

COLLEGE INVESTIGATION.**The Agricultural College at Las Cruces is All Right.**

At the request of Gov. Thornton, the territorial board of education met at Las Cruces on the 6th inst. for the purpose of holding an investigation relative to the conduct and management of the Agricultural college. For some time there have been rumors of mismanagement circulated and the papers of that section have been full of comments relative to the college. All members of the board were present and after a very thorough and careful investigation it was found that the college is in a flourishing condition. Perfect good feeling prevails among the members of the faculty. Very satisfactory progress is being made by the students. The attendance has materially increased over last year, and the discipline is good. The president of the college is doing excellent work and is found by the faculty to be competent for the position. The trouble seems to be in the neighboring town of Las Cruces where the factional fight is kept up for the purpose of ruining the institution if necessary in order to attack President McCrea. There seems to be only one trouble in the college itself. One of the instructors, not a member of the faculty, is not on good terms with the faculty and it is among members of his class that some discontent appears to exist. Nearly all the members of his class were examined and testified that they had no charges to prefer, that the progress they were making was good, and that they had no knowledge of any insubordination or lack of discipline. A formal report of this investigation will be presented to Gov. Thornton as soon as Brother Bolutph returns from Las Vegas to which place he went on this morning's train. The board examined the accounts of the treasurer of the college and found everything in excellent shape.

While in Las Cruces the governor also examined into the charge that Demetrio Chavez, treasurer of the Agricultural college, was \$11,000 short in his accounts as former treasurer of Dona Ana county, and took note of Mr. Chavez' statement for future consideration. It appears, from this statement, that Mr. Chavez was a candidate last fall for re-election as county treasurer and was declared elected by the county board of commissioners and furnished with a certificate to that effect, but his opponent, Mr. Freudenthal, was also subsequently issued a certificate of election by the same board, a majority of whose members are republicans, and he was formally recognized by the board as treasurer and is now acting as such.

Mr. Chavez disputes Mr. Freudenthal's title to the office and has filed a contest which comes up for trial in June,

but at the same time and in order not to entirely cripple the county finances Mr. Chavez has turned over to Mr. Freudenthal all the treasurer's record books and moneys save and except \$11,000 belonging to the county sinking fund and which, he says, he proposes to hold until his contest is decided in June, though if the county actually needed it, and had any immediate use for it, he would also be willing to turn that over, and has so notified the county authorities. Mr. Chavez is acting in the premises under legal advice. The governor particularly investigated his ability to pay the \$11,000 and considers the county safe; it will not lose a cent.

The subject is still pending at the executive office and further steps may not be long delayed.—New Mexican.

Robbing the Schools.

One little game was put up by the last legislature for the benefit of office holders and to the damage of the public schools which escaped detection at the time, the public attention being fixed on the matter of dividing the liquor licenses between the towns and the country. This game is that 4 per cent. of every license paid goes to the assessor and another 4 per cent. goes to the collector, while the clerk gets 50c for recording. The last is all right, for the fee is small and the clerk does something for it; but why should the assessor get \$16 and the collector \$16, out of every \$400 license fee paid? The assessor does not assess the fee, the collector does not collect it. The liquor dealer goes and pays it, and yet every \$400 license must pay this bonus of \$32, amounting to enough on the licenses paid in East Las Vegas, to employ a teacher for a year. The law is an outrage.—Optic.

Invitations are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Lucille, the lovely and accomplished daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Longuemare, of El Paso, to Lieutenant H. P. Price, of Fort Huachuca, Arizona. The wedding will take place June 18th, at Fort Huachuca, where Miss Longuemare is now visiting. The young lady has many friends in this city who can attest the fact that Lieut. Price has captured a prize in the person of Miss Lucille.

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THE DEAD REPORTER.**The Chicago Press Club Passed Suitable Resolutions.**

At a special meeting of the Press club held yesterday afternoon resolutions of sympathy and sorrow were passed relative to the death of Nathaniel Dryden Hutton, who was killed at Gila, N. M., Friday. Mr. Hutton was carried over a cliff by his horse, and his life was crushed out on the rocks below.

Many members of the club were present at the meeting. Mr. Hutton was a member and director of the club, and belonged to the staff of the Tribune. Those who knew him intimately spoke of his good qualities and mourned his sudden death. J. D. Sherman, city editor of the Tribune, was appointed chairman of a committee with Louis H. Ayme and James F. Bate, to draw up resolutions. The club adopted the following:

Whereas, the sudden death of Nathaniel Dryden Hutton at Gila N. M., has caused profound sorrow among his newspaper associates in Chicago, who liked him for his manliness, and lovable qualities and for his sturdy strength of character, and recognized ability as a newspaper man, and

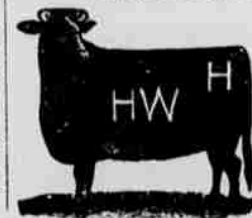
Whereas, as a member and director of the Press club he always had the interest of his fellow members at heart, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Press club feels that in his death it has lost a member whose keen sense of honor and the promise he gave of a bright future in his chosen career make his loss one of especial significance.

Resolved, That the Press club express to his mother and family its profound sympathy in their great bereavement.

The club also passed a resolution providing for representation at the funeral at Mexico Mo., and for a floral tribute. A vote of thanks to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad was passed for its offer of trains for the transportation of the remains and for members of the club who wish to be present at the funeral. Opie Reed and E. W. Pickard will represent the Press club.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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