

course left to me but to turn over his case to the Department of Justice, to be dealt with as the Attorney-General sees fit. My duty is simply to make a compilation of certain statistics which the law calls for. I have nothing to do with any prosecutions that may grow out of refusal to answer questions. All those matters are to be settled between the persons refusing to answer and the federal law authorities.

So far we have not heard of any difficulty in the way of the enumerators here, and it is to be hoped that the census in Utah will be taken accurately, and without any trouble or disagreeable experiences. The questions should be promptly answered.

### THE WATER QUESTION.

At a session of the City Council held June 3d another proposition—the third within a few weeks—was made by a private party to purchase the city waterworks system and its water supply.

The basis of these proposals is that those who make them see lots of money in the scheme.

There are two points that ought to be fatal to the project. The first is, its legal aspect. The corporation does not own the water now flowing into this city, it being the property of the inhabitants. The former cannot sell what it does not possess. It simply holds the right to regulate and control the waters in question for the benefit of its owners—the people. The second obstacle is the popular aspect of the question—the great mass of the people are unalterably opposed to any proposition looking to the sale of the waterworks system and its supply to any private party or company.

Under these conditions any and all of the parties to a transaction of that character would act at their peril. A movement of that kind would, we believe, be met with all the resistance within the scope of the law, and in all likelihood a strong popular demonstration. An action of that nature by the Council would have all the appearance of a job. Besides, if money makers are after the water system for the wealth there is in it, even if the jobbery theory were not feasible, the idea of a practical confession, by such an act, of the incapacity of the city officers to manage public business could not be successfully controverted.

There is one point connected with the proposition from Mr. Bacon, in-

troduced last night, which might possibly be safely and consistently entertained—the granting of a franchise to a private company to obtain new sources of water supply and construct new and distinct works to convey it to the people who wish to obtain its service.

This proposition has special force when it is taken into consideration that millions of gallons of water daily run to waste from City Creek, and the promise of "Liberal free water" remains a myth. There is a cry of shortage and the only relief proposed for the northeast part of the city is to put an eight-inch main along Sixth Street, where there is now a six-inch pipe. This will merely re-inforce the service for the benefit of those who are already water-takers, while it is proposed to suspend indefinitely the granting of any more connections. Thus, while a great volume of water is running to waste no effort is being made to extend the service northward, where the city is being rapidly built up.

### THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The Agricultural College is to be opened for students on the 2nd day of September next. This territorial institution is located on the bench land above and east of the lovely city of Logan, and overlooks the beautiful valley of Cache.

The title to the land is, unfortunately, a subject of litigation. It was purchased by Logan City to give to the College, but the deed of conveyance was not perfected by the Council that commenced the transaction, and the new Council will not execute it until assured of its lawful power to do so.

The matter is to be decided soon, in the First District Court, and all friends of the establishment hope that the ruling will justify the transfer. The College is designed to give young men and women a practical education in agriculture, domestic economy, mechanical arts, civil engineering, etc., and, in addition to a fine farm, will have horticultural grounds, cooking, dairy, cutting, sewing, wood and iron working departments, a library, museum and other modern appliances and conveniences.

When the question of title is settled various improvements will be made, and the College will no doubt be one of the foremost institutions of the Territory. The present Mayor and Council of Logan are not, by any means, opposed to the establish-

ment or to carrying out the legitimate plans of the old Council. They want to stand on legal ground, which is the only safe ground in such a transaction, and wisely await the decision of the Court before taking any further steps in the business.

### ON THE SIDE.

THERE was a dramatic element in the passage which occurred in the Supreme Court June 3rd between Chief Justice Zaue and Mr. P. L. Williams, attorney for receiver Dyer. The latter called the attention of the Chief Justice to the fact that, at a former session of the court, a protest against his taking any part in the consideration of the Receiver's compensation had been filed. His honor promptly reminded the attorney that there was no need to call attention to that subject. Mr. Williams persisted and started to say, "I wish to remark," when the Judge reiterated his original position by saying, "There is no need of any remarks." As a matter of course the incident resulted in the subsidence of Mr. Williams.

The Chief Justice was right both in point of fact and logic. When an objection is made by an interested party to a judge being allowed to participate in the consideration of an important subject, the memory of that functionary needs no stirring up to bring the matter to his recollection. It naturally occurs to him every time he sees the man who filed the protest, and probably at intervals when he is out of sight. The insistence of the attorney in seeking to perpetrate remarks upon the subject he had been told there was no necessity of even calling attention to seemed somewhat singular, seeing that the placing of the judicial extinguisher upon him was inevitable.

This little incident is a portion of the by-play connected with a drama of potential interest, in which the legal robbery of a religious community is the central scene.

### ONLY TWO DAYS MORE.

WE ARE informed that the tactics resorted to in the registration for the late municipal election are being repeated for the county election. Names of voters belonging to the People's Party are in many instances incorrectly spelled on the lists, and the wrong initials are given, while a number do not appear at all, though house visits have been made by the registrars.