

of OLD SPAIN



• Pacific Electric Shops and General Petroleum Tank Farm Loom As One Looks Northeast From Tower.

nephews and nieces of other children.

It was the share received by Manuel which was the foundation of the old Dominguez estate. This sterling Don, who was born in San Diego, January 26, 1803, saw California under the flags of Spain, Mexico, and the United States, and was one of the few prominent native Californians who, although holding a position of neutrality in the struggle, actually favored the Americans.

Married in Los Angeles in 1827, to Maria Engracia Cota, Don Manuel was a member of the Los Angeles Ayuntamiento (City Council) in 1828 and 1829.

He was First Alcalde and Judge in 1832, Second Alcalde in 1839, First Alcalde again in 1842, and was appointed Prefect—highest office under the Mexican government—in 1843.

Helped Form Pact

UNDER American rule Manuel was a delegate to the constitutional convention at Monterey which drafted the first constitution of California in 1849, and in 1854 he was elected a County Supervisor.

He died October 11, 1882, leaving an estate of approximately \$400,000. Each of his six daughters was awarded \$5 in his will, the balance of the estate being left to his widow.

On her death, March 16, 1883, it was found that she had made her will on the same day as her husband, but was not as generous toward her daughters for one dollar each was awarded them, with the balance of the estate to be given to her husband.

Sixth to Each Daughter

INASMUCH as this made her intestate, one-sixth of the estate was allotted to each daughter. One of these was Mrs. Ana Josefa Dominguez de Guyer, while others were Mrs. Susana Del Amo and Mrs. Francis. The de Guyer property formed the basis for the Dominguez Estate Company,

and it was from this corporation that Jared Sidney Torrance and his associates purchased the Torrance tract,

while the Del Amo and Francis properties included land now within the city, but then somewhat to the west.

Honored In Names of Torrance Streets

MANUEL—For Don Manuel Dominguez.

MARCELINA—For Marcelina Dominguez, daughter of Manuel.

MARICOPA—For an Arizona Indian tribe; literally "bean people."

MARTINA—For Martina Dominguez, son of Manuel.

PLAZA DEL AMO—For Mrs. Susana Dominguez Del Amo,

daughter of Manuel.

PORTOLA—For Gaspar de Portola, explorer.

POST (originally named Guadalupe)—For Judge George W. Post, early civic leader and banker.

SARTORI—For Joseph F. Sartori, Los Angeles banker and Dominguez Land Company officer.

SIERRA — Saw-toothed.

(Sierra mountains).

SONOMA—Indian tribe. "Earth people."

SUSANA (now part of Gramercy)—for Mrs. Susana Dominguez Del Amo, daughter of Manuel.

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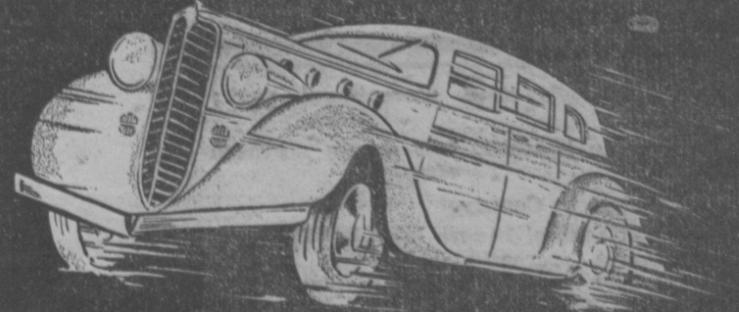
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