

BIG LAND DEAL FOR GOLF AREA.

*California Hotel Buys Two
Hundred-Acre Course.*

*Transaction Involves Over
Quarter of Million.*

*Pico Boulevard Site to be
West's Best Links.*

Through the purchase yesterday of 187 acres on Pico Boulevard, opposite the old Wolfskill ranch and adjoining the new Speedway, arrangements were completed for a new golf course which will be one of the finest in the West. The deal involves over \$350,000. It was closed by Henry W. O'Melveny, representing S. W. Strauss of the Ambassador Hotels Corporation. The land was bought from the Burkhard Investment Company on the basis of \$1200 an acre. A. M. Bonsall of W. W. Mines & Co., closed the deal.

The links, which will probably be ready to play on by December, will belong to the new California Hotel and will be within twelve minutes ride from that magnificent hostelry. Architect Myron Hunt is drawing plans for a clubhouse of Spanish architecture, which will cost between \$75,000 and \$90,000. One hundred and forty acres of the tract will be devoted to an eighteen-hole golf course and the remainder will be laid out for tennis courts, clubhouse and gardens. The golf grounds are planned particularly for guests of the hotel, but it is understood a limited number of local memberships will be issued.

Herbert Fowler of the English firm of Fowler & Simpson, an architect of first-class golf courses, designed the new links. Koebig & Koebig, the engineering firm, will superintend the carrying out of his plans. Thomas Chisholm, the California grass expert, who so successfully carried out this work at Annandale, will have charge of the grass planting. A large force of men will be put to work at once to drill the well for water.

Mr. Fowler, before leaving here stated that the new course will not have one bad hole and will comprise from eight to ten feature holes calculated to delight the eye and skill of devotees of the sport.

The entire course will be kept up in the finest grasses, special pains being taken to eliminate every suggestion of Bermuda grass which injures the fairway so seriously in summer.