, went to Chicago early in the week, so that when death came all of those nearest and dearest to him were at his side.

The immediate cause of death was inflammation of bowels complicated with peritonitis.

ONE YEARS GROWTH

We present to our readers this week, on the first page, a tabulated list of the buildings constructed in Monrovia during the year 1887. In preparing this list we endeavored to be as accurate as possible, both in securing all the buildings and in giving the correct cost of each. We may have missed some, for it is a different matter to make an accurate list without a great deal of time being devoted to it. In some cases the cost may have been placed a little high, but to offset this other building may be estimated too low, which will about make the aggregate equal.

According to our figures, there has been upwards of half a million dollars put into buildings in Monrovia during the year of 1887. It is a grand showing. There is no other town in Southern California that can compare with Monrovia for its age. It is only nineteen months since the first lot was sold here. Building operations were rather slow at first and it is only during the past eight or nine months that a real building boom has taken hold of the citizens. During the past four months a large number of elegant buildings, among them the two bank buildings; the Granite costing 25,000 and the First national \$18,000. These are exceedingly creditable buildings and surpass the banking houses of many of our neighboring cities. The brick blocks erected by Messrs. W.N. Monroe & Son and J.P. Spence, are also handsome buildings; likewise the brick block of Messrs. Wilde, Brossart and Campbell. Then there are the frame blocks; Badeau's, Johnson & Parker's, and those erected by John Wilde.

To the elegant Grand View Hotel, opened at Christmas last year, have been added the Windsor, the Belmont, and addition to the Monrovia Hotel and Central, the Dew Drop, the Monrovia House, Mrs. Carter's and other boarding houses.

The churches will compare favorably with many of the city churches.

Our schoolhouse would be a credit to any community. It cost \$18,000. There are six rooms, four of which are now filled, while one year ago there were only a dozen pupils.

The Vanderink Improvement Co. constructed 29 buildings at an aggregate cost of about \$70,000.

Many new buildings are being figured on for 1888, among them stores and handsome residences. If the past year has been considered one of rapid development, the year to be ushered in tomorrow will at its close be called marvelous.

From a scattered little village of 300 one year ago, Monrovia has grown to be a city of over 2,000 inhabitants. It has grown at the rate of over one hundred per month since the first lot was sold. New people are arriving every day. Men with their families who have

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pulled up stakes in the east and come to this land of sunshine and flowers, some of them to better their condition financially, some to make homes here and invest their capital and others in search of climate in which they can regain their lost health and vigor. Here are mingled together people from all states and countries.

Almost every class of mercantile business is represented here. Our merchants carry good stocks, and all are doing a large business.

OUR BUILDING BOOM

Over Half a Million Dollars for Buildings in Monrovia in 1887

A few Plain but Interesting Figures

Below will be found a tabulated statement of the buildings erected in Monrovia during the year 1887.

RESIDENCES			
J.M. Studebaker	10,000	L. Barnes	5,000
J.I. Case	10,000	G.A. Lawrence	1,200
A.H. Johnson	600	Mrs. Pomerene	500
M.S. Monroe	10,000	Mrs. Fletcher	2,500
J.P. Spence	600	Mrs. Hutchinson	3,000
P.G. Carter	1,500	C.C. Hotchkiss	3,000
George W. Monroe	2,000	E.P. Large	4,000
G.T. Hall	2,000	C.Z. Culver	3,500
W.A. Pile	12,000	Dr. W.S. George	2,500
E.W. Little	6,000	W.J. Huntley	600
S.P. Metcalf	5,000	D.P. King	2,000
G.W. Dumbell	3,500	Dr. Edgren	1,500
E.F. Spence	12,000	L.X. George	500
Mrs. P.M.	2,000	Nadeau Estate	5,000
Vanderink Improvement		S..Bowerman	3,000
Co. 29 buildings	70,000	G.W. Cooper	700
Mrs. Abbott	3,000	William Mills	2,500
P.G. Hull	3,500	J.M. Rodgers	2,500
D.W.C. Sawyer	800	I.B. Page	2,000
J.W. Harvey	600	Rev Robinson	500
R. Andrus	500	Soon Lee	400
G.W. Seiver	1,200	Rev. D.H. Colcord	3,500
F.M. Monroe	5,000	H. Sykes	1,000
C.H. Stewart	4,000	C.S. Winters	1,000
J. Patten	8,000	L.G. Wilson	500
A.G. Miller	5,000	H.T. Parker	1,000
A.S. Baldwin	7,000	Rev. J.H. Reider	3,000
William Smith	3,500	W.A. Anderson	2,000
Dr. D.D. Day	3,500	J.W. Newland	1,800
L.F. Gay	7,000	M. Anderson	4,000
A.L. Brown	2,500	A.B. Tomlinson	4,000
Dr. McDonald	800	Mrs. Griffith	500

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C.O. Monroe	4,000	William Rohde	250
A.C. Hinters	2,000	Mrs. Field	1,800
W. Harris	600	U. Zimmerman	3,500
Mr. Gregory	1,000	L.R. Blair	3,500
Mr. Wheeler	600	Mrs. Carter	1,500
W. Gary	1,000	Dr. Stevenson	2,000
E.T. Hargrave	2,500	H.L. Green	300
Fred Lindo	1,000	Smith & Parker	2,200
N.S. Williamson	1,500	H.C. Traylor	400
Mr. Rexford	400	F.O. Miller	400
V.F. Wilby	900	J.O. Matthewson	500
S. Longstreet	700	7 houses on Stevens	
A. Boddy	900	subdivision	7,000
J.M. Fix	600	R. White	1,200
Mrs. A. Nye	1,200	J.D. Slemons	1,000
Mr. Affleck	400	W.P. McCall	750
A.S. Park	400	Fred Schutenhealm	300
T. Doherty	1,200	John Doe	400
20 houses in the LeMar		C.A. Campbell	3,000
subdivision, total	10,000	J.F. Sartori	3,000
R. Lamont	600	John Wilde (5 Houses)	8,500
Z.W. Faunce	1,200	F.N. Myers	2,300
Dr. Wheeler	1,200	G.W. Perkins	2,300
R.J. White	1,500	J.F. Brossart	2,300
R. Mullally	2,000	S. Beach	4,000

OTHER BUILDINGS

School House	8,000	S.D. Savage, block	5,000
Monroe & Armstrong		M.E. Church	9,000
Stables	5,000	Baptist Church	7,500
J.P. Spence, brick block	11,000	F.M. Shrode, blacksmith	
W.N. Monroe & Son		shop	200
Brick block	13,000	W.H. Ames, planning mill	
Granite bank	25,000	and resident	5,000
J.B. Nichols, carpet		Windsor Hotel	5,000
Store	1,200	L.L. Bradbury, office	500
N. Spoo, billard hall	800	Santa Fe depot	700
J.S. Keefer, barn	2,500	Combs & Banning, shop	400
Johnson & Parker	3,000	Bray & Erbes, shop	400
Buck & Campbell, office	200	Morse & Rodgers, livery	1,500

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F.E. Perham, addition to Store	1,000	J. Sackett, plumbing shop	1,200
C.H. Stewart, 3 offices	2,500	H. Zerell, bakery	1,200
Baxter Bros., addition to Stable	1,400	Nelson Smith, store	1,500
L.Barnes, office	1,100	San Pedro Lumber Co., office	1,000
Chess Bros., office	1,000	Kerchoff Lumber Co., office	1,000
Col. Baker, addition to Hotel	2,500	E.T. Hargrave, store	2,500
I.A. McCrary, office	300	Badeau block	6,000
L. Beer, butcher shop	3,000	City Reservoir	4,000
A. McAlonan, addition to Hotel	1,500	Combs & Banning, store	2,000
R.H. poor, restaurant	2,100	Wilde, Brossart & Campbell bell, brick block	10,000
C.F. Ford, barber shop	200	J. Wilde, 3 stores	7,500
First National Bank	18,000		
John Patten, harness shop	400		
Holiness Church	1,000		
A.W, Holtzkom, harness Shop	200		

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Strawberry plants, guavas and pansies at the Pioneer Nursery.

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I want an offer on Lot 5, Block 6, and Lot 18, Block E, Bicknell's addition. E.M. Taylor
Jr. at J.S. Keefer's office.

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Another store will shortly be commenced adjoining J. Wilde's new store on Myrtle Avenue near the Monrovia Hotel.

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In its article on the building boom of Monrovia, this week our contemporary made some pretty wild "guesses" on the cost of many of these buildings. In one case a \$500 house was put in at \$5,000 – a slight difference. An \$18,000 brick building was placed at \$3,500. Two other brick buildings costing \$10,000 and \$13,000 were placed at \$20,000 there is no sense in misrepresenting things in this manner.

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D.D.G.M.J.R. Garthside of Pomona will be in Monrovia on next Monday evening with the other grand officers for the purpose of installing the offices of Monrovia Lodge #330 I.O.O.F. for the ensuring term.

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The Congregational Church and Sunday school had interesting services at the house of the pastor on Palm Avenue on Christmas Eve. The tree well fruited yielded its stores to the children after they had given their recitations and songs. Later a nice spread was served consisting of cake, lemonade and fruit.

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Monrovia can point with pride to her banking instutions.

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The experiments with the incandescent electric light which have been made by the American Naval Authorities at the Torpedo Station at Newport. Have developed a novel use for the little lamps and one that is said to promise to be great value in naval warfare with lamps of 100 candle power fastened on the ends of poles submerged in the sea to a depth of 20 feet. The water is so illuminated that objects in it can be distinguished within a radius of 150 feet. This discovery may assist in locating sunken wrecks and be the means of recovering much valuable property. Our days may well be called the electric ear.

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1887 is nearly dead.

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L. Barnes has been in Downey this week.

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J. H. Middleton and bride have returned from their honeymoon trip.

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Rev. D.H. Colcord has moved into his new house on Palm Avenue.

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Dr. Lang and family, from Indiana, are visiting H.C. Phelps and family.

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J.S. Keefer and J.W. Hunter have returned from their San Francisco trip.

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Miss Anna Parson, of Santa Paula is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Sherwood.

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Miss Lula Applegate, of Monrovia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mable Oakley, and occupied her old place in the Methodist choir Sunday – Ontario Record.

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Mr. George H. Peabody and family, from _____, Massachusetts, will spend the winter in Monrovia. They are occupying Rev. D. H. Colcord's house on Walnut Avenue. Mr. Peabody is of the shoe firm of Smith, Simmons & Peabody, of Toledo, Ohio.

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Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Sanborn, from Newport, New Hampshire, who have spent two months in Southern California, most of the time in our town, visiting Mrs. Colcord, Mrs. Sanborn's sister, have decided to locate in Redlands and will leave this week for that place.

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A party from Canada arrived in Monrovia this week and will make this place their home. They are W. J. Rowe, wife and two children, of Picton, Ontario; R. McDonald, wife and child, D.B. Craft, Smith and Wilson Phillips, of Wellington, Ontario.

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Mr. Alfred Hutchison and family, Miss Ellen Colcord, Eddie Brown from Danvers Massachusetts, have come to Monrovia to spend the winter. They will make their home with Rev. D.H. Colcord, Mrs. Hutchison's brother. Mr. Hutchison is of the firm Hutchison & Littlefield, wholesale shoe dealers, 79 Pearl Street, Boston.

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George P. Bates and wife, of Topeka, Kansas, are again visiting Monrovia, they spent the winter here two years ago at the residence of W.N. Monroe. Of course there was no Monrovia ten, for it was just being talked of. They have constantly received the Planet, but were surprised to see such a large city as we have here.