

**A WILL CONTEST.**

Parallel to the Blythe Case.

A Legitimized Natural Heir.

The Alleged Son of a Wealthy Los Angeleno Arrives From France.

Special Dispatch to the CHRONICLE.

LOS ANGELES, October 15.—Gaston Oxarart was one of the pioneers of Los Angeles county, coming here as a poor boy from Basque county in Spain thirty years ago. He herded sheep when he first arrived, and like all Basque sheep-herders of the early days, acquired great wealth. Five years ago Oxarart died, leaving an estate valued at \$500,000, including the Encina ranch and much valuable business property in this city.

This property was all devised by will to Simon Gless, Oxarart's nephew, but shortly after the old man's death a great sensation was created by the production by Eugene Garnier, a broken-down Frenchman, at one time a partner of Oxarart, of what purported to be a deed to one-half of the Encina ranch, a property valued at \$300,000. The deed was fought by Gless, finally proved to be a forgery, and then the will of Oxarart was filed for probate. Gless was finally awarded the control of the estate, most of which he subsequently deced to his wife.

Meanwhile there was growing up in France a child that claimed to be a son of Oxarart, and now the son has arrived at an age to be able to fight for his rights. To-day, in the Superior Court, this boy, Francisco Oxarart, commenced suit to set aside the probate of the will and have the entire estate turned over to him as the only legal heir.

Gless disputes the legitimacy of the boy, who claims that he was acknowledged by Oxarart as his son, and that by Gless' machinations he was kept in the background during his minority. He alleges further that the validity of the will leaving all the property to Gless was established by perjured testimony, for which Gless is charged to have paid \$30,000. The suit has created a great sensation here, the property having increased greatly in value since the death of Oxarart.

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