

NEW CITY HALL FOR OAKLAND

Plans for an Adequate Building for City Across the Bay.

OAKLAND, May 11.—The project of building a new City Hall for Oakland, back of which also lies the opening of Washington street to San Pablo avenue, from Fourteenth street, has been revived, and Mayor Mott and Councilmen Pendleton, Everhart, Baccus and Mullins met to-day to discuss the preliminary moves to bring about the erection of a new municipal building, and at the same time relieve the railway congestion on Broadway, by the opening of Washington street through the city park.

Several plans have been prepared, but none seems to meet fully the requirements of the enlarged city. There has been some talk of selling the city property on which the present City Hall is now located, but it is doubtful if this can be legally done.

The present programme, outlined by the Mayor, is for the erection of two buildings, one of which will be used for the municipal offices, while the other will be used as a Hall of Justice.

It is designed to erect the City Hall on the triangular lot at the junction of San Pablo avenue and Fourteenth streets, and the Hall of Justice on the new line of Washington street in what is now City Hall Park.

The members of the city government think that the neighboring property-holders should contribute to the new building in the matter of benefits to their property by the making of Washington street a main thoroughfare. It is also thought that the Traction Railway Company should make a liberal contribution toward this improvement, if, by its accomplishment, it is enabled to secure another advantageous route, and reduce the present blockade on Broadway.

It is proposed by the Mayor to introduce a resolution into the Council at an early date calling for a bond election for the building of the new City Hall. The present City Prison is entirely inadequate to the needs of the city.