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SILVER rose to 66c Monday.

MELBOURNE, the rainmaker of the west, committed suicide in a Denver hotel Tuesday.

The new Tariff bill became a law at midnight Monday by limitation. Congress adjourned Tuesday at two o'clock.

It is said that T. B. Catron will get the Republican nomination for Delegate if he wants it—i. e., he carries the Republican party of the Territory at his belt.

WHITE OAKS has at least a dozen gold claims that in all probability would make rich producers if developed. Given capital, this camp will prove the richest in New Mexico. It is solid.

THE EAGLE acknowledges the courtesy of a complimentary to the Territorial Fair at Albuquerque September 11-14. Prospects for a successful Fair are good, and it should be well attended.

LINCOLN county's taxes for this year are 24 1-10 mills—lower than those of any other county. Democratic county government did it. This is good argument for giving the party another term.

A NEW Democratic paper called the *Eagle* has hatched out at Silver City, so we hear, but it has not yet winged its way to the aerie of the White Oaks bird of the same name and feather. Porque, caballeros?

THE Republicans of this county pin their hopes of success to the Populist vote which they fondly hope will draw sufficient strength from the Democrats to give them the leaves at least if not the fishes. Democrats should stand by their colors—in other words by the best interests of the taxpayers of the county.

FROM the caricature in the Denver *News* of last Sunday one is led to infer that the destruction of faith in the state, and thereby the ruin of her credit in the east through Populism and the anarchistic tendency it has brought into high places in that state is making itself felt there by the advocates of Populism as well as others. Colorado made a great blunder two years ago which she will hardly care to repeat.

HON. J. F. HINKLE was nominated as the candidate of this district, including Lincoln, Chaves and Eddy counties, for the Legislative assembly of the Territory at the Roswell convention on the 23d instant by acclamation. Eddy county had a candidate, but saw at once that Lincoln's man was not to be beaten and fell into line with a full endorsement of Mr. Hinkle. "Well begun is half done." The great Southeast will be ably represented at Santa Fe in the next assembly.

THE Democratic district convention at Roswell last week resolved as follows on the money question: We hold to the use of both gold and silver as the standard money of the country; we favor the immediate restoration of silver coinage as it existed before 1873.

This is clear and to the point and ought to satisfy even a Populist. On the statehood question they adopted the following:

We favor the immediate admission of New Mexico as a state and we heartily commend the efforts of our efficient delegate, Hon. Antonio Joseph, for his manly efforts in our behalf.

## A LOST BRICK.

It was Found in the Possession of P. Schwartz and E. S. Rosenthal—Bound in \$2,000 each.

Last Thursday, after the forms of the EAGLE were on the press, a sensation which had been incubating since August 1st hatched out in the arrest of Philip Schwartz and his brother-in-law, E. S. Rosenthal charged with the theft of 18 3/4 pounds of gold bullion from W. H. Weed and the recovery of the greater part of the metal from Schwartz.

There had been rumors during all the preceding part of the month concerning the theft and its amount, but as nothing developed and the parties most concerned seemed to exhibit little interest in the matter, the public generally had ceased to give it much attention.

With the arrest and the events following however it developed that detective work of the quietest kind had been going on during the entire interval between the first and twenty-third of the month.

The accused parties were kept in custody, or rather under surveillance, of the officers constantly after their arrest, being permitted to occupy their own rooms in the rear of Schwartz's store. Their preliminary hearing began Monday forenoon before Justice S. M. Parker.

The officer in charge of the case was Deputy Sheriff John Preston, but the arrests were made by J. P. C. Langston, constable of the precinct.

The case is too lengthy to be given in detail, but in brief is as below, taken from the testimony.

W. H. Weed has for some time been the financial backer of the South Homestake mine, of which E. W. Parker is the manager. He has furnished all mine supplies and assumed the labor payrolls. In consideration of this all the bullion produced has been turned over to him and been shipped in his name and to his credit in Denver.

On the afternoon of July 31st, Mr. Parker brought the bullion in question, in a solid mass, to Mr. Weed's store and delivered it to him. He placed it in the safe and immediately went to his house, (across the alley in the rear of the store,) to have a sack made in which to seal and ship the metal. In giving his wife directions for making the sack he told her it was to be large, the bullion being worth five to ten thousand dollars. At the time Mrs. Schwartz, a very frequent visitor at the Weed home was present and expressed a wish to see a piece of gold of that value. But she did not see it.

Mr. Weed waited for the sack, and when it was finished took it into the store and gave it to John A. Woodland the book keeper, who put the bullion into it, addressed it to the bank, and replaced it in the safe. At night Mr. Weed sealed the sack and took it into the house, where he put it between the mattresses of the bed occupied by himself and wife. This was the way he was in the habit of disposing of bullion over night when he had to hold it for a time before shipment. The folding doors between the sleeping room were open and the lamps were lighted. A person in front of the house might have seen into the bedroom through the front door or windows, all of which were open, and might have seen the act of hiding the gold. This was done about 8 o'clock.

The next morning Mr. Weed felt the gold still where he had put it. It was missed at about 8 o'clock in the forenoon. Suspicion at first fell on three miners; also on a party who left about the time of the theft for Denver. E. W. Parker left for the same place soon after, overtook the party there and convinced himself that he was not the man wanted.

In the meantime Mr. Preston, having been put on the case, had taken P. S. Tate into his confidence and the two were carefully surveying the ground. A letter from Mr. Parker in Denver convinced them that the gold was near home.

The actions of the Schwartz household attracted their attention and aroused their suspicions at this time and they turned their attention exclusively to them, watching the house constantly at night. It was noticed that the family apparently retired early in the night, but were up and moving about after midnight.

On the night of the 18th Preston learned that Schwartz and Rosenthal intended to drive to the Jicarilla mountains, ten miles northeast, the next day,

Sunday, Rosenthal being on the street inquiring where he could get a horse. Preston planned to shadow them as they started and see if they put anything into their buggy to take away. For this purpose he came down at 5:30 in the morning and after waiting some time found they had already gone. He failed to get a horse to follow them that day, but he and Tate took the measures of the impressions of the horse shoes and buggy tires and followed on Monday. The track left the road several times and circled around on the prairie, but was followed to Soldier Gulch, near the entrance to which the horse had been tied. A few yards away a pile of stones was found, and under these the ground was freshly dug up. The two men unearthed from the shallow excavation one half of the weight of a hanging lamp—an oblong semi-cylinder of iron, weighing perhaps four or five pounds.

The convex face of the iron was cut with a sharp instrument and a considerable quantity of gold clung to the part showing the marks. A portion of the gold was scraped out of the scars in the iron to be tested to make sure it was gold. The weight was then buried as it was found so that if the suspects should have learned of Preston's trip they would not find that he was on their trail. He knew they were ignorant of the fact that he was working up a case against them. Preston and Tate then rode across the mountains and came home by another road part way.

E. W. Parker returned from Denver the next day, and on Wednesday morning he and Preston went out and got the iron and brought it in. The substance taken from its surface had been proven to be gold. The weight was identified by A. J. Potter, a jeweller who formerly had a shop in Schwartz's store, as part of a weight which he had used as an anvil and left at Schwartz's, taking the other half with him.

The case was now to a point where it was considered ready for a move.

Accordingly on Thursday the 23rd Mr. Parker swore out a warrant in Justice Sid Parker's court for the search of the Schwartz premises. Before proceeding to do this however it was thought advisable to try to get the bullion through Schwartz. Constable Langston following this plan instead of going to the house with the search warrant simply arrested the parties. He separated them and took Schwartz to a cabin on the alley back of the store where Preston, Tate, Parker and Jos. Grieshaber, superintendent of the mine joined them.

Mr. Parker made a peremptory demand for the gold. Schwartz denied all knowledge of it; but when confronted with the circumstances discovered he finally said he knew where the metal was and would produce it if given twenty-four hours. This was refused and he asked till three o'clock in the afternoon, which was also refused. His next proposition was half an hour, which was accepted.

Mr. Grieshaber was stationed in the store to watch. Schwartz took Preston through the store and out in front, then down the street to the corner opposite the bank. Here he told Preston that he would have to go to Weed's for the gold and asked the officer to go on to the store, beyond the bank and see if Weed was there, as he didn't want to meet him. Preston did so, and signaled that the coast was clear and Schwartz went back on the cross street to the alley, and was out of sight of all parties for a few minutes, and then passed up the alley alone and entered his back door before Preston returned. Grieshaber saw him enter with one hand on his hip or in his hip pocket. He turned his back to Grieshaber and stood a few seconds. He spoke to his wife, Grieshaber only getting the words "we caught." He then spoke to Grieshaber in German, conveying the idea that they had fallen into misfortune through the fault of others.

He next went into the kitchen and brought out a five pound lard pail half full of fragments of the original "brick" and took it to the cabin. Parker lifted the pail, which was covered with a flour sack, and told Schwartz it was not all there. He went back to the store and produced half a dozen more pieces from his pockets. The gold was weighed and found still about \$130 short, and about \$36 in placer gold was added by Schwartz, leaving a shortage of about \$91 to account for.

Schwartz and wife account for the

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bullion being in their possession by claiming that Mrs. Weed brought it to their house, and that they were to dispose of it for her, one of their stories being that they were to get a commission for their services and another that they were to have the use of the proceeds of the transaction for a year without interest. Mrs. Schwartz testified that the plot originated in April and that the delay in execution was occasioned by the fact that the bricks previously brought within reach were not as valuable as the prize they had set out to capture. On the stand, however, Mrs. Weed gave an account of her conduct that was accepted generally as a vindication, and considered by her friends conclusively so.

The hearing was closed at six o'clock last evening, Col. Pritchard closing for the Territory. Justice Parker held the two men in \$2,000 for appearance before the grand jury, reserving his decision in Mrs. Schwartz's case until her this morning.

Mrs. Schwartz, who had borne up bravely during the whole of the ordeal, broke down at the close and was tenderly supported from the room by her husband, who by every means sought to soothe her. After reaching home she fainted away repeatedly and it was not until morning that she became calm. She is a woman of good appearance, intelligent, and with an air of refinement. During her prostration she constantly reproached Mrs. Weed with having wronged her, exclaiming frequently "Oh, that woman! That woman!" The scene was a pathetic one, but Mrs. Weed only laughed at the distress of the unfortunate woman.

When court reconvened at 9 o'clock today Justice Parker announced his decision, discharging Mrs. Schwartz from custody. No objection was entered to this by the Territory.

The parties are all well known and the case attracted unusual attention, especially among the ladies, who were present in strong force through the three days hearing.

There will be another dime sociable at the Plymouth church tomorrow evening. All are cordially invited to come and see the new and interesting program that will be presented by the versatile ladies of the Aid society.

New Mexican.—Speaking of the 9th senatorial district, composed of the counties of Grant, Dona Ana, Lincoln, Chaves and Eddy, an exchange says it is thought Mr. Geo. Curry will be nominated as the Democratic candidate for the legislative council. Mr. Curry is a most excellent citizen, a live, progressive man, and an official, now serving as sheriff of Lincoln county, for whom any citizen might feel proud to cast his vote. His popularity is attested by the fact that, just prior to the Lincoln county convention, a delegation representing the Southwestern Stock Growers association called upon him and offered to add \$2,500 a year to his salary if he would again accept the nomination as sheriff of Lincoln county. This goes a long way toward showing how near Geo. Curry comes to being all right with the people.

B. F. Gamm and wife, Roy Gamm, E. W. Hulbert and D. F. Peffley, wife and girls and Miss Margie McCourt spent Sunday in Dark Canyon, the local Garden of the Gods. Hulbert and Peffley ascended Carizzo to the summit and came down impressed with the belief that Carizzo is a mountain and that a mountain is a high ridge or point of land rising above the land surrounding it.

Tuesday Constable Langston arrested Jose Martinez at Gallo mountain and lodged him in jail here to await examination on the charge of stealing horses from Antonio Jose Otero.

Visitors at the Albuquerque fair are invited to make the store of Clark Whitson-Leitch Co. their headquarters during their stay in that city.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 5th, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. C. A. HAMILTON, Sec.

A needed improvement in the shape of a new stone gutter is being put in on the west side of the Hotel Ozanne.

Harry Essinger of Las Vegas was in town this week looking out for the liquor trade.

New supply of sulphur just received at Paden's.

New Goods—cheap as the Cheapest—good as the Best—at Ridgeway's Stationery, Newspapers, Magazines—News Depot.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder  
World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

Rolla Wells and Joseph P. White of St. Louis came in last Thursday evening and remained over till Monday, looking after big mining interests here, chief of which is the South Homestake. It is understood that the shaft of the latter is to be sunk another hundred feet.

E. L. Ozanne and Mr. Case of Wichita, Kansas, have their mill in Spring Gulch, Jicarilla, about ready for operation. The denizens of the "Jies" firmly believe that they are holding down the future great camp of the Territory. Those fellows are the salt of the earth, for they are stayers.

The last news from Vera Cruz was that the big test run being made on the ore of that mine promises to be highly satisfactory. It has been found that there is a substance quicksilver and carries it over the plates. If this can be neutralized everything is settled and the mine is a Big Bonanza.

Comrey Brothers have leased the Crawford mill in Spring Gulch in the Jicarilla, together with the well that supplies it with water, for a year and will proceed at once to make a test run of fifty tons of ore from their mines in Anecho Gulch. A local company is backing them, and if everything moves off right developments may be looked for in that district.

The late heavy rains did considerable temporary damage to the mining properties in Dry Gulch. A large amount of soil was deposited where it is not needed, a lot of wood transferred to the Carrizozo plain, some ore washed away and a tunnel closed up. Nevertheless work will go merrily on in this most promising region whose future looms up like a headlight through a fog.

Another party of gentlemen were in town this week investigating the coal fields. They were W. F. Cummings, assistant State Geologist of Texas, from Austin, J. W. Everman, assistant general manager of the Texas Pacific, Dallas, Col. R. D. Hunter, formerly of the Hunter & Evans cattle company, and a large owner in the T. P. coal company, and Capt. J. C. Lea of Roswell. They spent several days in the Salado field and two days here. Mr. Cummings, the expert of the party will return and make a more thorough examination later.