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SEWALL'S IMPULSION.

ASTONISHING FALSE ASSERTIONS IN HIS LETTERS. Mr. Arthur Sewall, in his letter accepting the popular nomination for the vice presidency, makes this astounding declaration:

"We are told that the country has prospered under the greatest and most unexampled increase. Granted. But in whose hands? In the hands of the toilers, the producers, the farmers, the miners, the laborers, the mechanics, the creators of the nation's wealth in peace, its defenders in war? Have they the property which was theirs so late as even twenty years ago? I deny it. They have it not. None of them have it. It is all in the hands of a few who have increased it so to do so, whose profits would diminish as property returns to those on whose distress they thrive."

LIGHT AND BRIGHT.

Harlem Life: Miss Dorothy—Curious typewriter that Rev. Mr. Hicks should marry his typewriter. Rival Parson—Hail to the bride where he got his sermon.

Chicago Tribune: "Get out, you brute!" ravenously shouted the dogcatcher to the dog.

New York Herald: "You say you got even with that stingy relative of yours by giving him a bicycle? How is that?"

Chicago Record: "Why do you have a concealed orchestra in your theater?"

Washington Star: "Doan's pills" too much time "plugging" the benefits of their water make a business of it.

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Detroit Free Press: "Has your husband been stumping any this fall?" asked the candidate anxiously.

Washington Star: "How Willie Giggles a responsible position?" asked one girl.

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Pulse of Western Progress.

E. A. Greene, representing an eastern syndicate, has purchased the Oregon Ditch plant situated about seventy miles north of Hood River, in Fremont county.

A Port Townsend dispatch to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: The catch of salmon in southwestern Alaska is about 30 per cent of that of last year, and is about equal to the pack of the preceding year.

They are drilling for wells at Florence to a depth of 2,500 feet. At the Big Chief mine on Alps mountain, a recent shipment showed 250 ounces of silver and one of gold to the ton.

High grade ore has been opened up in the Topopahosa region of the Snake Range. Assays at fifty feet return from \$50 to \$100.

Some very rich ore has been taken from one of Judge W. B. Wiley's claims in the Idaho Park district. At the surface it was reduced to a fine sand, and the ore in eight feet on a vein which assays nearly \$50 to the ton.

Many strikes have been driven on Specimen mountain in the Idaho Park region. The ore is found in the best expected places and in very unusual formations.

Work on this mountain is mostly being carried on by the Idaho Park district. The remarkable rich strike was made a few days ago in the Phoenix mining district of Gilpin county, by James E. Sea.

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