



THE FAULT

**Struck By the Iowa Gulch Company
in Arresting Gov. Tabor,**

For Complicity in the Sale of the Scoop.

er Mine, With Which He Had No Connection.

county rock. The surface and even the deeper working elements were accepted as an indication that mineral could not there exist in any regular form, and while strikes were being daily made in all directions above and below the Scooper, the owners were regarded as expending their money and labor in a venture of misplaced confidence. The result, however, richly paid them for their zeal, and created the most intense excitement known to the development of the Leadville mining belt.

It was in the late winter of 1877 that Peter Klinofelter and George Washburne put up their stakes on the Scooper, wading through snow waist deep to commence a shaft. Klinofelter was a minor of some experience, having been connected with the Dolly Varden and Moose mines of Park county, one of the original lease operators on the Printer Boy in California gulch, years before. He was superintendent of the Gallagher mines at the time he staked the Scooper. His partner, George Washburne, is one of the best known men in the construction of the frontier telegraph system. Both were magnificent specimens of manhood, powerfully built and strong minded—such men in fact as do not borrow discouragement from adversity or persistent misfortune. Well, they commenced their discovery shaft, and worked like beavers, Washburne standing over the developments weekday and Sunday. After having sunk it a depth of one hundred feet there was nothing found to indicate a contact in the neighborhood, and they started another shaft higher on the hillside. Only a short distance from the surface iron was found underlying the porphyry in abundance, but no further evidence of the presence of carbonates appeared to cheer them. The winter was soon lost in spring and the spring in summer. More shafts were driven, levels run, upraises, subterranean shafts and winzes were sunk, but no ore of consequence was found.

Meanwhile Bill Yankee had struck a carbonate vein lower on the hillside, and was prom-

ised a speedy fortune. In the early spring days, Klinofelter and Washburn would sit at their high perch, and looking at the lone spot on Fryer hill, where George Fryer and "Chicken Bill" were sinking to disprove the theory of the old-timers that there was no contact there, and laugh at what they regarded as idle labor. The little hill, with its then almost impenetrable timber veil, could not possibly contain mineral. Why, it was only a monument of boulders and wash gravel; if there ever had been a mineral belt in its formation, it was scared away in subsequent periods of wash and deposit.

This was the way they reasoned, and found comfort in their persistent work. Never for a moment did they lose confidence. Fryer struck it in the New Discovery, made a fortune and fell into a life of ease. Rische, Hook and Tabor did likewise in the Little Pittsburg. Pete Finnerty and the Dillons one day awoke to find their Little Chief a bonanza. Then the Climax, Dunkin and Aimes took places in the list of producing mines. The days, weeks and months slipped by all; the prospectors around them were fast becoming mining kings, and even Bill Yankee pocketed a cool \$50,000. In all the neighboring country of Carbonate, Iron and Fryer hills the miners were becoming opulent in an hour, but Klinofelter and Washburne worked on in poverty and without an apparent hope of success. The Fryer hill discoverers faded into retired millionaires and the sources of their riches became the extensively worked property of companies. The heavy timber of the hill was absorbed in the mines; winter again came with its fearful snow storms and dangerous winds; the spring and summer of 1879 followed with the two sanguine prospectors still putting every dollar and hour of labor they could afford into the Scooper. The Scooper became the synonym of ill luck. Everybody learned to regard it as a lime horse claim. With the hope of finding the contact lower on the hill, Klinofelter and Washburne then located another claim adjoining, which they named the Del Monte. An

hundred feet shaft, the discovery of a few boulders of iron ore and this was abandoned. Work on the Scooper was resumed, and the dusk of summer found them out two years' labor with more than 1,500 feet of mining working to their credit, but not an ounce of pay ore. About this time the chlorite character of ore opened up in the Robert E. Lee, became well known, and looking at it one Sunday afternoon Washburne remarked: "Pete, I think there is a streak of this stuff in the Scooper discovery shaft; let's go down and look at it." And they did; down the rickety shaft they went until the spot was reached, and there they commenced to scratch and search. A small seam of black material was traced across the shaft, and this they felt sure was the leader to their luck. Monday morning they started the old story of the day's hard work, and Monday night they went to bed dreaming of reveling in immediate riches and luxury. The little seam, so trifling in indication that it remained unexplored and forgotten for two years, led us to a full load of best of
 A full line of Florence and Holding knitting, silk at Daniels, Fisher & Smith's.

Resolutions.

At the meeting of the German club in Old Turner hall, on last Monday evening, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Germans of Lake county have been neglected by all parties for years; and

WHEREAS, As tax-payers and citizens they have interests, rights and liberties which are dear and prized by them; and

WHEREAS, They deem it time to take the position which their united strength and numbers warrant; therefore

Resolved, That in future they will support no candidate for any office whose integrity, honesty, liberality and qualifications to fill the desired office can be questioned.

Resolved, That they will support no candidate for the legislature of either party who will not give a pledge that he will labor with all his power against any legislation tending to restrict their personal liberties in any way.

Resolved, That when the Germans of Lake county shall have assured themselves of the proper lives and records of candidates, they pledge themselves to their support with all the united power and energy of this association.

ADOLF HANK,
 LOUIS MULLER,
 OTTO HANQUH,
 JOHN ZWARTZL,
 J. V. FAUNAUER.