

AFFAIRS IN THE OUTSIDE DISTRICTS.

Noe Claim Arouses More Interest.

A NEW CLUB TO BE FORMED.

POOR STREET WORK ON SUNNYSIDE AVENUE.

An Association to Secure a Park for the Mission—Hog Ranches Must Go.

The owners of the property in that portion of the Mission lying south of Nineteenth street and between Valencia and Castro intend to organize an association to protect their land from the Noe claim.

The property-owners in the district mentioned are becoming somewhat alarmed. During the past three days the agents of the Noe heirs have been serving summons upon the owners of land in that portion of the San Miguel ranch. The taxpayers who have already received the summons have been trying to learn what course to pursue regarding the claim. Some have placed their papers in the hands of attorneys. The majority, however, are unable to bear the cost of defending the suit without assistance, and have consulted their neighbors.

At a meeting of a few of those interested a few days ago it was decided to organize a defense association similar to that which the property-owners west of Castro street have formed. The first meeting of the new association will be held to-night at the hall on Twentieth and Guerrero streets. A permanent organization will be effected and a list opened for those who desire to have their titles defended. The new association will take care of those owning property east of Castro street and will work in harmony with the defense association west of Castro street.

Attorneys will be engaged to defend the owners east of Castro street. The attorneys for the Noe heirs intend to serve 1400 property-owners with papers within the course of the next two or three weeks.

FIGHTING AN ASSESSMENT.

Grading of Sunnyside Avenue Alleged to Be Worthless.

Nearly all the owners of property fronting on Sunnyside avenue have signed and presented an appeal to the Board of Supervisors against the assessment recently made against the property for grading done on that avenue. The appeal reads as follows:

The undersigned, property-owners of Sunnyside avenue, for themselves and for all others similarly situated, appeal from the assessment issued against our property and all property facing on Sunnyside avenue by the Superintendent of Streets by order of the Board of Supervisors, dated January 13th, and from any and all assessments issued by the said Superintendent of streets for the grading of said avenue on the following grounds:

First—That the grading of said avenue was not done in accordance with the terms of the contract for said grading.

Second—That the necessary steps required by law to be taken by the Supervisors, the City Surveyor and Superintendent of Streets were not taken, and for that reason the assessment is illegal and void.

Third—That the said Sunnyside avenue has not been properly graded, and that the work on said street is of no benefit to the property-owners by reason of the street not being properly graded; that there are no culverts under said street, and that the said street will wash away and has already to a considerable extent washed away, and consequently will have to be rebuilt and, at additional expense to the property-owners.

Fourth—There was no petition on the part of the property-owners as required by law for the changing of the grade on Sunnyside avenue, and such change of grade was illegal and void.

Fifth—There was no resolution of intention passed by the Board of Supervisors for the change of grade on said avenue, and for that reason the change of grade and the order for the change of grade was illegal and void.

And lastly, for ourselves and others similarly situated, in appeal from said assessment upon all legal and statutory grounds as provided by law, and ask that our said property and the property of all others similarly situated, be relieved from said assessment or any or all assessment for the grading or the changing of the grade on said Sunnyside avenue.

A MISSION PARK.

The Supervisors to Be Asked to Acquire Two Blocks.

The residents of the Mission, especially those living in the vicinity of the old Jewish cemeteries, are talking of forming an association to influence the Board of Supervisors to purchase the old burying grounds and dedicate the property for park purposes. The Mission residents are enthusiastically in favor of changing the two blocks into a park and will, before long, make a demand for an appropriation for such a purpose.

The people of that section call attention to the fact that the Mission is in need of recreation grounds for its residents. There is but one small park on the south side, between Folsom street and the county line. Garfield square, the solitary breathing spot, occupies the half-block bounded by Harrison street, Treat avenue, Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets. It is the only park that the Mission has. There is another piece of land dedicated for such purposes, Holly Park, but it is still a barren waste, and is also situated too far from the center of population. Holly Park lies between Thirty-first and Thirty-fourth streets and one block east of Mission street.

The two blocks formerly used by the Jewish congregations for a cemetery are centrally located and are easy and convenient of access. The ground is in good condition for a park and could be beautified at small expense. The advocates of the plan declare that the property could be secured at a much lower figure than it could be purchased for several years ago.

A Mission park in such a location, they say, would prove of inestimable benefit to the thousands of people of that section who now cannot spare the time to visit distant parts of the city or Golden Gate Park when desirous of enjoying an outing.

Among those who favor the purchase of the cemetery lots by the city are ex-Judge Van Reynegom, A. P. Van Duzer, Joseph Scheerer, T. Verhoeven, D. Wuzen and W. W. Rednall.

FIGHTING THE NOE CLAIM.

The San Miguel Defense Association Meets.

The San Miguel Defense Association held a largely attended meeting last night at Judson's Hall, Twenty-third and Douglass streets. The report that the Noe heirs had begun to serve the property-owners whose names were included in the second suit

recently filed with summonses, brought many to the meeting anxious to learn what was to be done to protect their homes.

Chairman W. B. Curtis explained the objects of the association and how it was intended to fight the Noe claim in the courts.

Each lot is taxed \$1 50, which goes into the defense fund. This is all that will be expected, unless the property-owner signing the roll is served with a summons. Then an additional \$1 will be needed, which is to pay the County Clerk's fee. Mr. Curtis reminded those present that the papers recently filed by the attorneys for the Noe heirs included the names of 1400 of the 6500 property-owners in the San Miguel ranch. About 300 have already been served, and it is only a question of time before the remainder will be compelled to fight the suit.

The association has already more than 400 names on the defense roll and is increasing its membership daily.

Headquarters have been opened at 112 McAllister street.

In Favor of Better Roads.

The following-named members of the South Side Improvement clubs have been notified of their election as vice-presidents of the demonstration to be held next Tuesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall in favor of good roads: Dr. T. A. Rottanzl, A. B. Maguire, F. W. McEwen, I. Schwartz and George A. Raabe.

The meeting next Tuesday is under the auspices of the League of American Wheelmen, and is tendered as a reception to the Bureau of Highways, who have been touring throughout the State. Secretary Schwartz has been instructed to notify the members of the South Side clubs to attend the demonstration.

Objectionable Hog Pens.

Health Officer Lovelace and a number of property-owners appeared before the Health and Police Committee of the Board of Supervisors yesterday and urged the removal of the hog ranches from the district bounded by Railroad avenue, Fourteenth avenue, Twenty-first avenue and the bay. It was shown that the ranches were a menace to the health of that neighborhood. The committee took the matter under advisement for one week.

Ocean View Firehouse.

Rapid progress is being made in the construction of the new engine-house at Ocean View. The building is fast nearing completion. The frame is in position and the sides boarded with rustic. The workmen are now putting on the roof. A portion of the interior fitting is also under way. The contractor expects to turn the building over to the Fire Department in about three weeks.

Mission Republican Club.

The Republicans of the Thirty-fifth district will meet on Monday night at Stanford Hall for the purpose of organizing a club. The Thirty-fifth district comprises that portion of the Mission south of Twenty-first street, between Church and Howard streets, widening at Army street to the San Bruno road and extending to the county line.

Fire Apparatus for the Cliff House.

Mayor Sutro has petitioned the Supervisors to furnish hose, reels and other fire appliances at the Cliff House for better protection against fire. The Spring Valley Company has recently extended its pipes and there is now plenty of water for that vicinity.