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On a hill overlooking what was once a horse pasture and a succession of straggling vegetable gardens, but now shows the lights of hundreds of the luxurious homes of Hollywood, more than 200 real estate men of Hollywood and Los Angeles, the Mayor and members of the City Council of Los Angeles, of the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education, and many prominent business men gathered last night at an old-time barbecue to witness the opening of Whitley Heights, the last large development project of H. J. Whitley, for many years one of the foremost men in the development of the country in and about Los Angeles. The occasion was attended with a special significance as it was the scene of the reunion of many men who were connected with Mr. Whitley in his first efforts to make the vegetable gardens into a wealthy city more than twenty years ago, men who had gathered at a similar affair in 1902 to watch the turning on of the first electric lights in Hollywood.

The hill upon which the barbecue was held last night is a lower terrace of another one which Mr

Whitley sold to the Hollywood Water Company sixteen years ago for \$1 and bought back a short time ago for \$30,000. It is being developed on lines that Mr. Whitley planned years ago. Several homes have already been erected on the terraces that divide the hill into four grades.

After the barbecue Mayor Snyder who was Mayor of Los Angeles when Mr. Whitley first located in Hollywood, paid a tribute to Mr. Whitley for developing Hollywood and San Fernando Valley. George Gianna, for many years connected with Mr. Whitley, reviewed briefly the result of the latter's efforts. Mr. Whitley, he said, had come to California twenty years ago to recuperate his health, and while resting had opened up a country that was now providing homes for thousands of people. He bought 400 acres in Hollywood and made it into a city of homes. Later, with other pioneers he developed 50,000 acres in the San Joaquin Valley, and eleven years ago, with the late Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, Gen. M. H. Sherman, Harry Chandler, and O. F. Brant, had turned 47,500 acres in the San Fernando Valley into a country of rich farms.