
Death of a Noted Minnesotian.

Officials in the general office of the Mexican Central railroad received a telegram from Division Supt. Echert, at Freisnello, 750 miles south of Paso del Norte, announcing that Col. Abner Tibbitts, president of the El Paso, St. Louis & Chicago railway, had been found dead in his berth on a south-bound train for the City of Mexico. Ex-Secretary Windom of Minnesota was accompanying the deceased to the City of Mexico on behalf of the celebrated Topolovampo Pacific railroad project, in which both were largely interested with Gen. Butler, and others. Col. Tibbitts was in poor health, and it was thought that his death was the result of heart disease, superinduced by the rarity of the atmosphere through which the train was passing at the time. The track through that portion of Mexico rises to an altitude of 9,000 feet above the sea level. The deceased formerly resided in Minnesota and was widely known. At one time he lived at Lake City, and represented Wabasha county in the state legislature. Subsequently he was appointed register of the United States land office at St. Peter, and filled the position for a number of years, being succeeded by Henry A. Swift, who succeeded Hon. Alexander Ramsey as governor of Minnesota. After his retirement from office Mr. Tibbitts engaged in the real estate business, but several years ago removed to New Mexico, where he engaged in mining and stock growing.
