

RICHARD RULE, OLD TIMER IN EL PASO, DIES

**Once Edited The Herald and
Was Also in Treasury De-
partment—Mined for Col.
Greene.**

Richard Rule, one of the best known characters of the southwest, former owner and editor of The Herald in its early days and later for about ten years a special employe of the treasury department here, died last night at the county hospital of congestion of the brain, after a short illness.

The deceased was a native of northern California, and was about 50 years old. He had been in El Paso and vicinity for 20 years, and previous to coming here had been connected with newspapers in San Francisco and Tombstone, Ariz. At one time he was sporting editor of the San Francisco Chronicle. In the latter part of 1888 he came to El Paso and in a short time bought out Fred Townsend's interest in The Herald, Frank Wells Brown owning the other half. In 1890, The Herald News company bought the paper and Mr. Rule continued as editor for several months.

He then went to Eddy, N. M., now Carlsbad, and there started the Argus, later moving back to El Paso in '94 or '95. On March 13, 1895, he was appointed a special inspector for the treasury department "from Memphis, Tenn.," and assigned to the post of El Paso. Two years later he was raised to the rank of special employe and he continued in this capacity until the winter of '02-'03, when he left the service.

Persons who are acquainted with his record state that he was one of the best officers who ever served the government in this section, and gave entire satisfaction except for a liking for drink, which he could not control. In 1905 he went to Cochono, Mexico, with the commissary department of the Greene Gold-Silver company and he only lately returned from that country.

He was married and a wife to two children, living at Carlsbad, N. M., survive him. The funeral arrangements have not been made as yet.