

franchise is conditioned upon a bond of \$5000 which guarantees that work will be started within four months and be completed at the end of a year and a half. From this city the plan is to build through Sawtelle and the Wolfskill ranch to the western end of Pico street, Los Angeles. The new line promises a ten-cent round-trip rate between the city and the sea, as compared with the present rate of fifty cents.

With great ceremony, the local lodge of Elks Thursday night at the hour of 11 o'clock laid the corner-stone for its new club house on Ocean avenue. The great block of onyx was slid into place with the ritualistic ceremony of the order, with Frank Hunt of Santa Barbara acting as master of ceremonies. The lot upon which this \$35,000 building is being erected was donated to the lodge, which will spend \$10,000 in providing proper furnishings. It is expected the structure will be completed and ready for dedication early in July.

## SCENE OF DEVELOPMENT.

**Bean Fields Being Transformed Into Home Area. Great Things Expected From Aerial Trolley.**

SANTA MONICA, May 25.—At last the work of converting the bean fields and barley acres adjoining the city on the east into town lots and the homes of contented people is to be started with a rush. This week the City Council gave the order which will result in the establishment of the grade on Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth streets from Nevada to Montana. Prior to this season this land was devoted to agriculture, but the final surveys have been made and the acres are today speckled with street improvement notices and the sound of the gasoline ditch digging machine is heard. Water pipes and sewer mains are being installed. In the Davis subdivision of the Palisades, adjoining this tract on the north, work has already been commenced on three handsome homes, although the street and utility improvements have not yet been completed.

Great things are expected from the aerial trolley railway, which is planned to be built from tidewater eastward on Fremont street for two miles to the Sawtelle city limits. The City Council has advertised the franchise for sale, at the request of the Hawkes Aerial Railway Company, but it is expected there will be animated bidding, as monorail and other single rail people have been looking over the ground. The granting of the