MILLION CASH, THOUSAND ACRES FOR UNIVERSITY.

Big Offer to be Made State Regents as Part of Notable Plans for Palos Verdes Rancho Development.

Announcement was made here yesterday that an offer of $1,000,000 in cash and 1000 acres of the great Palos Verdes Rancho, near San Pedro, will be made to the Regents of the University of California by E. G. Lewis of Atascadero, holder of options on the property from Frank Vanderlip and associates, present owners of the ranch. The proposed gift is for the purpose of creating here facilities for a greatly extended Southern Branch of the State university and is to be made upon the completion of the underwriting of an extensive plan of Mr. Lewis for the development of the Palos Verdes as residence property.

The announcement was made by Prof. H. T. Cory, noted consulting engineer of San Francisco, who has just completed a survey of the Palos Verdes Rancho for Mr. Lewis. In his report on this survey, Prof. Cory, in keeping with instructions from Mr. Lewis, submitted to the latter a detailed statement as to the desirability and feasibility of making such an important tender to the State university.

His enthusiastic assertion that such an institution would be ideally situated there and would, moreover, fill a pressing need in Southern California, resulted in his receiving permission from Mr. Lewis to make known the latter's plans for the great university branch.

It is proposed by Mr. Lewis, said Prof. Cory, to present a deed in fee simple to 1000 acres and $1,000,000 in cash to the university regents, as soon as the big land deal is consummated between Mr. Lewis and a group of Los Angeles capitalists, as the purchasers, and Mr. Vanderlip.

"NO STRINGS!"

No strings of any kind will be attached either to the gift of land or money, Prof. Cory said. He stated that Mr. Lewis proposes to permit the university authorities to select the 1000 acres in any part of the Palos Verdes. When this selection is made, he said, the $1,000,000 will be available for immediate construction of necessary buildings.

Prof. Cory, who has an international reputation as an engineer, said it will be desirable to spend approximately $500,000 in laying out the 1000-acre site for buildings, thus leaving $500,000 of the original gift available for construction of a sufficient number of wooden structures to care for the university's immediate needs.

Mr. Lewis is expected to exercise his option on the big ranch before Jan. 1, 1922. Completion of his project, Prof. Cory said, will enable Mr. Lewis to make his prefer to the Regents of the State university within six months.

BIG DEVELOPMENT.

Details of the proposed improvement of the Palos Verdes Rancho have not been made public by Mr. Lewis and his associates, but it is known that the immediate consummation of the proposed purchase will result in an expenditure of approximately

FEATURES OF PROPOSED UNIVERSITY.

Some of the important features of the educational situation in Southern California and the relief to be obtained by the acceptance by the University Regents of the proposed offer of Mr. Lewis were presented by Prof. Cory as follows:

"The State now has a population of about 3,500,000 of which nearly 40 per cent live in Southern California, and almost 1,500,000 in Greater Los Angeles alone."

"The University of California has grown to enormous proportions and its activities are scattered all over the State. Last year nearly 13,000 undergraduates and 1,800 graduate students were enrolled. The plight of Berkeley is noted and this condition will be aggravated until some relief is afforded."

"Meanwhile, the southern portion of California is clamoring for university facilities nearer than the distance from New York to Chicago."

"Approximately 1350 students were admitted to the Southern Branch of the University of California last month and 4000 were turned away. Undoubtedly a considerable number of young people, after investigating the situation and coming to realize (Continued on Thirteenth Page)"
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the limited facilities of the southern branch, made no attempt to grow in Los Angeles, but went instead to other local or division institutions.

"In fact, all the data do not support the conclusions which would enable us to say that if the Southern Branch of the University of California is prepared to give instruction in only the four undergraduate years with the opening of the school year in September, 1929, which is an early start, even though buildings could be erected and the staff hired, it is doubtful that it would ever reach 8000 students."

HUGH MATERIAL HERE.

"The matter may be explained as follows: 

"The experience shows that university attendance is a matter of youthfulness. Fewillard, Greater Los Angeles has nearly 20 per cent more high school students than Greater San Francisco, which must indicate approximately a like percentage of people interested in higher learning. Furthermore, Greater Palos Verdes Peninsula probably has a few more than the Institute of the University of California, as against 114, from Greater San Francisco."

"The official site of the proposed Southern Branch of the University of California is plainly not a matter of architecture. University attendance is increasing much faster than the increase in population and has been proved by region studies made upon the future of southern California. It is revealed in the conclusion that Greater Los Angeles would have 2,151,900 in twenty-five years. It would, therefore, seem conservative to expect an attendance at the Southern Branch twenty years hence at least 2,500 students."

"If other State universities have two establishments or schools giving instruction in Southern California, we fear that the tendency of the erection realizes that our State university is growing as rapidly and attracting such enormous crowds of students that one central location may not be satisfactory."

"In the case of the University of California, the situation is, perhaps, not as bad as it may seem, and it must first be faced here. Fortunately, the environment is entirely different, more socially and more physically than in any other part. The provision of an additional "college" that is mere addition to the state is peculiarly simple to the case of California. It is highly desirable that the two institutions should have a common board, as it is better for both. As they can not be co-ordinated to the end that needless duplication of facilities and personnel should be avoided."

BOX GIANT NOTE.

"In the matter of graduate work it can not well be said that some graduate schools should be located in the Southern Branch and none at Berkeley. A campus of 1500 acres on the 200 acres of the Palos Verdes would include a natural auditorium, requiring only this much work to provide a roof holding at least 16,000 people—more than the capacity of the Fine Arts and more than twice the capacity of that now existing in the University of California in Berkeley."

"In my opinion with representative men in Southern California, I have found everyone a strong feeling that the southern section of this State imperatively needs a larger and better equipped branch of any State university."

"The need for this planning and the time is too short to go to the Legislature this year. Even if wooden structures, in a quarter of a century or more, should be erected, I believe that it would make the State nearly twenty-five years to fully come up with the higher educational needs in the southern section of California. Immediate action is the vital point."