

## LETTERS TO THE TIMES.

### The National Boulevard.

LOS ANGELES, April 13.--[To the Editor of THE TIMES.] The National boulevard, which has received so generous a support from the public-spirited men of Los Angeles and Santa Monica is approaching completion at the westerly end.

Grading has been completed from Santa Monica to The Palms, a distance of over five miles. The graders are now at work between The Palms and Ballona Station.

All the property-owners along the line have proved themselves public-spirited and given liberally, with one or two exceptions. There is only one piece of property between Santa Monica and Los Angeles that has not the right of way granted over the entire length for the boulevard. This is a 100-acre piece between The Palms and Ballona Station. In crossing this piece the amount of land taken would be about three acres. The boulevard runs through it so as not to cut it to disadvantage, and as at present there is no public road to it, the boulevard will greatly add to its value. When appealed to in behalf of public enterprise, and as the only man demanding pay for right of way (with exceptions of damages and costs of moving a dwelling house in one place), and when, rather than incur the delay of condemnation suits, \$800 was offered the owner, John Wolfskill, demanded \$2000 for his little three acres of unimproved land—worth not over \$100 per acre—saying: "It won't benefit any one but Los Angeles, and I don't want it there no how."

It is to be hoped that Mr. Wolfskill will reconsider the matter, and not place himself in the way of what is one of the most attractive public improvement that has been undertaken in Southern California. The Board of Supervisors have ordered the District Attorney to enter suit to condemn the right of way through it, but even much better it would appear for Mr. Wolfskill with his ample fortune to help rather than retard a public enterprise of this kind.

The grading will be followed by rolling with a 10-ton roller and when both grading and rolling are completed it is proposed to solicit the further influence of the Mayor, Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade to call a public meeting or to appoint committees as may be thought best to raise sufficient funds to sprinkle the boulevard its entire length and to have it kept in thorough repair. The present Board of Supervisors are making a most satisfactory record in having the money appropriated for road purposes, build highways that can be found after the money has been expended. Heretofore there have been no good carriage drives out of the city, and few in any part of the county, and with our many attractions within easy access and a pleasant day's drive, it is gratifying to see a prospect of a needed change in this matter.

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