

# Los Angeles News.

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## **The City Waterworks.**

The carrying away of the city dam has threatened the people of the city with great inconvenience, which will be nothing more nor less than the stoppage of the water supplied by the city waterworks, unless the damage done by the flood be speedily remedied. This the Common Council have intimated a disposition to do as quickly as possible. Permission has been given Mr. Sansevaine, to remove the wheel formerly located at the head of the main zanja to a point several hundred yards below, whereby changing the grade of five hundred yards to the zanja, a sufficient fall is obtained to turn the wheel and insure a beautiful supply of water for the city, from a point where the wheel will not be endangered by floods. As there seems to be two sides to every thing, objections have been raised to the contemplated repairs; the Council, however, are daily impressed with the importance of pushing the repairs to a speedy conclusion, but have taken no positive action in the matter to the present. In a communication published in our last issue under the head of "City Water Ditches," objection is raised in the form of inquiry, to the changing of the zanja grade, giving as a reason therefor, that water will not have force sufficient to carry off the sand which would settle in that part of the zanja where the current had less force. If such should be the case, great good would result therefrom as the sand that now distributes itself through the entire system of the zanjias, causing frequent overflows and constant evaporation, would be collected in a distance of five hundred yards, which would certainly be more easily and economically cleaned than several miles as at present. Again our correspondent is mis-

present. Again our correspondent is mistaken in his impression that for the purpose of cleaning the zanja, the water would be turned into the river, to the injury of irrigators. The original zanja from which the water was diverted for private enterprize, is still in existance and has only to be extended a few hundred yards to make it available for the purpose of removing the sand from the other zanja, and no interruption or delay to irrigation could take place while the sand was being removed from the zanja, and as the lessee of the water-works would be compelled to keep the zanja in order at his own expenso, the city could by no means be the loser thereby.