

# HEALTH BOARD MOVING FROM HUBBARD ST.

## Historic Old Building May Be Razed

The 72-year-old Board of Health building at 54 W. Hubbard st. is about to become a municipal castoff for a second time. Health department offices will be moved to the new 87 million dollar Civic center in November and new quarters will be found elsewhere for the civil service examining rooms now on the fifth floor of the old building.

City hall officials believe that the six story limestone building, which was erected to house criminal courts in 1893, should be razed and the property sold. As yet, no definite decision has been made, City Architect Paul Gerhardt said.

### Jail Razed in 1936

A county jail building erected in 1893 at the rear of the old building was razed in 1936 after being vacant for six years, leaving only a small garage building on property that has since been a parking area.

After the courts were moved to the present Criminal courts building at 2600 S. California av., in 1929, the old building remained vacant for 10 years.

The WPA undertook a \$375,000 renovation job and the board of health and the civil service examining rooms moved into the building in 1939 and have remained there since, altho clinics have been opened in other sections of the city.

Before the construction of the

building, the site had been occupied by the North Market Hall, built in 1851 as a public market place and a police headquarters building. This was replaced in 1874 by a three

story Criminal courts building that was razed to make room for the present structure.

### Move to be Big Job

The health department's move will be a big job and

plans are already under way for it. Hundreds of pieces of equipment are being tagged and their exact location in the new quarters are being earmarked.

The move will involve the replacement of much old equipment and laboratory apparatus purchased with funds from a federal grant under the Hill-Burton hospital act.

A total of 2½ floors has been allotted to the health department with executive offices occupying the entire second floor. Laboratories will be located two grades below street level and on the concourse level.