

# CITY COUNCIL WILL VISIT PARK SITES

## Dimond Homestead and Spring Properties Are to Be Inspected.

**FRUITVALE, May 21.**—Under the auspices of the Fruitvale Board of Trade and the Civic League of Greater Oakland, the members of the City Council, the Park Commissioners and other municipal officials will visit the two park sites offered in Upper Fruitvale, the Dimond homestead, at the entrance to Dimond canyon, and the John H. Spring place on Fruitvale avenue, tomorrow, in five automobiles. The officials will meet at the City Hall at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, when they will take the automobiles provided by the two organizations.

Accompanying the officials on their visit to the properties will be a delegation of members from the Fruitvale board, including President Adolph Lorschach and Secretary R. F. Thurston, and a committee of five from the Civic League, composed of George Ingraham, E. A. Freeman, A. A. Leonard, J. T. Walden and J. E. Hood.

The improvement clubs and residents of Fruitvale are divided over the two park sites. In the proposed park bond issue an item will be included for the acquisition of a public park for the annexed district. The John H. Spring property consists of eleven acres of beautiful grounds, all improved with rare trees and wide lawns, and is situated on Fruitvale avenue about midway between upper and lower Fruitvale. The owners ask \$30,000 for the property.

The Dimond homestead, comprising twelve acres, can be secured for \$60,000. While it is not improved, as is the other site, it possesses far greater natural beauty and is accessible to East Oakland residents as well as to Fruitvale. It would require several thousand dollars, it is believed, before it would be opened as a public park. The purchase of this site has been endorsed by the Fruitvale Improvement Association, and the Hopkins Street and Laurel Grove Improvement clubs, while the Taxpayers' League is working to secure the purchase of the Spring property.