

ties Gouge and Hewitt believe that there is no legal objection to the use of Central Park as a library site. The park was not donated to the city, as has been supposed, and then dedicated as a park, but has always been owned by the city. It was one of the original blocks of Ord's survey, and the ordinance says that it was dedicated as a public place for the purposes of the people in general.

**SALARY SCHEDULE.
WATER DEPARTMENT PAY ROLL.**

An executive session of the Finance Committee was held yesterday at noon to consider the pay roll of the water department. Three sample schedules were before the committee, and these were used as a basis for computing the salary which the men in the department should receive. As the men work fewer hours since the city secured the plant, it is probable that quite a reduction will be made in the pay roll.

Chairman Allen has a copy of the pay sheet of the Los Angeles Water Company, a copy of the ordinance passed by the Council some time ago, when provision was made for a municipal water department and salary list suggested by the Water Commission. It is probable that the Council will have very close to the line fixed in the latter schedule.

The ordinance establishing the department fixes the salary of the superintendent at \$5000, and that of the auditor at \$2000. Including these items the pay roll as suggested by the Water Commission would amount to \$2968.32 a month. The demands of day laborers who are paid \$2 and \$3 a day, will amount to about \$1000 more on the average. The list is as follows:

Chief collector and adjuster, \$150; first deputy collector and adjuster, \$125; second deputy collector and adjuster, \$90; cashier, \$125; chief bill clerk, \$100; bill clerk and stenographer, \$90; rate inspector, \$100; deputy rate inspector, \$85; construction inspector, \$75; book-keeper, \$75; assistant book-keeper, \$60; six collectors at \$75 per month and \$15 additional to those who are using a horse in the discharge of their duties; waste inspector, \$60; assistant bill clerk and waste inspector, \$50, and janitor, \$20; assistant superintendent, \$150; draughtsman, \$125; chief mechanical engineer, \$125; engineer, \$75; meter man, \$90; reservoir keeper, \$65; reservoir keeper, \$55, and headworks keeper, \$85.

**DEED TO PROPERTY.
SUNSET BOULEVARD PROJECT.**

Assurance has been given by the Council that all possible expedition will be employed in the passage of necessary legislation for the construction of Sunset boulevard within the city limits. H. J. Whitley, Griffith J. Griffith, and other property-owners directly interested in the boulevard project were before the Board of Public Works yesterday. President E. P. Clark of the Los Angeles-Pacific Railroad Company represented that corporation.

On Monday the board will recommend to the Council the acceptance of a deed from property owners to a strip 100 feet wide, mainly across acreage property from Mohawk street in the Washington Heights tract to Michelovena street. This strip of land is dedicated as a boulevard, subject to the exclusive use of twenty-five feet in the center of the boulevard for street railway purposes by the Los Angeles-Pacific Railroad Company.

At present the company owns a right of way in fee simple. This will be relinquished, and the strip in the center of the boulevard accepted in exchange. This plan was agreed to by the property owners, as they did not feel that they could bear the whole expense of putting the boulevard on a railroad grade. By giving the railway company a right of way along the boulevard, the expense has been lessened 25 per cent.

With the deed was filed a communication from the Los Angeles-Pacific Railroad Company assenting to the dedication of the entire street for boulevard purposes, and expressly dedicating the twenty-five-foot strip which will be used by the railway company, reserving the exclusive right to construct and forever to maintain and operate upon said strip a double-track electric railway. It is provided that the right to lay tracks shall be understood to have been given prior to the time of dedication, and that the Los Angeles-Pacific Railroad Company shall not be required to obtain a franchise. The company further stipulates that the city shall have no power to grant to any one the use of any portion of the track by the payment of one-half the cost of construction under the State five-block law.

The new boulevard will be a great improvement, and will particularly benefit the Hollywood section of the county. The route outlined on the maps accompanying the deed is more direct than the old lines of the street, and by including the railroad excellent traffic grades will be obtained. City Engineer Stafford has been instructed to proceed at once to establish the grade of the boulevard between Douglas street and the city limits.

GARVANZA FRANCHISE:

With certain changes and restrictions, the Board of Public Works yesterday agreed to favorably report a notice of sale for a street-car franchise over Avenue 64 in Garvanza from the right of way of the Pasadena electric line to the northern city limits. For a time at least the road will be operated by mule or horse power, although it is the belief of the Councilmen that eventually the franchise will form the basis of a first-class electric line to Pasadena.

The Campbell-Johnston brothers are the petitioners, and they state that the primary purpose of the road is to carry passengers from Garvanza to the Church of the Angels, a chapel charmingly situated on what is known as the mountain road. Considerable discussion was provoked by a clause which gives the grantee of the franchise right to haul gravel. Several citizens of Garvanza appeared to protest against the granting of a franchise for a mule line. They declared that they had signed a petition for the franchise with the understanding that a first-class electric road was to be built. As citizens of Garvanza they declared that they wanted the best or nothing. They said that they are opposed to the granting of a privilege which will allow the hauling of gravel. After much deliberation the board decided to offer the concession for sale.

The franchise asked for is for a term of forty years. It will contain the following provisions:

"The cars on the road shall be used only for the transportation of passengers and the United States mail packages, baggage and express, provided that not more than one car on any one train shall be used for carrying said baggage or express; said grantees may transport at night gravel or other road material for use on the public highways during the hours from 9 o'clock p.m. to 5 o'clock a.m."

Cars must run as often as once an hour from 7 o'clock a.m. to 7 o'clock p.m. In other respects the franchise provisions are much the same as those in similar concessions heretofore granted, with two important exceptions. One provision reads:

"The City Council hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and this franchise is offered on the express condition and understanding that the bidders therefore shall have no vested rights in and to the same

until after the final passage of the ordinance granting the same."

To prevent any recurrence of the difficulty that characterized the last franchise bidding the following provision will also be inserted:

"That as an evidence of good faith no person, firm or corporation shall offer, nor shall the City Council receive any bid, whether sealed or otherwise until said person, firm or corporation shall have deposited with the City Clerk a certified check in the sum of at least 20 per cent. of his or its bid."

While it is not probable that there will be any spirited competition for the Garvanza franchise, the Council intends to test its right to impose such conditions, in order to guide its action in again offering for sale the very valuable concessions which have been asked by other corporations.

PAVING BROADWAY.

After consideration the board has decided to recommend to the Council that two separate ordinances for paving Broadway be passed. It was decided yesterday to ask the City Engineer to bring in an ordinance of intention for the paving of Broadway from Seventh to Main street, and another ordinance for the repaving of Broadway from Second to Seventh street.

The board will recommend that Second street from Boylston to Figueroa streets, be made an eighty-foot street, in order to eradicate certain engineering defects in the lines.

All are Invited.

Manager James F. Morley of the Los Angeles Baseball Club yesterday sent the Council and city officials an invitation to take part in the parade on the occasion of the opening of the baseball season at Washington Gardens, April 5. Manager Morley hopes to make the opening a credit to our famous city, he says. To that end the Mayor has consented to officiate, and the Board of Supervisors may occupy a box in the front row.

Library Board.

At the meeting of the library board yesterday afternoon, the attendants' committee was given further time to report on the schedule for the raising of salaries. Miss Jones, the librarian, presented a report for February, showing a total circulation of 60,792 books out of a total of 69,372 volumes in the library. The membership, March 1, was 16,921.

Pressing Permit.

An application for a permit to maintain a brickyard was filed with the City Clerk yesterday, by the Los Angeles Pressed Brick and Terra Cotta Company of which Charles E. Frost is president. The brickyard is located in the Beaudry tract.

AT THE CITY HALL.

NEW LIBRARY BONDS UNDER DISCUSSION.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS FAVOR SITE IN PUBLIC PARK.

City Attorney Says There is No Legal Objection to the Use of Central Park for Library Purposes—Open-air Reading Rooms Favored.

Earnest consideration was given by the Finance Committee yesterday morning to the request that an election be called to vote \$350,000 bonds for the erection of a suitable library building. All the members of the committee are agreed that the necessity for such a building is very great, but they are not decided that so much money is needed for the purpose. It was the opinion of the committee that some understanding should be had regarding the site for the library before the bond proposition is submitted to the people.

After discussing the question, pro and con, for some time, it was decided to postpone action until the board of directors of the library could be consulted, and their wishes regarding the location of the new building ascertained. It is not probable that any report will be made by the committee next Monday. The school-bond issue, on which a test of the charter debt limitation will be made, now has the right of way, and until an interpretation of the section is obtained from the Supreme Court, the Council will not act regarding an election for the library bonds.

As far as could be ascertained yesterday, the board of directors is anxious that the new library building shall be erected in Central Park. In speaking of the proposition, Chairman J. Ross Clark said:

"It seems to me that Central Park is the place for the new library building. It has manifold advantages that are apparent to every one. One most important consideration is that it would eliminate the cost of a site, and would enable the city to build a fine structure, of which we may well be proud. In Central Park a light, airy, cheerful and artistic building could be erected. The park grounds surrounding the structure would be in entire harmony with the library, and would serve to set off the building most effectively. If there are no legal objections, and I understand that there are none, it seems to me that no more suitable site could be found. The street-car service is good, as the park can be reached by the lines of the Los Angeles Railway Company, the Pacific Electric Railway Company, and the Traction Company. Suitable grounds are essential to a good library building, and these would be provided in Central Park."

Chairman Clark was understood to voice the sentiments of the board of directors. Miss Mary L. Jones, the librarian, is even more enthusiastic over the plan which has been discussed so long. Yesterday she said:

"If the Council will provide for the erection of the library building in Central Park, and bonds to the amount of \$350,000 are voted, the city can have a library which will be known all over the United States. In this country, where the climate is so salubrious and semi-tropical vegetation forms one of the chief attractions for eastern visitors, it would seem a pity to build a library without suitable grounds. In several European countries, and especially in Sweden, park reading-rooms are in high favor. They are conducted as part of the library system. If a library building was erected in Central Park, it would be possible to provide for several open-air reading-rooms. A patio reading-room could be made, and, if desired, a reading-room could be planned for the roof. There would be plenty of light and air, pleasant surroundings, and an absence of the commercial activity which would be inseparable from a smaller site in the business center.

"Our library is already noted all over the United States. Los Angeles is the thirty-sixth city in size, while the library stands twenty-sixth in size and sixteenth in circulation. Think of it! There are only fifteen cities in the United States where the library issues as many books on cards as this one. If the per capita were considered we would stand first among all the libraries. Yet this department is kept tucked away in the upper story of an overcrowded City Hall. With a suitable building and grounds the library would become one of the best attractions of the city."

Allen of the Finance Committee is in favor of submitting to a vote of the people the bond proposition as requested by the library board, if it proves that \$350,000 can be profitably expended in the construction of a library building. Blanchard of the committee is in favor of the Central Park location. He said:

"My idea is that a library building in Central Park would be a fine thing for Los Angeles. It is a beauty spot and a library would fit in splendidly. I should like to see a fine library building located in Central Park," said Allen. "It is the artistic that we expect in library buildings, and the park would afford the right atmosphere for the library. The most attractive thing about Redlands is a charming little library with attractive grounds and broad esplanades."

"Options should be secured on some site before action is taken," said Pierce. "A building might be erected on the Spring-street school lot. The lower floor could be used for stores, the second for offices and the top floors for the library. I am not directly opposed to the Central Park plan, but I am not certain that the city has the right to put the library there."

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