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## NEWS NOTES.

Edgar Allen Poe's house in Richmond, Va., is to be used for a hotel.

The public debt was reduced \$13,636,883 during the month of January.

The Cimarron cattle company has sold its ranch and stock for \$500,000.

It is reported that an offer of \$1,000,000 for the Chicago Times was refused.

Fort Union, this territory, was considerably damaged by a terrific wind storm.

All the Pueblo Indians in the territory are to be vaccinated as soon as possible.

Commercial drummers give Silver City a wide berth rather than pay \$10 per day license.

The A. T. & S. F. company are laying out a new town eighteen miles north of Socorro, to be called La Joya.

One hundred and two thousand new five cent pieces were put into circulation at Philadelphia on the 1st inst.

Gen. Charles F. Manderson, of Omaha, was nominated for United States senator from Nebraska, by the republican caucus.

The Windsor hotel at Socorro is closed. F. W. Gurney, the proprietor, lost \$4,000 within the three months he has run it.

The New York chamber of commerce has adopted a petition to congress asking the suspension of the coinage of silver dollars.

Tranquillo Luna has served his answer upon Frank A. Manzanares to the latter's notice of contest to the seat for delegate to congress.

Forty bandits recently captured the town of Ahuacatlan, Pueblo, Mexico, and are now holding the prefect, justice of police and municipal judge for ransom.

An aged Pueblo Indian named Calabasa, an ex-governor of the pueblo of San Domingo, was run down and killed by the cars one mile below Wallace, recently.

Damian Romero was hanged at Springfield on the 2nd inst., for the murder of Broeksmit on the 12th of January, 1882, on his ranch in Colfax county.

At Springfield, Mass., on the 2nd inst., Henry F. Gillig, manager of the American exchange in London, was robbed of \$10,000 worth of diamonds, jewelry and bonds.

At Bombay on the 1st inst., twenty-three persons were killed and twenty-eight injured by a panic in a woolen factory caused by the dust blowing into the room.

Oliver E. Cromwell and Thomas J. Shink of Albuquerque are about to engage in the enterprise of artificial chicken hatching by means of the Halstead incubator.

Secretary Teller has affirmed his decision to the effect that a contestant to a timber culture entry must file his application of the date of contest, to obtain status as a contestant.

The man who has been post-master longer than any other man in the United States is James Gordon, of Peoria, Wyoming county, Ohio, who is known as Uncle Jimmy. He has been post-master of Peoria for fifty-two consecutive years.

A party of fifty men from Kansas City and another delegation from Rich Hill, Mo., recently joined Capt. Payne at Coffeyville, bound for Oklahoma. Materials have been provided for the founding of a town, to be called Buhdnot City, and a press provided for the publication of a newspaper.

Attorney-General Marshall of California has commenced suit against the Central Pacific railroad company to recover \$2,000,000 with interest and costs, on the grounds that the road has refused to carry public messengers, lunatics, prisoners, etc., free of charge in accordance with the terms made with the state.

Franklin Pierce, claiming to be a physician, was arrested at Worcester, Mass., charged with manslaughter in causing the death of Mrs. Bemis. He treated her for internal erysipelas by bathing her in kerosene and rolling her up in bandages saturated with that oil. The woman was literally skinned alive, and died after a week of terrible suffering.

A Mexican attempted to cross the Rio Grande with his team near Socorro a few days ago, and the whole outfit was drowned. At this place, nearly two hundred miles below, a blind burro might cross the river without any danger of drowning. Indeed, during the passage he might lie down in the bed of the stream and take a rest without any further danger than that of catching cold.—El Paso Lone Star.

An extensive supply of water is to be brought onto the premises of the Santa Fe road at San Marcial. It is proposed that no more conflagrations like the one which destroyed the depot some time since shall take place.

Senator Pendleton has introduced a bill by request which is particularly intended to compel the closing of national banks and winding up their affairs in cases where the reserve fund is permitted to fall and remain below the amount required by law.

A gentleman fresh from the Sandwich Islands says that the race of natives of those far-off isles of the sea is fast disappearing; that there are less than 30,000 full-blooded natives, where 100 years ago 500,000 existed. The cause is attributed to disease.

Sheriff Poe, of Lincoln county, has recaptured two of the prisoners who recently escaped from the Lincoln county jail. House is one of the recaptured prisoners. They made their escape on the night that the man Pearl was lynched by the soldiers from Ft. Stanton.

Richard K. Fox, of the Police Gazette, and Adam Harding were arrested on the 30th ult., charged with arranging a prize fight between Slade and Sullivan. They gave bail and await preliminary examination. Fox, in a card, claims the interference of the police is an outrage, and says if sparring entertainments are illegal, then duels in a drama are illegal.

A disastrous prairie fire swept over the country in the Panhandle of Texas last week. Nearly all the range between the Canadian and North Fork was destroyed, besides a great deal of hay and corn and corn-cribs were burned along with it. The wind was a perfect gale, and the fire traveled almost as fast as a pony could run. The origin of the fire is not definitely known, but it is thought that it was intentionally fired.

Treasurer Gilliland recently received a conscience contribution of \$10 accompanied by the following note: "Estimated amount of customs due on articles brought home from Europe. If I could have made head or tail out of the tariff I would have paid the duty honestly at once and not have suffered myself to be overruled by other members of the party and beguiled into paying custom house inspectors instead of the United States."

A statement is published as coming from prominent railroad men that the Vanderbilt special train to San Francisco will be run on a new fast schedule and that before next summer the passenger express will run from New York to San Francisco with a reduction from the present time of from thirty to thirty-six hours. Thus the entire journey can be made in about four and a half days, instead of over six days, as at present.

A duel with axes took place between two Mexicans at a little plaza a few miles from Socorro on the 30th ult. Both had been paying attention to the same girl, and she liked neither well enough to discard the other. The two rivals in love determined to settle their claims by an appeal to weapons, and accordingly locking themselves in a room of an adobe they went at each other with choppers' axes. The fight lasted fifteen or twenty minutes. The weaker man was horribly mutilated and his head severed from the body by the other, who is himself now in a state bordering on death.

Snow slides are making sad havoc in Colorado. On the 29th of last month a slide started from the summit of Ruby peak, near Irwin, and traveled with fearful velocity one mile to the bottom of the gulch, totally destroying houses and other buildings connected with the Ruby, Chief, Howard, Extension, Durango and Oaks mines. Eight men were carried to the bottom and buried in the snow, one being killed and two seriously injured. On the 27th J. W. Goodspeed, superintendent of the Paradise Gulch Mining company, while crossing a mountain to inspect work in one of his mines, was hurled to the gulch below by a snow slide and buried at least one hundred feet under the snow, where the body must remain until summer. On the 30th an immense slide on the Gothic mountain, near Gothic, went down with such frightful force as to shake the town like an earthquake.

## MINING NEWS.

A find of zinc which will pay forty per cent. of that mineral is reported from a place eight miles from Las Vegas.

A strike of wire silver has been made in one of the old workings of the Torrence mine. The ore runs \$400 to \$500 to the ton. More men will be put to work.

Abie Coon has twenty-five men at work on the Merritt mine at Socorro.

A telegram has been received in Silver City announcing that the sale of the Valverde company's mines in the Burro mountains to the English company has been accepted. The sum paid is supposed to be \$1,500,000.

Captain Henry Freeman, formerly government inspector of tin mines in Australia, has been prospecting in New Mexico for the past year and a half, and has discovered rich deposits in the state of Durango, and has obtained liberal and valuable grants from the Mexican government to work them. Captain Freeman represents a company in Denver who will immediately prepare for a vigorous working of the mines which they have reason to believe are as rich and extensive as there are in the world.

Las Vegas Gazette: John R. McGruder, the well-known miner of Grant county, proposes to build a thirty-ton smelter for custom work in the Hanover copper mining district. The large bodies of copper ore there deposited makes the investment a nice thing. The Hanover district is about three miles from Georgetown in Grant county. Miners are beginning to locate their abandoned claims in the Mineral Hill district. Since the great strike in the copper lode they begin to regard mining property on the east slope of the Tecolote mountains in a different light.

New Southwest: Hiram J. Hutchinson and Mr. Shanley have bonded four of their valuable copper claims in the Hanover district for \$50,000 on three months time. A rich strike has been made in the Imperial mine in the Hanover district. At a depth of sixty feet, Messrs. Briggs and Doyle, the fortunate owners of the property, have uncovered a six-foot vein of copper ore, running over thirty-five per cent. in the metal. The walls are well defined and the mine promises to be a permanent producer. Concentrating works and hoisting works are to be put up on the Atwood mine at Shakespeare.

## To the Miners.

The following self explanatory letter has been received by Governor Sheldon:

STATE OF COLORADO }  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, }  
DENVER, January 26th, 1883. }

HON. L. A. SHELDON, Governor New Mexico, Santa Fe, N. M.:

Governor:—The board of directors of the National Mining and Industrial Exposition association of Denver Colorado, have made official announcement of their intention to hold their second annual exhibition in the city of Denver, beginning July 17th and ending September 30th, 1883.

By a resolution of the board, the chief executive officer of the representative states and territories is made honorary vice president, and authorized to appoint one or more commissioners to properly represent their state or territories in connection with the exposition. At the first exposition, I am informed, twenty-nine states and territories were represented, making really a meritorious display of products and manufactures of our common country. Where the states and territories were officially represented, I am satisfied the commissioners found much to interest them and the study opened to inquiring minds in connection with the mineral and geological formations of the United States certainly warrant the expenditure of money made by the several governments. A hearty welcome will be extended to the representatives from your territory.

Yours, very respectfully,  
JAMES B. GRANT, Governor.

In compliance with the above Gov. Sheldon addresses to the miners of New Mexico through the New Mexican the following:

SANTA FE, Jan. 30, 1883.  
To the miners of New Mexico.

The letter of Governor Grant, of Colorado, herewith published explains itself. I will appoint such number of commissioners as you may designate and the gentlemen you may select. I suggest that you communicate among yourselves throughout the territory with a view to an early meeting at some central place to determine upon the course of action you will pursue. The exposition last year was a great success, and the exhibit from New Mexico, though made under unfavorable circumstances, has proved of great value. By acting early, unitedly and vigorously New Mexico will be able to stand in the forefront for the variety, abundance and richness of her minerals. The coming exposition will attract a very large number of people, and if you and the other friends of

New Mexico make the proper effort, immigrants and capital will be drawn hither in greater numbers and abundance. Colorado is akin by the ties of mineral consanguinity. The exposition is near our home, and let us respond to the invitation handsomely extended to us, in such a spirit as our own interests and the kindly feeling evinced by our neighbors demand of us.

I pledge you that I will do whatever is in my power to aid you.

LIONEL A. SHELDON,  
Governor of New Mexico.

## A Rich Strike at Hillsboro.

Last night on the 150 foot level in the Bobtail, in making a crosscut and drifting on the vein, a solid body of ore was found eight feet in width. The ore is tellurium and will run way up into the thousands. Sufficient work has been done to prove that the vein is continuous, and across the entire body is of uniform richness.

Nothing can excel the beauty of this ore, as in every part of the specimen before us can be seen the shining metal, and it is a fortunate thing for our town that this mine is in the hands of men who have the capital and machinery as well as the pluck and energy to make it pay at once. We do not have to wait the movements of foreign capital.

Messrs. Bamleson, Galles & Perkins will carry the work on this mine with their accustomed energy. And as soon as their machinery arrives, which is expected every day, they will prove to the world that they have the best gold mine in New Mexico.—Prospector Extra, Jan. 31.

## Errors of Etiquette.

The lady who attempts to keep pace with the fashion must be extremely careful to every particular in her costume, as to cut and quality of each garment, and as to when, how and where to wear them.

There are ten thousand laws as inexorable as those of the Medes and Persians, of which fashion demands observance concerning the most minute and trifling of the multitudinous details that go toward the make-up of the fashionable woman.

For example, a late member of a well-known fashion journal says: "Annie of Austria collarettes are suitable only for matinee jackets. Turkish fez caps are worn only as breakfast caps."

Apropos of these edicts of fashion, an incident: Seated near a couple of ladies at the theatre we overheard a portion of their conversation.

Said one: "You notice that I have on an Annie of Austria collarette."

"Yes," responded the other, "what could you have been thinking about, my dear? You know they are only worn at matinees."

"Of course I do, and I felt so mortified. I don't know how I came to make such an awful blunder. What in the world will people think? But I am always doing something dreadful; the other day I went down to dinner with my fez cap on. Just think of it, wearing a breakfast cap to dinner! Did you ever hear anything so ridiculous in your life?"

And the other lady vowed that she never had.

A brutal fellow next to us who had been listening to this conversation turned to us, and in a voice distinctly audible to the ladies, said:

"Queer what funny mistakes a man will make about his toilet. You wouldn't believe it now, but it's a fact that I've come here to-night with my suspenders on wrong side out."

"Great Caesar! is that so?" we ejaculated.

"Yes," said he, "and I never felt so shamed in my life. But I've done worse things than that."

"Impossible!"

"Yes, sir; only last Sunday I went to church with my opera hat on, and the next night I took in a variety show in my Sunday boots," and then the horrid things went out to get a drink.—Cincinnati Saturday Night.

## Frankly Expressed.

Some children are singularly dull at the very moment when they are expected to make the best showing. A nurse in a pious family who took occasion to put her little charge through a sort of catechism every night called in her mother on one occasion to let her see how nicely her pupil was getting along. "Come, now, darling," she said, "who is it that you love better than father, or mother, or brother, or sister—better than all the world put together?"

With a look of innocence that might have been borrowed from the angels, the Christian cherub responded—"Pie."

—Brooklyn Eagle.



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### ROBINSON.

Wm. Teague and wife left for their ranch on the Rio Grande, on Tuesday last.

T. L. Reber is breaking thirty of his 100 acres east of town, six of which he will sow with oats the coming season.

A good supply of water was obtained at a depth of twenty-one feet, in the well being dug on Mr. Andrew's place at the mouth of Dry creek.

J. P. Olney and Smokey Jones are steadily pursuing work on their Blue Dandy, in the Cuchillos. In the tunnel which they are running, now to about twenty-five feet, they have a large vein of beautiful mineral, which has assayed as high as \$54 in silver and \$30 in copper.

The post-office at Robinson has been discontinued, and the people at that town will get their mail at the Fairview post-office hereafter. The former post-master, Mr. J. L. M. Hill, desiring to leave the place resigned his position, and no one else could be found to accept it, hence its discontinuance.

### FAIRVIEW.

Dave Lewis has gone to Socorro by way of Canada Alamosa.

HAY FOR SALE.—M. G. Levy at Fairview has twenty tons of Timothy hay for sale.

J. B. Nulton made an assay of some ore from the new strike on the Adirondack this week that gave \$1,955 in gold and silver.

For a week past fires have been in progress in the foot hills of the Cuchillos, burning from a point east of Fairview over considerable territory south.

Harry Chandler brought in some good looking rock this week from the General Arthur, near Ojo Caliente, in which he is interested with the Cloud-man boys. A shaft is being sunk, and now at a depth of fifteen feet it shows some nice mineral.

On Monday six good miners, under charge of W. C. White as superintendent, will commence work on the Black Knife, and ore will be taken from the mine every hour in the day, which will be reduced to bullion as fast as the smelter can work it. The sorting of the present dump is completed, and about seventy tons has been delivered to the smelter. Col. Nulton sends by next mail to San Francisco for an expert to take charge, and as soon as he arrives the smelter will blow in, and then Fairview will wear a sure-enough air of prosperity.

### GRAFTON.

H. C. McKay is enclosing his front yard with a neat picket fence.

Thos. Higgins, A. T. Moosaw and Jas. B. Taylor are off on a hunt near Elk mountains.

Patterson, the pioneer of this frontier of New Mexico, now does his trading at Grafton.

The Nordhausen continues to show up some mineral, but as yet no body of it has been reached.

Burt D. Mason, our popular surveyor, is almost constantly on the go, surveying ranches and mining claims.

The S. W. Stage Co. are building a stable on some ground given them by Alex. Brischacher, just east of George Weber's blacksmith shop.

Ivanhoe stock has advanced to 65 cents. This is over 100 of a rise since Jan. first. Let her boom; perhaps after a few more fortunes are made on stocks the mine will be worked.

It was voted at the last miners' meeting, held in Grafton on Sunday last, that A. T. Moosaw has the liberty to shoot ducks after treeing them, and his weapon may be a cap and ball shot gun if Col's car not be had.

Fred Haught, of the Gila, recently had a narrow escape from the clutches of a huge bear, while out near the head of Turkey creek. He espied two of them together, and wounded one, which retreated, but the other showed fight and pressed Mr. Haught so hard as to throw his horse before he could kill it.

Surveys were made on the Alaska this week, to determine the location of the two compartment shaft about to be started. Graders began work on Wednesday last, grading a level for the hoisting works, which will be moved as soon as the ground is ready, and a good house will be built over the machinery and shaft.

A committee of miners, members of the Grafton union, are now at work for their own protection, compiling statistics to prove that it pays mining companies to pay four dollars per day as wages. The deepest shafts, which are the Ivanhoe, the Occidental and the Alaska, will be taken as a basis to make their statements from. The whole will be published.

The Occidental machinery is nearly all in place, and in less than five days more ore will be started through the batteries. Kean St. Charles deserves the thanks of the Range for his pluck and energy in taking hold of the Occidental after others were about to discontinue work and had gone so far as

to stop the shipment of machinery. He has ore enough on the dumps and in sight in the drifts, to keep his ten stamps busy for one year.

It is reported that John B. Adams, Supt. of the Alaska and other properties, has received orders to push the work. But he says the work will not be pushed until he is satisfied that the miners' union will not interfere with his employing men at such prices as the men are willing to work for. The union will not consent to this method of rich companies taking advantage of men who come into the country in straightened circumstances, and insist that all those who work under ground shall receive the same pay, be they strangers or old timers. At this point the matter rests. And in the meantime miners throughout the territory and in Colorado and Arizona are being warned, by a committee appointed for that purpose and other ways, regarding the circumstances. Already other unions are offering aid in case it will be required.

### CHLORIDE.

Have you been up to see the new strike?

J. M. Smith went out to Engle last Tuesday.

T. A. McGeary has gone to Hillsboro, where he has obtained work for a while.

The family of L. P. Johnson returned from Hillsboro last week and joined him at this place.

G. A. Cassil, started Wednesday morning for Carthage, Missouri, to be gone for five or six months.

The ladies of Chloride gave a very pleasant social party at the residence of Mrs. Andrews last evening.

Mrs. Trowbridge has just finished an addition to her building on the north side of Wall street, in the east end.

Thomas Barrowdale, of the saw mill, is erecting a neat and substantial frame dwelling house in the east end of town.

The Silver Monument improves as work progresses. More men are going to work on this property immediately.

Henry Eckhardt, is fencing in three lots just north of Dr. Haskell's office, and will build as soon as adobes can be made.

E. B. Doolittle and Newton Sheldon have joined the surveyors, under Mr. Lampton, now at the head of the main Palomas.

Charley Jones is going to work on the Silver Monument. He will put a man to work in his place on his properties.

Work is being done on the Grand Trunk and Mt. Vernon claims. Both these claims are showing some very good mineral.

J. C. Shaw started for a visit to friends and relatives in New York yesterday morning. He expects to return in about a month.

J. H. Drake has accomplished fifteen feet on the new shaft which he is sinking on the Hercules. It makes a fair showing at that depth.

Parties from here are hunting up others at the south end of the range who own claims adjoining the Adirondack, the new strike.

FOR SALE.—Three pair of heavy freight mules, one pair of horses and three sets of wagon harness. Apply to J. T. Thorne, Chloride, N. M.

The RANGE acknowledges the receipt of some very palatable fruit from Dr. Driscoll, of the City Drug Store. The Doctor has just got a fresh supply.

Mr. H. Griffin, a legal gentleman from Lake Valley, has been visiting friends in Chloride since the first of the week. He has the handling of several ranches on the Rio Grande, and he reports the country along the river rapidly settling up.

The Aetna is the adjoining claim north of the Adirondack. Messrs. Patrick and Ridgley, the owners, are now at work prospecting it, and they find ore rich in chlorides and black sulphurets. The indications are that it will prove a rich property.

L. Corson has purchased the adobe walls of Dr. Driscoll on the north side of Wall street, and will immediately commence to complete a substantial building out of them, placing an iron roof thereon, and making it as near fire-proof as possible.

Alex. Rogers, of Engle, made one of his flying trips to the range last week. Mr. Rogers will soon inspect the new road to the Palomas with a view to putting on a stage line to Hermosa and establishing a store at that place. An effort will also be made to get a mail service over the route.

Capt. Bryant writes the good news from Tecumseh, Nebraska, that he has without any trouble raised a stock company that will take a half interest in the properties of himself and partner, Mr. Holmes, and will raise \$5,000 for development. The Captain expects to return about the first of March.

The new strike on the Adirondack and the very fine appearance of other prospects upon which development is steadily progressing, has inspired confidence in our citizens, and several transfers of real estate have recently taken place, and active preparations are being made for the erection of buildings. Chloride will be a lively camp in the near future.

## THE ADIRONDACK.

Five Hundred and Ninety-eight Ounces Silver and Two and One-Third Ounces Gold

The Average of a Vein Three Feet and Four Inches Wide

That is Growing Larger and Richer.

### CHLORIDE'S NEW STRIKE.

The rich assays from the surface croppings of this prospect, noticed in our last week's issue, has attracted the undivided attention of the camp, and the exploration since made has served to increase whatever anticipations may have been indulged in. Upon Mr. Shaw making his discovery known, Messrs. George Turner and Charles Canfield purchased one-fourth of the property, and Mr. Canfield immediately commenced prospecting it. The ledge is about twenty feet wide, and the removal of a couple of tons of ore disclosed a pay streak three feet four inches wide, which averages five hundred and ninety-eight ounces silver and two and one-third ounces gold. The quartz of the pay streak is of a highly crystalline nature, and is bluish in appearance with the thoroughness of its mineralization, while yellow specks of gold appear to give visible proof of the certainty of this royal metal in the pay streak. What is in the fifteen feet of the unexplored vein lying to the north and east of this pay streak as yet no one can tell to a certainty, as only about five feet of the vein next to the southwest wall has been explored, but from a knowledge of the country gained by constant observation a pay streak of great richness may be predicted if not a thorough dissemination of metal throughout the entire vein.

The ledge, which lies about a mile and a half north of Chloride in one of the tributary gulches to Chloride creek, is now being prospected to decide the best place to commence operations, work being continued in the first opening made, which shows increase in width and quality of mineral.

This vein has been examined by some of our most experienced and best informed miners, and they are unhesitating in giving the opinion that it has the very best evidences of permanency and great richness.

Since writing the above, returns of an assay of this ore made by Col. J. B. Nulton, of Fairview, have reached us which give \$1,955 in gold and silver.

### HERMOSA.

The Antelope shows a body of first-class ore two feet in width. The vein at this point is twelve feet in width.

A new strike of importance has been made upon the Flagstaff and the American Flag; but no assays have been made as yet.

A branch road to the claims down the canon has been completed. It leaves the main road where Willow creek empties into the Palomas and goes as far as the Palomas Chief.

The Pelican is looking well, the ore remaining constant as to the quantity and quality. The adit is now about forty feet from mouth to face and shows a fine band of ore the whole distance, at places being wholly in ore.

A party of Colorado men camped on the main Palomas, a short distance above the cabin, found some rich gold float the other day which they traced five miles up the creek, when the snow commenced interfering in behalf of the bonanza that was fast being discovered.

The first trip over the new road was made last Monday by Jim Moody, Tom Kittrell, Geo. Beebe and John Hamilton who arrived here from Chloride with a four mule team. The load they hauled over the road enabled them to pass a very favorable opinion on it in regard to it as a freight road.

The Palomas Chief holds its own, a breast of ore showing in the new adit three feet in width with the east wall of the adit composed of ore. Two recent assays return 54 ounces and 367½ ounces silver and one-third ounce gold. The new adit is 56 feet in depth and work progressing rapidly.

The new discovery on the Albatross holds its own and, each succeeding blast throws new ore on the roof of the cabin beneath the workings. Two men have been working on the Columbia and the lower adit has reached a distance under cover of thirty-five feet; the ore shows some gold as well as silver.

### NEWS NOTES.

John Hancock and another party by the name of Stone, who had been imbibing quite freely Friday last at San Jose, concluded they would run the camp, and commenced by shooting through a frame building in which a number of miners were sleeping. The miners got their guns ready, left the building by a back door, and soon had the "bold bad men" surrounded. They then ordered them to throw up their hands. Stone obeyed immediately, but Hancock made an effort to draw his pistol, but did not have time to draw it before he was shot down; one ball

passing through his head and two others through his body. He is yet alive and may possibly recover. Stone was given a short space of time in which to leave the country, and did not lose any time in availing himself of the opportunity—New Southwest.

The White Oaks Golden Era in describing the strike on the Hannibal, says: "On last Friday at a depth of ten feet, Mr. Ridgway who was working in the shaft, got through what appears to be a porphyry capping, and struck a large solid body of fine grained dark colored quartz, and upon examination he discovered free or visible gold in such quantities that he became excited and forgetting the interest of the owners rushed into town to herald the news and exhibit specimens of the new find. The whole camp was soon in a feverish state of excitement and many were soon at the shaft, filling their pockets with the beautiful quartz glittering with wires and specks of pure gold."

Las Cruces Republican: Every month or two, for some years past, two Mexicans have crossed San Augustin pass from the west, and have skirted the foot hills to the south and then by a secret pass again entered the heart of the range. After staying there a day or two, they return as quietly as they went away. Of course the magnet that draws these Mexicans there can only be a rich mineral deposit, from which they monthly obtain wealth enough to support them in the interval. They have been interrogated from a distance, but refuse to respond, and always hide when followed. When at the mouth of the pass, one Mexican seats himself as a sentinel while the other penetrates the mysterious labyrinth beyond; and if anyone happens to approach, the sentinel discharges his rifle as a warning to his friend and disappears. Efforts have been made to trail up the secret miner, but without success, as the Mexicans are too sharp to give themselves away so easily. And the mystery is still unveiled.

Albuquerque Review: A Kingston miner is in Chicago buying a smelter. Lordsburg's twenty stamp mill is nearly finished. The Memphis mine, in the Organs, has machinery on the way. The machinery for the stamp mill at Hillsboro is now at Nutt Station. Mining transfers made in one day in Grant county amounted to \$2,500. The depot at Deming is crowded with mining machinery for Santa Rita, San Jose and Carlizalito Springs. George Hester and Daniel Davis have made a strike in a mine in the Organs. The ore is galena and chlorides, running five feet down 600 ounces. A smelter is to be put up for the Ruby mine, in the Lone mountain district. Adna Lanson has hired fifteen men to begin work on the copper mines which are to be opened in the San Andres. The big copper mine near Albuquerque, belonging to the San Pedro Canyon del Agua company, is producing well and steadily, about fifty men being employed in and around it and about fifty more being engaged in hauling fuel for two furnaces which are running. They are turning out about forty or fifty tons of eight per cent copper ore in bullion every day, which averages in Chicago, when it is sold, \$250 a ton. The day's work thus amounting to \$1,000. Mr. McGee thinks that at present nearly two thousand people are dependent on the money disbursed by him monthly in pay for labor. This amounts to nearly \$20,000, and by July, when he expects to have four furnaces at work, he thinks that \$50,000 will not more than cover his monthly pay roll. The \$250 shares of the company, which were selling at 20 cents, have jumped up to 75 cents and bid fair to go higher.

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**MAGDALENA MINES.**  
**Graphic Description of a Promising Camp in New Mexico.**

Generally speaking, all that portion of this country west of the Socorro mountains, north of the Black Range country, east of the Gallinas and west through the Ladrones, is known as the Magdalena mining district, though it comprises numerous other or sub-districts, principal among which are Bear Mountain, Iron Mountain, Pueblo, Ten Mile, Wild Cat, Water Canon, etc. Although the ores are mostly low grade, yet what they lack in silver they make up in the vast amount of lead they contain. The ores are mostly carbonates of lead, carrying silver to a greater or less extent. Some of the mines, though, show up very rich in silver bearing ore, notably the Iron Mask, from which a chunk weighing 300 pounds was recently taken, and which gave an average assay of \$28,000 to the ton. Numerous smaller bodies of ore have been found on this claim equally as rich in silver. The main body of ore has not yet been reached, but the owners of the property are pushing work, and are confident of developing in the near future one of the best paying mines in the southwest. The Kelley mine is panning out far better than it was ever expected, and is showing up a large body of fine ore. Only about twenty men are employed on the Kelley at present, as there is room for no more. The company are merely developing their property preparatory to the taking out of ore in earnest. The location for their smelter has not yet been decided upon, but it will be either at this point or in Socorro. In case a railroad is built connecting the Magdalena with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, the works will be erected at the latter point. It costs about seven dollars a ton to haul the ore on wagons from here to Socorro, and that cuts a hole in the profits. With a railroad the ore could be transported for one fifth of the above sum. The Kelley some months ago was sold to Dorsey & Co., by Hutchinson & Stover for \$7,000, who in turn sold it to the Kelley Company for \$40,000. "We bought it for a song and they sang it themselves," is the way the present proprietors put it.

Further north on the range and about two miles from the Kelley is what is now the celebrated Hardscrabble mine which was located about two years ago, and was sold by the locator for the sum of \$200. Four months ago one-tenth interest in the property sold for \$400, and two months later another tenth was gobbled up at \$4,500. A few days ago \$60,000 were offered for a half interest and refused. That much and more ore is in sight on the dumps. I have seen far richer ore than the Hardscrabble shows, but never such an immense body in proportion to the amount of development work done. The ore runs from 60 to 70 per cent, in lead, and from 30 to 60 ounces of silver to the ton. The Magdalena smelting company have contracted for 1,000 tons of this ore which is now being delivered. The mine is well up the mountain side, and the ore is packed down to the wagons on burros. It is hard scrambling to reach the mine, hence its name. The Magdalena smelter will be ready for business again in a few days, and as plenty of ore is assured, there is no doubt but it will be kept steadily at work. A second furnace has been ordered. Besides smelting, this company is largely interested in mining property, and has quite a force at work. They expect to secure a large amount of ore from the Juanita mine, the property of Colonel E. W. Eaton. This is one of the oldest mines in the district, having been extensively worked a number of years ago. As the ore carries a large per cent of lead, it is very desirable to smelter men to work in conjunction with the higher grade ores. Colonel Eaton and associates are the owners of several other valuable properties in this locality. Among the other fortunate owners of valuable properties here are J. F. Lomas & Co., who own the mines known as the Big Chicago, Chihuahua, Euphrates, Babylon and Good Enough. They have just finished their assessment work, which was done in good shape. G. W. Magee, alias "Silver Peg," the well-known scout and prospector, in connection with James McDevitt and others, have not been idle by any means, and have succeeded in freezing on to some of the very best claims in these hills. "Peg" has spent the big end of his checkered career in mining regions of the Rocky mountains, and can see as far into a claim as the next. Something near a mile east of the smelter they have a group of four claims, the Black Crook, Doubtful, Commonwealth and Gertrude, all of which show remarkably fine croppings and which carry from sixteen to fifty-five ounces to the ton. Considerable excitement was created a few days ago by the discovery of rich gold float in the Cleopatra mine in the face of the tunnel and quite a distance from the opening. A careful assay made by Professor Clemens, resulted in \$60,000 to the ton. Several smaller pieces of rich gold-bearing quartz have been found in the same tunnel, and though it is not known what point the ore comes from, yet it proves there is a mint of wealth lying undeveloped in these mountains.

The fact that the tariff commission has recommended the reduction of the duty on lead from two cents per pound to one cent has in a manner suspended operations in those mines that carry a large per cent of that metal, and has created wide expressed alarm among miners and smelters. The latter class generally contract for their ores several months in advance of the time they intend placing their products on the market, consequently they do not know how to act or what to do. If they buy largely now at present prices of ore, and the duty on lead be reduced in the meantime, it will produce widespread ruin. On the other hand it is nearly as disastrous to remain idle awaiting the slow and snail-like movements of congress. A strong petition against the reduction of this duty should be presented by the citizens of New Mexico to congress. Other interested sections are moving in this matter, and we should do the same.—Financial and Mining News.

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**Sharper than a Lawyer.**  
Langtry says she is passionately fond of flowers, her profession and poodles. Fred is neither a flower nor a profession.

A wag of a lawyer, says the Iowa State Register, was sitting in his office the other day deeply engaged in unravelling some knotty questions, when a gentleman entered and inquired:—"Is this Mr. Z—?"  
The student of Blackstone, raising his eyes from the legal book before him, replied,—  
"If you owe me anything, or have any business in my line, then Z—is my name; if you have a claim to present, I am not the man. If you called simply for a social chat, you can call me any name you choose."  
"I propose to present you with some business in your line. I have a note of twenty-five dollars, which I want you to collect."  
"So saying, he handed the lawyer a note, and departed to call again the next day. As soon as he was gone the lawyer ascertained that it was one of his own promises to pay.  
The next day his client again appeared, and inquired,—  
"Well, what success?"  
"All right; I have collected the money. Here it is, less my fees," handing him fifteen dollars.  
"Good!" said the client. "I have made two dollars and a half by this operation."  
"How so?" said lawyer.  
"Well," replied the client, "I tried all over the city to sell your note for twelve dollars and a half and couldn't do it."  
**WITTICISMS.**

The latest advices from Japan report the Mikado sick of a peculiar Japanese disease called "kakake." One stuttering contemporary wonders how he "took the kakake."  
"Father," said Ralph, "I know why your hair is gray and your whiskers not gray." "Why?" "Because your whiskers are twenty or twenty-five years younger than your hair."  
The verdict of a coroner's jury at Tunbridge Wells, on the death of a child was: "The child was suffocated, but there was no evidence to show that the suffocation was before or after death."  
Science is a big thing. It has discovered that the cockroach antedated Adam by a great many centuries, and yet the cockroach has never seemed like an aristocratic animal.—New Orleans Picayune.

A London newspaper has an article on "The Emotional Language of Bees." The language of the bee is not as emotional as that of a man who is bitten by the tail end of the insect. Nor as emphatic and sulphurous.  
There sprang a leak in Noah's ark. And then the dog began to bark. Noah took its nose to stop the hole. Hence the dog's nose is always cold.

There are three things that the wisdom of the most learned man can not determine—which way a trading politician will jump, how a petit jury will give a verdict, and what kind of a man a clever woman will take a fancy to.  
"Why, John where have you been all night?" was the greeting as he stumbled up stairs. "Comet party, my dear—that's all." "Comet party!" Why, it ought not to take all night to see the comet." "If you see ash many comets ash I did, 't would take you, poor, weak woman, a whole week. Yesh, it would, sure."

An old darkey said to his wife at the circus: "Look here, Sise, yer just got to make up yer mind ef yer gwine to take de shoes yer can't go to de circus, an' ef yer is gwine to de circus yer can't get de shoes." Just about this time the band struck up a lively air, and Suse told the old man she would go bar-footed a while longer. She was bound to see de circus.  
A well-known member of the governor's council, at a late public dinner, overheard one of the colored attendants ask another: "Who's dat gemmen, Sam?" And Sam responded: "Dat's Purf. E." Then the other queried: "How did he know he was purfessor?" To which Sam replied, with dignity: "Oh, all dese yere purfessors is polished off on top!"

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