

Valencia to Seventeenth streets and of Seventeenth Street from Valencia to Noe. The Board commenced operations in January, 1871, and filed their report on the 9th of March, having completed the duty assigned to it in sixty days. This Commission only appraised damages, and a second set of Commissioners will have to be appointed to assess the benefits arising from the opening of the street as proposed by the law.

**LAGUNA SURVEY COMMISSIONERS.**—The provisions of the law of 1869-70 authorizes the County Judge to appoint three Commissioners, and in accordance therewith, Messrs. Scott Tidball, Mathew Cannavan and Charles M. Hitchcock have been selected as Commissioners, who are empowered to condemn certain private property within the boundaries of what is known as the Laguna Survey, for the purpose of extending Green, Union, Filbert, Greenwich, Lombard, Chestnut, Polk and Franklin streets and Van Ness Avenue through said survey, and assessing the damages, benefits, etc., arising therefrom.

The Commissioners have had maps of all the property made by the City and County Surveyor and have taken the testimony of the owners of property relative to its value, and are now engaged in taking testimony as to the benefits. They think they will be able to file their report by the 1st of June.

**NEW MONTGOMERY STREET COMMISSIONERS.**—During the session of the Legislature of 1869-70, a bill was introduced providing for the extension of New Montgomery Street on a direct line from Howard Street to the Bay. Notwithstanding the bill met with serious opposition from a number of property owners, it passed both Houses, and was sent to the Governor for his signature. On the tenth day thereafter, Governor Haight returned the bill to the Senate with his veto, but that body had adjourned a few minutes before its arrival, and a question was raised as to whether the Governor's veto was valid under the circumstances. The matter went to the Supreme Court on a statement of facts, and that body held that the veto was worthless and the bill became a law. The County Judge, under the provisions of the Act requiring him to appoint Commissioners to assess the damages and benefits, appointed Messrs. Robert E. Doyle, Duncan L. McDonald and Isaac G. Messec. The Board organized by the election of R. E. Doyle, President and N. M. Chadwick, Secretary, and have been engaged for nearly ten months in preparing a report of the whole subject, which will be ready by the 15th of April.

**MONTGOMERY AVENUE COMMISSIONERS.**—The Act of the Legislature providing for the opening and extending of this thoroughfare, authorizes the County Judge to appoint three Commissioners to superintend the carrying into effect of the provisions thereof, and in accordance therewith Messrs. J. C. Maynard, R. H. Sinton and A. M. Hay were appointed Commissioners. These appointees have been organized as a Board of Commissioners with J. C. Maynard as President and R. J. Bush as Secretary. Mr. A. C. Peachy has been appointed Counsel and Messrs. T. P. Riordan, John Calvert and Samuel Purdy as Experts, to examine and report upon the benefits and damages to the buildings affected by the proposed improvement.

The Commissioners are authorized to assess the damages and benefits resulting from the opening of a street commencing on the westerly side of Montgomery Street seventy-six feet, measured on said line of said street, north of the northern line of Washington Street; thence to a point on the northern line of Vallejo Street one hundred and forty-six feet west of the western line of Dupont Street, passing near to, but not touching or including any portion of the Church of San Francisco de Assi; thence continuing in the same straight line to the northern line of Beach Street; thence southerly and perpendicular to the first line eighty feet; thence southeasterly parallel to the first line to the southwest corner of Montgomery and Washington streets, thence to the place of beginning. The report of the Commissioners will be completed by the 15th of April next.

**BOARD OF HEALTH.**—The law of the Legislature of 1869-70, provides for the re-organization of the Board of Health for the City and County of San Francisco, and also for the establishment of a more perfect system of quarantine, and authorizes the Governor to appoint the members of the Board of Health, who, with the exception of the Mayor of San Francisco, who is declared to be a member of the Board and *ex officio* President thereof, are to be members of the medical faculty in good standing.

The law provides for the appointment by the Board of Health of a Health Officer, at a salary of \$2,400 per annum; Deputy Health Officer, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum; Secretary, at a salary of \$2,100 per annum; Clerk, at a salary of \$900 per annum; two Health Inspectors, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum each; one Market Inspector, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum; one Messenger, at a salary of \$900 per annum, and two Boatmen, at \$900 per annum each.

The Board of Health, through their subordinate officers, are to have charge of the City and County Hospital, the Alms House, the Industrial School, the City Prison and the County Jail, and in meeting the requirements of the law which gives his authority, they created an office for another physician, viz: Visiting Physician of the City Prison and the County Jail. The Board of Health was also given general supervision of all matters appertaining to the sanitary condition of the City and County of San Francisco, and empowered to adopt such orders and regulations as to them seem best to promote the public welfare. Under this clause of the law, the Board passed ordinances providing for the cleansing and fumigation of vessels; the removal of butchers' offal; the sale of adulterated milk; the depositing of rubbish, decayed vegetables or fruits; the following of dangerous and detrimental pursuits; the regulation of foul or offensive vaults or drains; the sale or exposing for sale of unwholesome meat, fish or fowls; the washing of animals and carriages, etc., etc.

The salaries of the various officers and employes authorized by this law exceed \$45,000 per annum.