

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL BEFORE STATE BOARD ON DRINK-ING CHARGE.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 29.—Charged with "drunkenness and immoral and unprofessional conduct," John A. Mc-Iver, principal of the Port Costa schools, appeared before the state board of education today for a "fight to the finish." McIver stoutly denies all these charges which are made by the district trustees and has hired two prominent attorneys to defend him. The direct matter before the board is whether or not to revoke McIver's diploma.

The specific charge against McIver is that on Oct. 7, last, he became intoxicated when he visited Martinez to attend a board meeting. It is alleged that he spent considerable time in a saloon on Ferry street in that city, accompanied by his wife. The trustees also charge that he visited other saloons and imbibed so freely that he was plainly intoxicated.

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