

Owensmouth.

# PACIFIC OCEAN HIGHWAY IS STRONG PROBABILITY.

**O**WENSMOUTH, Dec. 12.—County Surveyor Noble, H. J. Whitley, general manager of the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company, and Supervisor Pridham were in Owensmouth today for the purpose of making a final investigation prior to commencing work on the Pacific Ocean highway, to be built from Owensmouth to Santa Monica boulevard, through the picturesque Topanga Canyon. Deputy County Surveyor Fred D. Bowlius will have his work finished within a week or ten days, when the grading and excavating will begin in earnest.

The road will start from the old Ventura road, now being completed as a section of the coast State highway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The point leading off the State highway will be midway between Canoga and Workman avenues, and will take a general southerly direction through Horse Camp Canyon, intersecting several large ranch holdings along the way. The land owners are for the road without a dissenting voice, among them being the Elliott-Brant rancho, Mr. Failor, 160 acres; Mrs. Carlos, 160 acres; Frank Failor, 300 acres; L. Hammond, 160 acres; A. Lutherer, 160 acres; C. C. Cheney, 400 acres; Mr. Julian, eighty acres; August Schmidt, 160 acres; Martin Allen, 160 acres; Mrs. McAllister, eighty acres; Topanga Land Com-

pany, 500 acres, and Mr. Dunmuir, 200 acres.

About two miles of the road will intersect the tract owned by the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company, and it is understood that, through H. J. Whitley, its general manager, it will stand 50 per cent. of the expense through its holdings, to hasten the work. John Haas, road superintendent for the Calabasas district, has been in touch with the surveyors since the work commenced and informs the Supervisors that the grade will be reduced to a 6 per cent. standard, which is gratifying tidings to auto-ists.

This end of the job, which will begin about the first of the year, connects with the south-end job, which has been going on since last July, Sheriff Hammel having a husky gang of county prisoners at work. An ocean entrance from San Fernando Valley direct from Owensmouth will be considered the greatest feat in county road building since the "good road" idea became a household topic.

This piece of road construction has been on Mr. Whitley's mind for many months, and when the matter was duly presented, and agitation was met with stubborn rebuke, Whitley defied any contrary influences. The small coterie of two or three favoring the enterprise was headed by this man, and the more opposition showed itself the stronger was the strength which brought about the movement for the road.