

Los Angeles News.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1869.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment—Present, John King, President; Messrs. Morris, Mascarel, Keller, Botiller, Childs, Metzker, Reeder and Wartenburg.

J. F. Burns asked that he be paid \$250, that amount being the difference in the salary paid him for the last fifteen months of his services as City Treasurer, and the amount which he was entitled to, a former Council having reduced his salary, but as that Council was subsequently declared an illegally elected one, he now claims that their act in reducing his salary was illegal, hence his claim. The matter was referred to the City Attorney.

Permission was granted Jacob Weil to build a wooden building within the fire limits.

The use of certain lots on Fort Hill, was, in accordance with the terms of a previous contract in connection with the Water Works granted to Griffin and others of the said Water Co. for the construction of a reservoir, to revert to the city upon the expiration of the original lease of the City Water Works.

RESERVOIR ON FORT HILL.—As it was a portion of the original contract made between the City and the Los Angeles City Water Company, that land which might belong to the City should be granted to the Company for the construction of a reservoir, to hold water sufficient for the domestic use of the City for twenty days, the Common Council employed County Surveyor Hansen to make an estimate of the area which such a reservoir would occupy, who reports that allowing forty gallons per day per head to the estimated population ten years hence, it will require a fraction over six acres, with a uniform depth of ten feet of water. The Council therefore passed an ordinance at their last meeting, granting the Company what land belonged to the City in the blocks designated in Mr. Hansen's report as the proper location for the reservoir, which is to be on Fort Hill, that point having been selected by the Water Company; the land to revert to the City, with all improvements that may be upon it, at the expiration of the lease of the Water Works held by the Company.

The daily allowance of forty gallons of water to each inhabitant would at first appear to be a large estimate, but as Mr. H. remarks in his report—the people generally of Los Angeles are noted for their habits of cleanliness, and a fondness which is observable in every part of the city, for the cultivation of flower gardens, shrubbery and ornamental shade trees, which require irrigation—that amount is probably not more than would be needed.