

TRAGEDY DAM IN HOT FIGHT.

Annual "Personal Inspection" Again Tomorrow.

"Let the Road Move," Says Owner Sanford.

Picturesque Early Day Relic Has a History.

The annual run over Sanford's old dam today says Flays del Rey is here again to usher in the rainy season.

That picturesque old relic is about to take a new and abrupt turn after years of squabbling. The fight to destroy the old landmark will be carried into the courts.

Every year regularly the Board of Supervisors has made a "personal inspection" into the reported rotten maintenance of Sanford's log dam. The supervisors make "personal inspections" until they go out of office; then other boards of supervisors take their places and make like inspections.

What may be the last one will come tomorrow morning with half the administration of the county there—supervisors, District Attorney, Supervisors and others.

Sanford's neighbors claim that his

dam water of Los Angeles flows into it. Then it is a rushing flood.

It is claimed it used to be a pretty respectable stream, but now it has dwindled down to a few feet of running water, sweeping through the holes. Sanford claims that his dam is necessary to collect this runaway stream.

He tells a most astonishing story of his prehistoric creek.

It was after a heavy earthquake a few years ago that the stream suddenly changed to half its size. Sanford believes that it now flows into some fissure of the earth and disappears.

The owner of the dam, which he is preparing to defend so valiantly, is a 60-ft. half-breed, middle-aged man, with a long gray beard and twinkling, quick eyes.

SECRET ORDERS FAIL TO FUSE.

HITCH IN PLAN TO COMBINE LOCAL FRATERNAL BODIES.

Individual Societies Would Not Recognize Pat Features and the Project Died—Report That Sam J. Chappel Is to Become Head of the United Patriots is Denied.

The shake-up which was recently experienced by the Fraternal Brotherhood, resulting in the retirement of several of the supreme officers and the withdrawal from the order of Assistant Supreme President Sam J. Chappel, has brought about much gossip in regard to other fraternal orders operating in this field.

UGLY SLAP AT MEDICAL BODY.

State Examiners are Accused of Unfairness.

Favoritism Alleged in Awarding of Licenses.

Plank Candidates to Limit the Supply of Doctors?

Ugly charges of unfairness and favoritism are made against the methods of the State Board of Medical Examiners in conducting the examinations of applicants for licenses to practice in California. Candidates allege that they are not given a fair show in gaining access to the ranks of the profession in this State.

At the same time, it is said the law is such that there is no hope for a change in the situation. Applicants for the professional mantle of a physician say their only relief lies in an amended public sentiment that will result in a repeal of the law conferring the prerogative on the medical examiners.

The members of the board are appointed by the different medical colleges of the State and it is charged



The much-squabbled-over, half-century-old Balboa Grant Dam and its fighting owner, George A. Sanford.

dam floods the whole countryside into a vast lake—unless grain fields, meadows the lives of cattle, roads, the public road is long held out of which vehicles have to be pulled by the built, earthen ramp leading to their rooms with teams.

LET ROAD MOVE, SAYS HE.

Sanford claims that his dam has been there for forty-six years—before the country road was ever heard of. He declines to move; let the road move if the dam believes it.

It is one of the half-past-century features of the environment of this raw civilization of timbercut and real estate agents upon the primitive things—the story of the West in substance.

What is now the Sanford ranch is part of a grant of 4000 acres taken for 25 cents an acre by the historic "Bill" Sanford, who built the first wheel at San Pedro and who was taken up by the Los Angeles capitalist—the late owner.

The present owner of the ranch, George A. Sanford, was taken there as a boy. When he grew up, his uncle the famous "Bill" gave him this piece of some hundreds of acres.

IN DESPERATE DATE.

When this squabbled-over dam was first put in, the country from what is now Flays del Rey to the foothills was a vast desert. Ranch land was being cultivated on second and third rivers in Los Angeles.

The half-breed Mexicans resented the arrival of this first white family. The Sanford cattle were run off, the best of the Stanford logs were cut off; their fences were dismantled.

Some of the half-breed half-breeds swore that the Stanford could plant but would trap in traps. It meant sweeping events with guns.

On one occasion, Sanford's father was set upon by three Mexican desperadoes coming from Los Angeles to his home. They rode round and round him at full speed like Indians; but he killed two of them and wounded the third, who turned out to be one of the notorious members of John Burns—the most shocking of all the early-day tragedies.

There had been a struggle to break with horses and his body hung in a narrow bed.

Through a hundred tragedies, this ranch and this old dam have lived.

It went through the year of the great drought, when thousands of horses were driven over the hills at Redondo to save them from dying of thirst. The Stanford horses were saved that year by being driven north.

COLLECTS FEE WATER.

Even the flood waters from his old log dam have caused tragedies on the ranch. Sanford claims that if his dam really does subside, he is the principal sufferer by it. His own acres under three or four feet of water half the winter. His cattle are swept away and sometimes drowned on their own pastures.

He has employed one of the greatest lawyers in Southern California to fight for the old log dam.

Los Angeles is the national headquarters for several fraternal insurance societies. Some of these are of several years' standing, and others have only recently entered the insurance arena. All of these have ambitions.

A proposition has been that these orders unite in one body, adopt the features which were common to all, and then select from the various policy forms the features which have proved the best business winners, combining them in the new pattern of the amalgamated order.

The project for the fusion looked promising for a time, but finally fell through, as each society had certain points which it did not care to surrender.

A report was current yesterday that Sam J. Chappel, who last week was elected head of the Royal Court, was about to be made Supreme Patriot Commander of the United Patriots of America—another order with Los Angeles as its birthplace. It was current gossip that J. Irving McKenna, who is now Supreme Patriot Commander, and was the organizer, was to step aside for Chappel, and that Chappel would bring in the United Patriots at least the dissatisfied members of the Fraternal Brotherhood.

This is declared to be untrue by the office of the United Patriots. Supreme Patriot Commander McKenna yesterday declared that the order had no plans for merging with any other body, and that it would continue along the original lines; that there would be no change in the personnel of the supreme officers, so far as he was aware. He admitted, however, that overtures had been made to Chappel to become an organizer for the society, but stated that the order could not pay the price demanded by Chappel.

In the top floor of the Herald building, the Royal Court is holding up its supreme officers, and there Chappel has taken up his headquarters. He stated yesterday that the plan of uniting several of the local fraternal societies had fallen through, and that it was his intention to devote all his energies to building up the Royal Court.

CHICAGANS DEPART.

Members of the Chicago Commercial Association, who arrived here Friday to get in closer touch with the commercial interests of this section, left for the North last night, having visited Santa Ana during the day. They expressed themselves as highly pleased with the success of their efforts thus far.

W. M. Thompson, chairman of the association, declared that the trip has been productive of a close friendly acquaintance which will undoubtedly result in a great mutual good to all interests concerned.

At San Diego the members of the association were the hosts of the natives for all time to come by pledging them their individual and combined support and influence for the securing of an extension of the Santa Isabel Railway from Texas to San Diego. Leaving last night over the Southern Pacific, the members of the party will stop off at the valley cities on route to San Francisco, and, returning by the Coast Line, will pass through Los Angeles again on their way home, on the last day of the month.

that these members have orders to take a certain percentage of each batch of applicants in order that the medical profession may not become overcrowded.

According to the rules of the board, if any applicant falls below 50 per cent. in any one subject he is denied a license, no matter how high his general average. As there are a thousand and one such questions that may be asked it is claimed to be no difficult matter to "bump" a candidate in some subject.

It was in fact that the different examinations take turns in disqualifying applicants.

In some instances, dissatisfied candidates while on the grounds of "bumping" them in the examinations, but has simply passed resolutions denying licenses on one ground or another.

Seven graduates of the local College of Physicians and Surgeons were turned down at the meeting of the State board last summer on the ground that their diplomas had not been filed in time, although each was allowed to take the examination and to pay the fee of \$25. This money was not returned, and when two of the unsuccessful applicants again went to San Francisco to make the graduating over again, they were required to pay another examination fee.

FEW GOES TO BOARD.

They few do not go into the State treasury, but into the treasury of the board. Members of the board claim the money paid in examination fees is used to carry on the work of the board, and in the prosecution of persons practicing without license.

One particularly regrettable case is cited where a candidate for a State license a man already holding a license to practice in the State of Missouri, was refused a license on the plea that his credentials were not correct, and, after making a second trip to San Francisco in response to a letter from the secretary of the board, stating that his papers were now filed in regular form, was again turned down on the same plea and sent away without the desired license. In each case he was charged \$25 for the privilege of being refused a license and of standing the expense of a trip to San Francisco and back.

After returning to Los Angeles on several occasions in the office of a local physician, where the detective of the board traced him and secured his arrest on a charge of practicing medicine without a license. The tactics