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Hon. P. M. Hiemstra
Fort Collins.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 23rd recommending the appointment of E. S. Hallett as State Engineer is received. I shall not make the appointment for several days yet, but before I do, I shall refer to all letters and petitions bearing upon the subject, yours among the number. I appreciate fully the importance to the future of a wise appointment and I shall endeavor to consider the various claims urged, with impartiality, and with the hope that the appointment when made will prove satisfactory.

[Signature]

[Signature]
Hon. P. M. Hinman.

Secretary State Board of Agriculture.

Dear Sir:

Your letter enclosing the resolution of the State Board of Agriculture asking the appointment of W. A. Grant as Commissioner for Colorado to the Cincinnati Industrial Exposition, is received. I have so much other business pressing in its nature that I cannot attend to your request now. As the Exposition does not take place until Fall, there is no particular hurry for the appointment. I shall refer to the matter again, and give it my attention as soon as I possibly can.

Yours Truly,

Friedrich M. Kittel
Denver, Colo. April 26, 1881

Mr. McKinney, Esq.

My dear Sir,

I expected to go to
Collins to attend the meeting of
The Board as it is of great
interest in the matter of
this business. I find
that on account of the rumors
resuming the validity of the
judicial appointment bill, it
will be necessary for me to
remain here for the present as
lawyers and judges are constantly
arriving to consult with me
and the proper course to
pursue. I hope to believe it
will come out all right, but
we cannot be certain of this
until the Supreme Court shall
have had an opportunity to

Yours Truly,

Frederick Witten
Bonds of Fiscal Agent of the State Board of Agriculture.

Know all men by these presents, that we, H. F. Watrous, E. H. Sheldon and A. H. Patterson of the town of Fort Collins, County of Larimer, are held and firmly bound unto the State Board of Agriculture, in the sum of four thousand dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to said State Board of Agriculture, or to their certain attorney, successors or assigns, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators jointly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals. Dated the day of , in the year of our Lord 188_.

Whereas, the above bound H. F. Watrous has been chosen Fiscal Agent of the State Board of Agriculture by reason thereof he will receive into his hands divers sums of money, goods and chattels and other things the property of the said State Board of Agriculture, now the condition of this obligation is such...
that, if the said W. T. Watson, his executors or administrators, shall well and truly, from the funds in his hands belonging to said association, pay all bills which the said association shall direct to be paid from such funds when duly presented to him with the proper vouchers therefor and at the expiration of his said office, upon due request to him or them to be made, shall make and give unto such auditor and auditors as shall be appointed by the said association, a just and true account of all such sums or sums of money, goods and chattels, and other things, as have come into his hands, charge or possession, as fiscal agent or receivers and shall and do pay and deliver over to his successor in office, or any other duly authorized to receive the same, all such balances of sums of money, goods and chattels and other things, which shall appear to be in his hands and due by him to the said State Board of Agriculture; then this obligation to the said, or else to be and remain in full force and virtue.
Bond of William F. Watrous, first president of the State Board of Agriculture, as fiscal agent for the Board and the College.
Mr. J. M. Harman
State Agricultural College
Mont Collins Col.

Dear Sir,

An inquiry of 3" iron
10" iron pipe, and 600 yard of 10" iron pipe, each
set at $1.25 per yard.

Iron pipe, can cast 12.4" long each
tested at 300 lbs. per square inch and coated inside and outside with
coal tar varnish.

We have in hand hemp packing for
laying pipes. Yours, etc.

Mr. Howard, I would be pleased to
do business with you.

Sincerely yours,

FREDERICK SHICKLE
Example of handwritten business letter typical of the 1880s.
NEW YORK, April 7, 1881

State Commissioner
Dept. of Agriculture
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

We receive frequently inquiries from parties in Germany desiring to emigrate, in regard to the resources of your State, and in order to answer their inquiries, we would thank you to send us a "Handbook" of your State containing statistical and other information. Some pamphlets in regard to farming, etc., are in our possession.

Yours very respectfully,

C. B. Richard & Co.
University of Michigan:
Law Department.

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 7, 1881

Dear Sir:

I should be pleased to receive a half dozen copies of the last annual report of the State Board of Agriculture of the same has been published.

Allow me to congratulate you on your appointment to your present position.

My best wishes are with you in your work and for the success of the institution with which you are connected.

Mrs. A. joins me in regards to yourself and family.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Letter from a steamship company requesting statistical data regarding the State of Colorado for Germans considering emigrating to the United States. 1881.

Letter from Frank J. Arnis, former member of the original faculty of Colorado Agricultural College who had resigned to study law at the University of Michigan, requesting copies of a report of the State Board of Agriculture. 1881.
STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Fort Collins, Colo., April 27th, 1881

To the Hon. State Board of Agriculture:

In making my first report I am at a loss to make it from the fact that I am new in this business, and find no president to have a report upon. I assumed the duties of the office immediately upon my election.

It was some time before the books and papers were turned over to me. I now have in my possession all that were turned over by the retiring Secretary. I have been unable to find any schedule of property belonging to the office; hence cannot report whether I have all that belongs or not. Now I would suggest to the Board the necessity of appointing a committee to take an inventory of all the property making a schedule, charging the same up to the different departments, and making them responsible to account for it and file with the Secretary, so that it can be ascertained at any time how much and what kind
STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Colo., 1888

of property belongs to the institution and its condition. The committee of finance that had the accounts and book of retiring secretary in charge having as yet made no report I thought that I should not open any accounts in the said books until such time as the books were properly reported and accounts balanced. I have with submit a statement of the finances so far as I am able at this time, in making estimate of the expenses for this quarter. The office has now a good desk that will be to pay for and with a small amount for postage and a few blanks that will have to be printed. The office will be well supplied: I think that the present plan adopted of keeping accounts with the Periodical agent will prove very satisfactory and give an accurate account of the funds.
Fedmon House

GEO. S. BROWN, - - PROPRIETOR.

Fort Collins, Colo., April 27, 1881.

To the State Board of Agriculture,

The Board of Directors: The report of the Fiscal Agent W. F. Watrous for the quarter ending the 23rd day of February, 1881, is correct with vouchers submitted, and leaving a balance on hand of two hundred and ninety-four dollars and fifty cents, also a report for the quarter ending April 27th, 1881, is correct with vouchers submitted, and to correspond with the books of the Secretary, leaving a balance on hand to date of two hundred and twenty dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signatures]

Report of Board Members John J. Ryan and P. M. Hinman, as an auditing committee, on their examination of the records of William F. Watrous, board member serving as "fiscal agent."
State of Colorado,
Auditor's Office,

Denver, April 27, 1881

P. J. Neiman, Esq.
Sec'y State Normal Coll.
Fort Collins, Colo.

Dear Sir:

Your of the 21st inst. handed me by Mr. H. P. Sanders, Engineer, the amount expended by College since organization.

The Auditor's books show that the

amount of expenditure for the month of May, 1881, was $8,514.

If the amount aforesaid has been paid, please let me know.

I have also examined the records of all certificates of indebtedness now on file at this office, and can you or Mr. Langmore that the last being in fact of 2d of June, 1881.

I will be pleased to render you an account of anything concerning this State Institution.

Very Respectfully,

Joseph A. Davis
Auditor of State

B. W. D. Core
Letter from Colorado Auditor of State to Secretary of State Board of Agriculture.
State of Colorado,
Auditor's Office,

Denver, "May 9" 1884

P. W. Hinkman
Secy. State Agricultural College
Dept. Collins, Colo.

Dear Sir,

This is to balance to credit of the Agricultural College Funds, May 9, 1884, of $5,448.00.

Very Respectfully,

Joseph V. Davis
Auditor of State
By H. D. Hidalgo, Deputy.
State of Colorado,
Auditor's Office,

Denver, May 4th, 1884

P.M. Kinnard Ex.
Fort Collins Colo.

Dear Sir,

Years of Service at Fort S. I. would say that Mr. T. A. Barnes & Mr. Bryan were here this A.M. I thought that they could set up your books from the lists of "Lost of Life" books. The manner in which the certificates are read here is, so that I put them all together I issue warrant & this warrant includes generally 800 of your "Life". It will take me probably 3 weeks to look at all up as it comes to the here of some of your duration. I think it very doubtful if I can find them all. Should you not be successful I will do the best I can. Mr. Barnes will go with you in a day or so. I will probably explain more definitely.

Very Respectfully,

Joseph A. Davis
Auditor

By "A. C. Davis May"
Business letter from the State Auditor to the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. 1881

Report of State Auditor on condition of College funds. 1881
Denver, Col., May 6th, 1881

O. M. Newman Esq.

Subject: Order for fence materials.

Your favor of the 4th at hand, and noted. I was sorry I did not get to see you and quote prices, as I am anxious to have some of our fencing up in your City. I will do better than 40%, on all iron automatics. I will quote $5.00 or 77½ cents Del in Cars at Kenton C. The Wire & Iron "Automatic" Del in Cars at Kenton C $6.00.

Walk gate like page 21. 110, 50 feet, $3.00 each. Will grade for 12, 2 1/2 Each 100. 3 1/2 on 5 1/2 and 1 1/2.

Also for large posts & one walk gate to each 100 yds. and 4000 left on automatic gate when the gate is measured in feet. I will quote on page 26 the manner in which I can put the fence up. Give me a start from one post every 10 feet. I will see by the above price is not much more than wood frame and lasts for ever, must be crack.
Return within 10 days, if not called for, to
Denver Iron Fence Co.,
Dealers in
Malleable and Wrought Iron
Fencing, Crestings and
Railings.
Agents for the CHAMPION IRON FENCE
and
DIEBOLD SAFES, Vault Doors, &c.,
54 Larimer Street,
DENVER, COLORADO

P.M. Newman
Esq.
Ft. Collins
Col.
To President E. E. Edwards

I have to report that we now have the water running through the flume and that I have commenced irrigation. The trees planted under the ditch have not yet appeared. As I have commenced to irrigate the wheat, Abenteaux from work & report if for Abbott one

Henry Carpenter, one dozen more

I think the boys are doing very well and everything is progressing

Very truly,

May 30, the 1861

St. Helmian

Farm Manager

Farm manager's report to President E. E. Edwards
To balance, as per Statement rend,
To acct rendered for Advertising,
To " " " Job Work,

Paid May 12/81

We find our blunder one says for the mistake
Your Rt. U Blew 20
My Dear Friend:

Please say nothing about the Amnausk Tenney paid me in the Timber Culture Matters - and ask Mr. Tenney to pleasure the same.

With kind regards,

Very truly,

James M. North
Receipted statement of advertising account of College with the Rocky Mountain News, Denver, 1881.

If not called for in 10 days return to JAS. M. NORTH, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Boulder, Colorado.

Letter from a Boulder, Colo., lawyer to Secretary P. M. Hinman, 1881.
To the President and Members of the Board,
I respectfully submit the following report. The conditions of the past two weeks have made it very necessary that every thing should be attended to. I have been endeavoring to get the water all around over the different fields, and today have succeeded in getting it fairly started during the past week. It had met with several difficulties, not having the ditch break owing to their being new in the first place the main lateral pipe way and it took me self and team two days to repair sufficiently to get the water into the field. The new ditch has given way several times. But hope that now they are in good running order. The boys work very well but last week we had some serious absence. Roy Abbott a hearty carpenter and loom man I have excused for a while from work, also excused Davis E. Shoven Tuesday, for him to go home.

Report of College Farm operations by Secretary
P. M. Hinman in his capacity of farm manager, 1881.
STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

[Handwritten text not legible]
DENVER, COLO. June 16, 1881

W. J. Watrous

Dear Sir,

I saw the Auditor of State today and he told me if the New Board of the State Agricultural College will issue a regular Certificate of Indebtedness he will pay it. You will therefore oblige me by presenting this true Certificate to the New Board and get said Certificate of Indebtedness. You will oblige me much and enable me to get my money at once. There is on

Example of handwritten business letter typical of the 1880s.
The 14th one month and thirteen days on which interest should be allowed at 10% would be $43.10. Hoping to receive return by early return Express.

I am very truly,

Yours,

F. G. King
Filed for
Reference
June 12 1858

F. G. King.

Fort Collins, Colo.
Berthoud, July 16th, 81

Prof. Blount,

Agri-cultural College,

Ft. Collins.

Dear Sir:

Desiring to learn something concerning the College and knowing you are connected with it, I write to you for information. Do the College board students and if so at what prices? Are young ladies obliged to assist in house work? What course of study would a young lady of 16 be expected to take? Is washing included in board? Please give general information and greatly oblige.

Yours, very respectfully,  

E. B. Black.

P.S. Would you have the kindness to inform
I am a good Primary teacher and would like to obtain a situation in the Public School in Collins, and to whom must application be made?

Address, Miss E. B. Bliin,

Bentlond,

Gto.
State Board of Agriculture

This is to respectfully report as committed to purchase

Horse & cart $125.00

I purchased a five year old Horse for $125.00.

Cart & Harnes 89 -

Total 214.00

Both were purchased after consultation with

Mr. Hibbits and with his consent joined

J.M. Dismun
Report
Committee
on Agriculture
July 26th 1862
Gentlemen of the Board:

Respectfully,

I would report as Committee on Custom that I had one dug out last spring by the students at a cost of $15.00. That at that time brick could not be purchased for setting at $2.00 a piece. Now brick prices have decreased and it is some necessary to fill it up about 2' in yet. I had it dug out longer and now have it very nearly completed at a cost as follows:

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<td>Brick laid in wall</td>
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<td>5.00</td>
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<td>Laying sum large sand</td>
<td>9.50</td>
</tr>
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<td>Students labor</td>
<td>11.10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total to date</td>
<td>141.60</td>
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There is the labor of putting on the cement, not included as the work is not yet complete. Work having been stopped at the day to allow setting dry. To the error in the gauge of the cement will be perhaps 8-20%, making the cost in the neighborhood of $150. The custom will hold $25. Taber, 1st term.
Monday June 13th 1881

To President & Member of Family,

I submit the following report for the past week. Since my last report I have succeeded in having the ditch made so we can carry the water and have irrigated very nearly all the grain in the field; will have it done in a few more days. The boys have done very well, in work have to report. Abbott absent without excuse for five days; Sassy loaned five days; Dumas one day.

Every thing is doing well in the fields.

Respectfully.

P.M. Colman

Farm McGregor
To the President and members of the Faculty I would respectfully report: That in my department everything is doing well. I have purchased a mowing machine and hay rake. Also purchased mowing for and have had a hay rake rack for hauling hay. Grain made by Mechanical Dept. I have cut some hay and the rain has damaged it but will put up as soon as the weather will permit. Otherwise the crops are doing well; in accordance with instructions, I have settled with the Student Farm Manager for work during this term up to last Friday the 1st inst. for which all the bills is here with proof submitted for auditing.

P. M. Hinman
Farm Manager
Know all by these presents, that I, O.R. Chismar, as principal and S.W. Wilson, as surety, of Boulder County, State of Colorado, am held and firmly bound in the sum of One Thousand dollars, good and lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the State Board of Agriculture, to which payment will and truly be made.

The condition of this obligation is such: That if the above named O.R. Chismar, shall not well and truly perform the duties as Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture for the State of Colorado, and send an accurate account of all moneys coming into his hands, and surrender all property, books and papers on the expiration of his term of office, to his successor, then this obligation to be void.

Witness our hands and seals this 21st day of August, 1881.

O.R. Chismar
S.W. Wilson
J. H. Gould
Bond of P. M. Hinman as second secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. August 31, 1881.
State of Colorado,
Auditor's Office,

Denver, Aug 1, 1881.

P. M. Heinman Esq.
Sec. State Board of Ag.

Dear Sir,

Your pro tanto notice duly to hand. Contracts noted. There is on hand today in the Cash Agricultural College fund $179.00. This is the fund for the payment of running expenses of the College, and is always payable in cash. These remain of the Appropriation of $5,000 for building purposes of the College a balance of $3,950 and for this Warrants will be issued on City of Inebear. These Warrants have been bought for and sold up at par for the sake of the interest to be paid on them when called and only on Saturday last our City Banks were glad to buy them and pay par for them. All they could get of them.

I note your remark that you will have to submit to a rise of 5% on your last 600. If you do this deduct the State paper at 6% per cent interest bearing to the extent of the per cent. You can readily see that it will be a serious reflection on the financial management of your College and one that ought to be avoided. City Banks been paying par and you have nothing on 5% rates looks bad. If I can help you appreciate will be glad to do so.

Yours trly,
Joseph A. Davis
Auditor of State.
Letter from the Colorado State Auditor to the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture regarding the drawing of Certificates of Indebtedness against a $5000 legislative appropriation for construction of the Dormitory.
Aug 26, 1884

O. M. Hinman, Esq.

I told you some time ago I would write a recommendation for Mr. Hinman. And in thinking over the matter I had forgotten whether I had done so or not, but for fear I have not I hurriedly wrote one. Hope it will not be too late.

 Truly yours,

P. L. Cornell
Denver, Colo. Sept. 19, 1881

My dear P. F. Kinnaman.

The Jenny Bruce cow can now be taken away at any time, if you can get a train and find a home for him. I suppose you think he is a beauty and very dear to you. I am sure he is a nice cow for him. I will have him sent to you immediately. I will forward him to you on board of the D. J. C. C. and give you the bill.

Yours truly,

G. B. Reed
Letter transmitting a letter of recommendation for Mrs. Hinman, wife of the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. Mrs. Hinman taught in the College and was matron of the Dormitory. 1881

Letter from a Denver lawyer regarding a bull calf which he apparently was giving to Colorado Agricultural College. 1881
Report of Farm Manager
August 31st 1881

To The State Board of Agriculture

Gentlemen: In making this report I hardly know what is expected from me. I have not been able to make the promise of early spring for favorable good crops come up. To my idea of what they should, I think perhaps that a partial failure is largely due to the new ditches that was by necessity built, in fact all the ditches were new. And it was a few days late in getting water to the land. And that portion of new land having new ditches we found it difficult to make them hold water. I think that the yield of wheat would have been materially larger yet the promise is fair. I cannot give the results until after threshing. The small amount of corn planted is giving good promise and will yield very well if nothing happens for a few days. In the Horticultural department, I would report that what trees come through the last winter has made a very good growth. Those set out last spring has not done as well as they could have been wished from the fact that the young orchid set out on the south of meadow. The land has sprouted from the Ennighitch
The Alkali showed as much as to injure the trees. I should like for the State Board to allow me to plant out, say one or two acres, in a nursery the next spring on the place where the one is will be fixed up for yards, and lawn around the machinery hall. The forest tree set out last spring has done very well, and a good percent are living now; I can't say that taking every thing that I am satisfied with my work. The land was all new to me and also the most of the work, I think that another year I could do very much better having now got the man and made plans. And by commencing this fall I can be able by one more year to make an marked improvement next meeting. I shall be able to give the exact results of the year. The Farm expenses very high, but you will observe that there is quite a large amount for permanent improvements I would call your attention to the following items:

Building the Main dairies from Cabind no. 2 to supper line of farm at cost in.

Closing the right of way 12744'2"
The cost of plans to date $17 24 47.
Engineering work 5 478.
Tools on Farm and new 2 91 60
Labor on Farm making a total of 1 91 12
These are the main items of expenses on the farm and of course are permanent.

I would recommend that at this meeting some steps be taken toward the building of a Barn. As there is very much need of one. Very much.

I also think that we should keep at least one span of good mares or the work is more than one man can do at certain times of the year.

Very Respectfully,

P. M. Hinman

Report of College Farm operations by Secretary P. M. Hinman in his capacity of farm manager, 1881.
State of Colorado,

Auditor's Office,

Denver, Sept 7th 1881

P. Hinman, Esq.
Superintendent of Agricultural College
Dear Sir:

Balance Sept 7th 1881 - 41 P.M.

To Agricultural College. Tax. 75. 75.
.. Other, 124. 75

Yours, Resd.

Colorado State Auditor's report of condition of funds credited to Colorado Agricultural College.
Telegram from Board Member John J. Ryan to Secretary P. M. Hirman, notifying him that he will be present at a meeting of the Board. 1881.
THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on conditions, limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message.

Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of Unrepeated Messages.

This message is an UNREPEATED MESSAGE and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

Received at

To

WILL be then

3 P.M.
STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Fort Collins, Colo., Oct. 10th, 1881.

Joel A. Davis, Auditor of State
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I would like to know our balance for October. Our expenses for this and past month will be heavy as we are opening the Boarding House and I don't wish to send any certificates without the funds are on hand.

Respectfully,

P. M. Hinman

Balances as Follows:

In Appropriation Fund $112.00
   “ Special Fund 174.33
   “ Tax Fund $172.30

Tuesday Morning, Oct. 11th

P. M.

Last Certified fund were No 71. $205.00. This is the amount to be paid.
Secretary's inquiry to the State Auditor regarding the condition of College funds, and the Auditor's reply.
CALENDAR FOR 1881

Winter Term Commences: January 17
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Spring Commences: April 18
Spring Closes: July 8
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Fall Closes: November 18

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First Collins, Colo, Oct. 17, 1881

To the Faculty

Gentlemen: Frank Kelly
George Roberts and Arthur Stewart

After being repeatedly told that congregating in the rooms of other students is forbidden, still persist in disregarding the rule. They also make a practice of boxing and wrestling in the dormitory after having been told that there is a faculty rule forbidding such proceedings.

Very Respectfully,

Chas. F. Davis
Steward

Report by Prof. Charles F. Davis, signed as "stewart," is interpreted to show that in the fall of 1881 he was responsible for the conduct of the male students living on the second floor of the Dormitory, also known as the "Boarding Hall." Prof. Davis probably roomed there also. Girl students and a matron and her family lived on the first floor.
STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Executive

E. R. WATTS

President and Superintendent of Agriculture

A. H. HOWELL

Professor of Experimental Agriculture and Horticulture

CHARLES W. Davies

Professor of Chemistry and Mathematics

R. M. HUMPHREYS

Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Horticulture

WILLIAM H. T. MITCHELL

Superintendent of the Agricultural Department

Date 1883

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the students have returned to school. The weather is pleasant, and the grounds are in excellent condition. The faculty are all present, and the students have been busy with their studies.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Steward, 1883
Longmont Colo. Nov. 27th '81

Mr. P. M. Hinman Secretary of State
Board of Agriculture Fort Collins Colo.

Dear Sir:

Your letter has been duly received, and in answer to your questions I give you hereewith a few hints of my experience and observations. I have got no very heavy clay soil. The largest portion of my farm is first and second bottom, the former a dark sandy loam, easy worked if plowed deep, which never had been done until in the last few years. I have only got one under drain ditch on my farm here, a little over a half mile in length discharging water freely the year round with the exception of short intervals in very dry seasons. The land alongside of this drain, that used to be a perfect swamp, bad enough to mire a horse in spring and summer has now become dry and plows well, and appears now like it would raise
good crops from this on. This soil did not only need underdraining, but also deep cultivation which had never been done before. I have also cut another open canal through my land about 5 feet deep, down to a bed of sand and gravel, which is now a living stream of water the year round, wet or dry, while the frost has but little effect on the water. The effect of this canal is very perceptible on the adjoining land, which was all plowed up this fall very deep, and a good crop for next season is looked for. Now the answer to your question: Will underdraining reclaim wasted alkali land? lays in a salt shell. What brought the alkali on to the land? Water! Now will not the same agent be at your command to carry it off again? and do it free of charge, if you only prepare the way for him, he certainly will! That the alkali is a valuable soil we all know, but where it is incased in a
attention. This is a question that will involve millions of Dollars of the farmers interest in the near future, and a many a farmer yet uncautious of the approaching danger will find himself unable to reclaim his land and yet to poor to abandon it. Now this is not the language of an overexcited imagination; no, it is a long and sad experience, with continuous observation and study. That speaks I shall commence to work on now drain ditches very shortly and keep on until hard frost will prevent it; some of my experiments on a small scale would indicate that leached alkali soil is more vigorous than it was in its normal state. All my experiments have been made with the strongest alkali soil where all traces of vegetation had been killed. But I must close; I hope you will give the matter some attention. I am truly yours.

Fred. Hoffler.
Colds dormant soil it will withstand. The action of the water for a long time but where the soil is finely pulverized it dissolves very readily and is carried off with the water. I have reclaimed one piece of land by underdraining and your own observation which proved to be a perfect success, as that land bore heavy crops of wheat every year since and is still getting better. The two alternatives, to reclaim or to abandon, are only a question of time as all the uplands will share the same fate with the bottom lands; as witness the white streaks along the base of every slope and hillside where water has been running above in ditches or spread over the land. I am not a little surprised, that the chief representatives of our agricultural interest have given the subject any public utterance even at such a late day, while all other branches of our agricultural industry seem to receive prosper
A Longmont farmer's reply to a request from the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture that he discuss land drainage. (One of the secretary's duties was to collect agricultural information.) 1881
P. M. E. HUSEMAN
St. Collins
Colo.
Greeley Apr. 10, 1881

Dear Sir: When I received your card I was so hopes that I would be able to visit the College during examinations but other pressing business prevented very respectfully

David Boyd
To P. M. Wiman
Fort Collins
Colorado
Friend Hanson,

I met with an accident last week and cut my foot. I have been laid up since but will be able to be around a few days when I will attend to the fencing.

Love,

Your, re.

May 19, 1881

Jno. J. Ryan
Ralph W. Fisk
44 Jenny Lind Avenue
Somerville, Mass.
O. N. Hinnen,  
Fort Collins, Colo.,  
Sec. of Agricultural College.
Louisville, Colo. Sep. 20, 1881.

Mr. Hinman:

The catalogue you sent were received, but I was not at home and they were lost before I returned. Hence I did not see them, but am very anxious to have another if you will please send it to me.

Respectfully, Mrs. L. Neiller.
POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER SIDE.

LOUISVILLE, COLO.
AUG 9 1881
BOULDER CO.

Prof. E. A. Blount,
Fort Collins,
Larimer Co., Colo.
Louisville, Colo. Aug. 8, 1866

Prof. Blount:

Would you please send to me a catalogue of the Agricultural College and greatly oblige.

Mrs. L. Miller.
POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.

State Bd. of Agriculture
Denver

Secretary of,
May 11, 1881. Yours please send me your recent agricultural report, and if you require a receipt for the amount I paid, I will send it. And my friends desire some information about the agricultural resources of this state and respectfully petition the library for the same which I will be very grateful. Truly yours,

JOHN B. O’MALLEY,
Attorney at Law
SALINA, KANSAS.
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE — THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

P. M. "Lemman Eny

State ag. College

First Alliance

Colo.
State of Colorado
Auditors Office
Denver 11/18/1881

Dear Sir:
The first new certificate came in to-day. All are daces.
The balance in the Agricultural Tax fund is $33. All Monies, or the two other funds, have been expedited.

Perr

S. M. Herman
Fort Collins
CO
From Himman
Fill out the
accompanying
application
form and
forward to
Washington.

July 7

Belford
Postal card correspondence received by Secretary P. M. Hinman of the State Board of Agriculture. 1881
Orr Amies, dear sir:

You mentioned your intention to attend the Farmer's Institute on 21-23 May. I wish you well.

Thanks - I hope to be there and give a paper on orchard and garden fruits.

Restful.

D. S. Grimes & Co.
Office of
The Colorado Mortgage & Investment Co.,
of London, (Ed.)

JAMES DUFF,
General Manager

Denver, Colorado, Nov 30 1871

Prof. Blount,

My dear Sir:

One of my men will start in the morning from Platteville for your place with the cow that Mr. LaGrange & myself arranged to have kept on the College farm this winter. I have had the cow for the last 6 years. She is an excellent mother and quite a pet. She has always been fed a plenty of grass which may account for her good name. She will have a calf. I think early in the Spring. I will find out when and let you know. Perhaps Mr. Thomson the young man who will bring her to you may be able to tell you.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Ketleton

P.S. I will send Mr. Thomson’s mail to him at Collins in your care. Please give it to him when he gets there.
My Dear Herrman,

At Coluna Col.,

Today I sent

The editor of the Christian & Popular, both, about the matter
also to Col. Hitch sometime ago, but can't pay interest
sent enough came come out of that people to have
a meeting in Denver.

Tell them I sent you

If I hear anything will

Will be one more at 1
both on the permanent talk.

May be in S. C. this week

Just take more about the sick.

July 13th.

Herrman.
In ten days return to
The Northern Colorado Irrigation Co.,
E. S. Nettleton, Chief Engineer
Denver, Colo.

Prof. A. E. Blount
Agricultural College
St. Coombs
Colo

Letter to A. E. Blount, professor of practical agriculture, from a Denver man regarding a cow which he was lending to Colorado Agricultural College. 1881.

If not called for six days return to
The Colorado Farmer,
Office:
337 Larimer Street,
Denver, Colorado.

P. M. Hinman
Sec. State Board of Agriculture
St. Coombs
Colo

Letter from Board Member J. S. Stanger to Secretary Hinman regarding Farmer's Institute matters. 1881.
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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Boulder Col. Dec 12, 1871

Received at 8:40 AM

To P.M. HIUSMEN

Fort Collins

Will it - suit - to have the farmers institute begin on Tuesday instead of Wednesday

John A. Ellot

Paid
Telegram to Secretary of State Board of Agriculture

P.M. Amman

Charges, Paid Fort Collins
NIGHT MESSAGES AT HALF RATES.

MONEY ORDERS BY TELEGRAPH.
In the absence of Mr. Champion and Mr. Ford, I called to pay my respects to Mr. Brackett, and ask about the farm to find the condition of the same and the laying away of the fence that was taken down in making addition to the stables. Cold weather, fire pro's, and chicken coops are in good condition. The barn is looking fine. Cows (although not looking so good) are in fine condition. The crops are doing well. The house is in good repair.

I also found some horses on the place which were very fat. The manager (Mr. Champion) was in a great hurry for the owner's sale. For them, the committee would bid perhaps at a price. The committee would also perhaps write a letter to the manager, in consideration of the same, asking them to farm for use.

The plot of ground just across the field planted to content with. Also four acres just north of the broken tin婪, which forever broke and doomed. The plot being east of RF track, flowers and leaves still under way for covering all the same with water. Thereby all the little ground has the fat flowers. The boys put out last spring and large for sit-of them all live at the farm.
Some suggestions were made to the Manager about the care of cows, fixing their stalls so as to keep their cleaner. There's the last of milking that must more agreeable from the fruit crop at the South College building uncovered. The manager delayed as the reason that they were to be taken up in the Spring.

Your Comm. would suggest that if they were properly covered, they could be left in the Spring when removed to keep plenty of earth on the root, the whole being turned to receive them as soon as possible. But that the removal would preclude getting part of each of terraces.

All of which is Respectfully submitted, P.C. Landrum, Jr. O. Parker

Comm.
Report of State Board of Agriculture committee on its inspection of College Farm. Notation on back indicates it was presented at December 1881 meeting of Board.
To the New State Board of Agriculture. Gentlemen: In making to you this, my first yearly report, I find myself at a loss, just how to make the report; not having any president; and it being new business to me: having been called from the farm to fill this position, without any clear idea of what my duties were, I have endeavored to make myself useful and at the same time get the knowledge necessary to make this office what it should be to the state. There should be ways and means provided by which this office would be a museum of statistical matter pertaining to the agriculture of the State. I find that there will have to be a system of correspondence established and also that the steer may should be enabled to travel over different portions of the country gathering matter that will be of interest to the agriculturist. The many duties that I have had to keep me busy during the past season has kept me from gathering but
But very little information worthy of note & am aware that with experience this can be a gradual accomplishment & that I hope to be able in the next annual meeting of the Board to have something that will be in such shape that it may be of use to the State. I have made arrangements for the State Board, and Faculty to assist in holding two Farmer's Institutes during the vacation commencing the 1st of this month at Trinidad and holding three days and commencing at Boulder the 15th at Boulder and holding three days — I made requisition on the railroad for passes over the roads to from these points and have received the passes from the roads. Union Pacific railroad but I have not heard anything from the Rio Grand railroad.
Hon. Report of Farm Manager
State Board of Agriculture

I herewith submitting this my first-quarter report, do so with confidence, inasmuch that, the work has been in a great measure new to me, and hope that I may be able in the future to make more elaborate report.

I took as farm manager on the 28th of any duties on the 28th of Feb. On the 28th I employed a teamster and the team has been at work constantly since that time drawing manure and molasses from the past hills and also drawing some gravel for brick and walk in front of college.

Plowed up about 10 acres of new land, rowing the same in oats and wheat—sowed oats on land plowed last fall.
having in all about 30
acres 1. I have sowed the
spring with a drill— and
am testing the amount of
seed necessary per acre—
having sowed the wheat
from 30 lbs up to 50. 0. the
highest — and have weighed
amount of rain on
each acre — and avil [sic] each
record of the fields —
hoping in a series of years
weer if there is a medium
for seeding + the ground.

I have put in about 3 acres
of oats — and will plant some
more — have plowed
ditch liner where new ditch is
cam implfed and free toes
along the same and planted
3 - go [sic] forest trees, it will
be necessary that the water
is not on the ground as
soon as possible or the tree will have to be watered by
fire. I have taken up from the nursery about 300 apple
of the different kinds and planted them also in the
Orchard the tree that lived so splendidly I find the tree
have come through the last
winter in very well with
the loss of a few plum &
Cherries tree most of them
are doing very well
There is one thing to be very much
reported that is that the name
of all the fruit trees have been
lost and no record has ever
been made of any of them that
I can find - If having
been a part of my work to
have the students do most all
the work, and while it may
not be quite as good labor.
As I employed all the time
I find that the Boys' work
will I have removed the
old fence from along the east
line in front of College &
have put a line of trees along
the east side 1/4 mile long
also constructed ditches to
irrigate same - have cut
out a line of trees along
each side of the Emish
whet - making a grand
total of over one thousand
and two hundred trees

I have hied
in out 15-20 more forest trees
to put out - as fast as I can
and to try a place for them

I have disposed of some of the
fruit trees the price ranging from 10 cents up to 25 cents.
that being the price set by the Committee, also I have sold the hay but it is not delivered yet— I report more particular in financial statement of money in my hands— almost all of it come into my hands too late to send it to Treasurer and have a receipt will report immediately to him after this statement which will be as soon now as the weather will permit I hope that the Committee on Farm and Orchard will take a view of the premises and make any fence as to improvements necessary.—
In making estimates I do as Witt and knowing how much will be needed I would
like to try submitting a few
of grooves and will now a
Plow if I do so with the
knowledge that the quarter
will in four months long
& expect that we shall
have to have a Mower and
Rake & some way of
Harvesting the growing
Crops & all the while that
we should not pay for
they will be considerable
quite large
To the State Board of Ayle.

Gentlemen, I would respectfully report that since our last meeting there have been two Parnera Institutes, held one at Trinidad and one at Boulder. In connection with members of this Board and the Faculty of the College, while so far as the one at Trinidad is concerned I cannot say that it was as successful as could have been desired but was not altogether without some beneficial results and may in the future lead to better results and help to awaken an interest in farming in that section of the State. The one in Boulder was a very interesting meeting and was well attended by an interested body of farmers where papers were read on topics that caused discussions that will evidently benefit all those that were there. I have some of the papers on file and have made arrangements for all of them to be available for making a report next year. It has been suggested that arrangements be made for holding an Institute at Loveland some time.
In February there is as good as perhaps some arrangement made for holding one here at the college on Friday afternoon & Saturday, while the notice has been a short one we hope to have an interesting meet. I have made an idea house at a small cost by one we have it filled with ice for use the coming summer I would call your attention to the supply of water for the building our cistern is too small to hold any thing like a supply though hauled it and filled it once since cold weather and will have to again as it is empty now. It takes two barrels of water at the present time for the use of these two buildings. I would call that the state board elect Prof. C. M. Davis to take charge of the Horticultural Department. I have more than I can possibly do justice to and it is necessary that in instructing students that the managers have a personal supervision of the work and as we now have enough to make at least three classes for work I think that the best interest of the college will be served in making this change.
Report by Secretary Hinman regarding two Farmers Institutes held in the winter of 1881-82. (See chapter titled "Agricultural Education" in "Pioneer College President," CSU Library.)
Undated letter of two members of the State Board of Agriculture urging the Board to "give the different classes of livestock a small representation on the farm..."
necessity to give the different objects of this
Block a small representation on the farm
& to provide a suitable person to have charge
of the same when it cannot but know that this
interest & deposit would be self-explanatory &
totally yield a revenue that would go a long-
time materially and other deposits in kind
on their part & making successful their efforts
in their respective lines.

R. A. Douthwright
O. Harkett.
Colorado Agricultural College.

Fort Collins, Colo.

Stale Lease Receipt May 22, 83 - $517.63
   Aug 6 83 - $368.17
   Oct 1st 83 - $700
   Apr 1st 84 - $650
   Oct 6 84 - $800
   Apr 28 85 - $700
   Jan 86 - $1000
   Feb 4 - 87 - $1000
   Apr 22 87 - $322.12
   $6057.92

College letterhead in the 1880s.
The "Boarding House," or Dormitory; now known -- in 1962 -- as Spruce Hall
To the Hon. State Board of Agriculture

We, the undersigned Building Committee

would respectfully submit the following:

The Committee first met at the Johnson House
Fort Collins, March 25th, 1881, upon order of
the Board to select plans for building a
Horticultural. There being one plan submitted and
had been advertised for in both, Denver &
Colo. papers. Your Committee employed
Mr. Hiram Peace to draft a plan which
was adopted and the Secretary authorized
to advertise for bids for the erection
of said building.

The bids to be delivered to Secretary here for opening
the 27th day of April, and awarding at
this meeting of State Board. Your
committee also seeing the necessity of
making topographical sketches on College Farm
secured the service of Mr. E. R.
Young and found it necessary to
take some measures.

B. S. La Grange
President.
Greeley, Colo.

P. M. Hinman
Secretary.
Fort Collins, Colo.
To construct some way to convey the water across the ravine along the west side of form -- to be 3 or 4 hundred feet long -- to which we call your attention and hope that immediate action will be taken.

Report of Building Committee of State Board of Agriculture regarding call for bids for construction of Dormitory, a building referred to in many early reports as "the Boarding Hall;" later known as the Electrical Building, and now as "Spruce Hall."
St. Collins June 14th 1881

To the Sec. State Bld of Agric. (of Colo.)

Dear Sir,

My bill for drawings, details, specifications of Dormitory is One Hundred Dollars ($100.00).

Please to cause the same to be remitted to me as soon as convenient.

And Oblige,

Hiram Pierce

P.S. On Account of misunderstanding as to the cost of building I was requested to make my bill as light as possible. And I think the above drawn as small as would properly compensate for the work, being less than 2 per cent of contract price. Architects are allowed from 3 1/2 to 5 per cent for similar works.

Bill of Hiram Pierce for his services in designing The Dormitory of the Colorado Agricultural College. (The building is now known as Spruce Hall.)
E. E. EDWARDS, Ph. D.,
President, and Professor of Moral and Mental Science.
A. E. BLOUNT, A. M.,
Professor of Experimental Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.
CHARLES F. DAVIS, B. S.,
Professor of Chemistry and Mathematics.
P. M. HINMAN,
Secretary State Board of Agriculture and of Faculty, Farm Manager, and Superintendent of Horticultural Department.
MRS. A. E. BLOUNT,
Superintendent of Floral Department.

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Close
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To the building committee of the Agricultural College,

I shall erect your building according to the plans & specifications as

amended last 5/34.

L A Fisher
To the State Board of Agriculture:

We the undersigned agree to furnish all materials and construct the Dormitory building according to the plans and specifications exhibited to us, for the sum of $7573.41.

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John P. Calkins
Fat Collins Post April 26th

To Hon. Board Agricultural
College,

I will complete the
Dormitory Building according to Plans, Specifications, for the
Sum of $1,600.00

or I will complete the Brick
work alone according to plans
for Sum of $1,400.00

Respectfully,

J.W. Boyd

Bids on construction of Dormitory.