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When clouds are seen, wise men put on their cleaks, When great leaves full, winter is at hand! -Shakuepes

#### JOSEPH PULITZER

MERICAN journalism lost one of its commanding figures in the passing yesterday of Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World and St. Louis Post-

Since Horace Greety, no man has mercised a greater influence on American political life through the nedtum of a newspaper. No joursalist other than Greely has had a clientele of readers who so implicitly trusted his utterances.

coess is gained from the fact that points in issue. scarcely 40 years ago he was a poor reporter and compositor in St. Louis, while his fortune is now estimated mt \$20,000,000.

The Pulitzer building in Park Row is onethe site of a former hotel from which Mr. Pulitzer as a young man judge said: was ejected while trying to catch a

The bound from the one position to the other, achieved in a little more than the period we count as a gene-Pulitzer's profound newspaper gen-

maintained a general direction of his

managers and entire staff my warm successful work for an institution which should always fight for progress and reform; never tolerate injustice or corruption; always fight demagogues of all parties; never belong to any party; always oppose privileged classes and public plunder; never lack sympathy with the poor; always remain devoted to the af aid to attack wrong, whether by of the state's police powers." predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty.'

## AN AFRICAN SODA LAKE

from the railroad, a lake 30 sired to carry a gun. plied.

immediately filled from the hidden With the great state of New York sources below.

existence, and the samples disclose sentiment gradually crystalizing plish little, when half a dozen trust raw soda, carbonate and bicarbonate everywhere, it should not be long value is increased by the absence of lars, the crooks, the thugs, the high- hours, the sulphates found in other natural waymen, the bandits and the assas-

deposits. Now comes the ubiquitous white Magadi lake by a railroad 110 miles

and to be finished in 18 months.

increased and prices ought to fall them? when the pure Magadi soda is brought into the world's markets. British possession and will be developed without creating an "inter-

This soda is in an undisputed national incident."

## DIZZY FIGURES

HE price of \$600,000 set by the clared for such a plan. owners on the Oregon City locks is absurd. The company

ocks be built on the opposite side of and similar declarations on the sub- the price averaged 7.8 cents. the river, what will the present locks ject rendered interesting the mine he worth then? With the govern- operated by the United States govment operating free locks on one ernment at Williston, N. D. side of the river and the Portland The mine is operated for the sup- and 21.2 cents per pound in August, Railway, Light & Power company ply of the Williston and Buford- 1910. charging a fee for passing through Trenton irrigation project. It does Combing wool cost 33.9 cents per and children of South Portland permit in toiling and melling in order to gain its locks on the other, how many not enter the open market in compound in August, 1911, and 19.8 man Menks against the fairest part of might be condoned. But Mr. Henry has

ask for rights of war and other passages 2000 feet below the surface August, 1911, and 12.3 cents things needed by the government, of the ground. there would be a preceptible lowering of the tax rate.

water course for the benefit of all \$10 a month. the people the government is almost made dispy by the hugeness of the

The absurdity of the whole speclief by these claimants that the Wil- months in the year. lamette river was originally created As an experiment, the governfor the sole benefit of a few men ment mine at Williston has been an who set up claims to vested rights at entire success. Portland Railway, Light & Power per top, and saves 90 cents on every of water power, demanding \$600,000 with the \$10 a ton or more paid for from the public for the locks. Yet first class coal on the Pacific coast. its whole property, water power and all, would not be worth a dollar but for the public.

### ANOTHER NEEDED REFORM

willin questions are taken into on to decide them who are often- ent vote. A glimpse at the measure of his times oppoletely unversed in the

openly protested.

The patents before him involved But there is no mistaking the the manufacture of chemicals. The meaning of the 543 Republican votes and that a civil suit should have been

few hours of needed sleep in the lobby. He had then no other home.

Burning with humiliation, Mr.

Pulitzer left New York for the west,
and not many years later returned,
and not many years later returned.

Set the first and very listed and the court ruled that in the mitted and who can independently pass upon the issues without blindly groping among testimony wholly out of their ken. How long we shall surrounded himself. of their ken. How long we shall surrounded himself. continue to blunder along without ration, was the product of Mr. the aid of unpartisan and authoritative scientific assistance in the ad-

newspaper properties. He made the lays involved in the submission of dynasty of reaction and standpatism editorial page of the World a lead- patent suits cannot be more often is to be replaced by progressive ing feature in which incisiveness, in- avoided by resort to one form or government in the interest of the dependence and virility have created another of arbitration. The New average man. Cabling to his coworkers on the World from Europe on his sixtleth bitrators, among men who are exhibitrators, among men who are exhibit timelf more and more to the lawyers to distort law, in the long run falls, and as time passes, the law fits itself more and more to the needs of the people. Bad laws disregarded. The people of him with kindness and respect during his bountry showed the great orator his exhibit and country that the long run falls, and as time passes, the law fits itself more and more to the lawyers to distort law, in the long run falls, and as time passes, the law fits itself more and more to the needs of the people force of their attachment of the lawyers and the fits thanks should be given to the closure of the people force of the people for gaged in questions involving patents appreciation of their excellent and or any other line of industry may select their tribunal.

## WHY ARM THEM?

HE supreme court of that state has upheld the Georgia pistol law. This statute, the court affirms, "does not abridge the citizen's rights to bear arms, and in public welfare; never be satisfied no wise conflicts with the fundamenwith merely printing news; always tal law of the commonwealth. It to veto the farmers' free list atoning be drastically independent; never be simply represents a rightful exercise

The statute is similar to the New York law. A license must be secured from the county ordinary in order to lawfully carry a weapon. A careful record is kept of each N the heart of the Uganda forest license issued, and proper inquiry in Equatorial Africa, 110 miles made as to the reasons why it is de-

miles square has been filling con- Such is the status in Georgia, and stantly with sods of purity previ- Georgia is in the south, where a ton clothing. These two bills and ously unknown. Deep springs of gentleman's right to go armed was the farmers' free list were the first soda liquor keep it constantly sup-once almost as sacred as his right to sit at his own fireside. The The natives have resorted to it change is an instance of the progress for centuries, from far and near, but that has been worked out in Georgia, unforgivable by millions in a hearttheir petty collections have but dis- and it is a progress that is yet to turbed the surface in excavations obtain in every state in the Union. at the head of the list with a dras-

sins. The two thugs who operated in an man, and proceeds to reach the Irvington basement Saturday night carried a revolver each and drove ADVANCE OF FOREIGN PRICES long, built for the special purpose, out the man who discovered them, at the points of their weapons. Every The world's supply will be largely burglar carries one. Why arm

#### COAL MINING BY THE GOVERN-MENT

C ENATOR POINDEXTER of Alaska. Senator La Follette has de- taking the stated quantity of the

speech, declared for a limited operainsists that the operation of the tion of mines by the government in locks, results in a deficit. If so, how Alaska, as a means of securing coal average price of coffee imported in and does the property come to be worth for naval purposes, and to prevent privately conducted mines from expound. Ten years ago the price was a find peace, and right here let me say.

Angust, 1911, was 11.8 cents per that the suffrage woman will melt the privately conducted mines from expound. Ten years ago the price was a pruning knives and plowshares. Do you think women will rear sons to be

A Power company get? What will avoids all shortage of feel on its own per pound in August, 1918. the present locks then be, but old work. It operates a model mine.

if private owners were pay of entomiment. A modern system \$165.61 in August, 1981. ing taxes there on the values they of ventilation keeps the air fresh in | Ton cost 18.2 cants per per

Minors work eight hours a day for six days of the week, and can earn tween August, 1911, and August, Owners of rights of way on the \$100 a month over living expenses- 1901, in India rubber, in tin plates, east side of the falls talk in mil- they make on the average \$5 a day. In block tin, and in smaller firms. Bens. Owners of the looks on the Barracks are provided for the single. This advance in prices dose not recting valgaries in west of speak in hundreds of men, with a mess charging 25 cents extend to all articles by any means, so he will be doubted

our accident from mining.

the falls. Here, for instance, is the | It produces coal at a cost of \$1.60 company, besides its enormous use ton mined. It is in striking contrast

### THE STRAW VOTE AGAIN

dent votes east in The Jourcourt as to the validity of eight per cent of the Republican vote illegally variated by the council, and patents and the rights of and less than seven per cent of the our city attorney refused to protect the city's property against the illegal patentees, judges are called combined Republican and independ-

It is not probable that a ratio so unfavorable to Mr. Taft exists in the For many years patentees and total Oregon vote. In a primary judges have suffered in allence, but held tomorrow, he would doubtless at last Pederal Judge Hand has make a much more favorable show-

thrown against him while he re-"I cannot stop without calling at- ceived only 50 Republican votes. It party and citizens brought suit in be-

It is a pity that the costs and de- a great change in which the present

Guggenheiming Alaska and denounc- lustrate, in Oregon, as elsewhere, the ing the initiative and referendum as power, from its vast weight, tending a worse "menace to the nation than most to corrupt law and lawyers, as any issue since the Civil war," was a monumental blunder. His retention in the cabinet until a hostile land harbor were acquired of uplane public sentiment drove him out was suicidal. He did more harm to the tide land owner. The latter kind of administration than 10 years of title is adverse to that of the riparian to him, and the cities of Greece strove good performance could repair.

It was a gigantic blunder to sign the reciprocity bill bringing in Canadian farm products free and then for free farm products by giving American farmers reduced prices on farm implements, machinery and other farm necessaries.

It was a gigantic blunder to help keep the cost of living high by vetoing the bill cutting the tariff on woolen clothing.

It was a gigantic blunder to help ing the bill cutting the tariff on cot- various letters of those who assail the effort of an American congress to for with vast areas of our lands being reduce the cost of living, and their held by the nonproducing speculator, destruction by a presidential veto is thus forces why the cost of living is breaking struggle to meet their is but one of the many phases of inmonthly bills.

It was a gigantic blunder for the administration to go at the trusts Many travelers have reported its tic anti-pistol law, and with public with mere civil suits that accommagnates sent to jail would stop all in about equal proportions. Its until we shall cease to arm the burg- the unlawful trust practices in 24

It is such mistakes that brought Mr. Taft but 55 of the 1291 votes cast in The Journal's straw ballot.

HE department of commerce and labor has just issued a statement showing fluctuations in prices during the last decade, and also in the past year, of many articles in general use.

The figures are gathered from the prices current in the wholesale for-Washington has in congress a eign markets at the points of producbill for the government of the tion, or of shipment to this country. United States to mine coal in The import price is ascertained by article and dividing it into the stated

ne price averaged 7.8 cents.

Shot down for capitalists commercial aggression? I think not. Yours.

cents per pound in August, 1911. against 12 cents in August, 1901,

feet will the Portland Railway, Light politica with private operators, but cents in August, 1961, and he cents

under the direction of the engineers flax. The table gives \$428.65 per The truth is, that a fet of fancy of the reclamation service. ton in August, 1911, against \$216.52 talons are being thrown in the way. For nafety of the minutes, eaths in August, 1991. Hence cost \$218.10 of the government project at Oregon are arranged to avoid the possibility per ton in August, 1911, against

> August, 1901. Great increases are shown be

thousands. When it wants to est- a meal. Neat notinges for the mar- when comparing 1911 with 1910. ploy a very small portion of this ried men are found, at a rental of Nilvaie of soda and guano have de-There have been no strikes or by shout 40 per cent. Pig fron fell labor troubles, nor any death or seri- from \$34.09 per ton in 1910, to \$37.10 per ton in 1811, while the The mine is run only during the price has fallen by small percenttacle is revealed in the apparent be- crop growing season, for four ages in copper, unbiesched cotton cloths, mantle hemp, bldm, raw sitk

## Letters From the People

Portland, Or, Oct. 25.—To the Editor of The Journal—In my last letter R. TAFT got 50 out of 593 on streets, I said "The people need of Republican and 126 independent set at the sefercement of what they have." That dent votes east in The Jour-should be true without qualification, but nal's straw ballot. It is only unfortunately, needed streets have been

threw the burden of suit upon the city instead of upon the interested parties,

In reality the city was the interested

It is an amazing incident for a the necessity of the streets and the

This means that as the public in-

well as our whole economic system. is the railroads. The great terminal properties of the railroads on the Portor riparian owners, while in Astoria they were acquired from the state as owner. The railroad contention Portland being against the states title in overflow lands, and in Astoria for it, the lawyers, of necessity, were precluded from any bias in favor of their friends, the railroads, and were forced to trace the right line of the law.

In such manner, does right prevail.

And with a patient and willing ear, we may detect in the evolutions of human law the same harmony we hear in the music of the stars as they sing along their vast and placid way.

J. B. ZEIGLER.

## Tax Land Values.

Portland, Oct. 27.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Will you allow space for keep the cost of living high by veto- a reader of your paper to reply to the single tax method? The exigencies of the occasion, if no other, would demand the institution of the single land tax, thus increased. However, land speculation of this type

> jury which class exploitation is inflicting upon the world, and land speculators of this unnatural and abnormal type must be exorcised by law to eradicate its evil effect upon society. In fact, stated shortly, we must make laws to protect property, through protecting humanity. The land speculator is but another name for the thief who steals that which belongs to others. In this case the real producers of wealth.
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> Right back of Portland on every hand, thousands of acres are held by wealthy speculators, held for such enormous prices or entirely off the market that individual ownership is impossible, thus increasing the cost of living in Portand and making industrial upbuilding a difficult problem. Would it not be fair to impose a fine on this class of holdup individuals in favor of those who create real wealth, the producer? for the man who feels sorry for the young man who has imbibed some of the single tax ideas, well, he belongs to the class of chloroformed fossils, or else is one of those parrots that lets the Oregonian and such acknowledged capitalistic papers do his thinking for him. You can fool some people all the time, but the man who grows brains and uses them, is not to be tricked by

catch phrases. I suppose this individual wants to Secretary Fisher, in his Chicago value and so determining the impeech, declared for a limited operaport value per unit of quantity.

The company of mankind is thinking for itself, and Take, for example, coffee. The bewing out broad highways of progress

#### MRS. TOM HARLEY. Oil Tanks a Menace.

Portland, Get. 27 .- To the Editor of

# COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

on streets, I said "The people need of new statute to protect their right, but selected to the people and the about of all the kidlets entitled to orr, none is fliegally variated by the council, and our right attends refused to protect the city's property against the liegal acts of the council.

The Oregin and Adams street variation ordinance was referred to the people, the referendum was ignored, where upon citteens sued for a mandamus to compel the city attends to procedule the referendum was ignored, where upon citteens sued for a mandamus to compel the city attends to procedule the railroad company obstructing the street. The supreme sourt decided that remedy sought was improper, because it three the burden of got upon the city instead of more real likely for Ti.

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OREGON STREETS,

Contract for the huliding of the base, ment of the Catholic church at Enterprise, the Record-Chieftain mays, has been let to John Dyer of La Granda. The structure will be forgo in aims. The foundation is to be of stone.

Reculation Herald: The reclamation works away man with a

## SEVEN FAMOUS EXILES

Themistocles,

Pulitzer left New York for the west, and not many years later returned, bought the hotel and made its site, these. \* \* In Germany they do quite differently. There the courts on which stands the present home of the New York World, a newspaper that in point of national newspaper that it is felt necessary.

When an especially severe punishment there are national network the newspaper that the courts the newspaper that the national network necessary to be inflicted upon the national network necessary.

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Cloero, who had been the saviour of him. But if lots are sold and improved, his country, who, in the support of that the necessity of the streets and the cause, had neither feared the insults president with but three-fifths of his public easements are established. The of a desperate party, nor the daggers term served to have aroused such a original owner may either convey the of assassins, when he came to suffer for the first who ventured to call Clodius defection. Fifty votes for Taft to must declare his intent in the deed. In and dishonor of that banishment which peace, Many of the people of Rome and case he neglects to do this, the courts was only wanting to render his giory one of the neighboring cities, joined Mr. Pulitzer was both a writer and an executive. To the last days of his sized by provincial legal habits of result. It probably means that we have become a nation of insurgents, policy."

ministration of justice, no one knows, defection. Fifty votes for fait to must declare his intent in the deed. In the deed, and distinct the courts was only wanting to render his glory case he neglects to do this, the courts was only wanting to render his glory case he neglects to do this, the courts was only wanting to render his glory case he neglects to do this, the courts was only wanting to render his glory case he neglects to do this, the courts was only wanting to render his glory case he neglects to do this, the courts was only wanting to render his glory case he neglects to do this, the courts was only wanting to render his glory country. The street are case he neglects to do this, the courts was only wanting to render his glory country. The street are case he neglects to do this, the courts was only wanting to render his glory country. The street are case he neglects to do this, the courts was only wanting to render his glory country. The street are case he neglects to do this, the courts was only wanting to render his glory country. The street are case he neglects to do this, the courts was only wanting to render his glory country. larity. No sooner had Cicero fied in no public business of any kind should private from Home to avoid the fury of be dispatched by their bedy until Cicero his enemies than Cicdius procured a was recalled.

every civility, and conducted him on his houses should be rebuilt at the public, bad as it is painted. way with the most cordial attention. An charge, exception to the case, however, was two persons to whom he had been a great labment penefactor, who forbade him admission

into their houses, distum, where he embarked for Dyr-rhachium. On his landing great numbers of people came to pay their respects

our city. In the first place the talk had leisure to reflect and opportunity of damages on account of moving the to acquire knowledge and Oregon has oil tanks is all buncombe. We have a right to expect better results. prior rights which will be sustained in few councilmen knew where the loca-tion would be. When the ground was being broken the workmen told the cit-izens they were building a sash and not know what was coming. What de-ception! Where is Monk's publicity? every person you meet has seen a great oil tanks are safe, but oil fires may

proven so many times. As to the contention that off plants that heretofore special ordinances were passed to locate off plants. The poor women and children were nervous and a pall of anxiety pervaded everyone in South Portland before the ordinance was revoked. Mr. Monks voted for repeal the first time and now he voted the other way. The spirit of the henored fire chief, Dave Campbell, will help the citizens to drive the oil tanks from the CHAS. A. KING. city.

Disheartened. Portland, Or., Oct. 27 .- To the Editor of The Journal.—I note from the news papers that "Gipsy" Smith is due in Portland early next month and the fact that the nice, respectable, high-tened churches are preparing a place for him churches are preparing a place for him to preach in come to me like a real laugh at a funeral. Of what use are high priced ministers and expensive churches when men right in this city are starving for friendships, for brotherly love, yes—and for food? And what good can Gipsy Smith do a soul who has struggled and prayed and suffered and starved?

Believing in God's promises, which He does not fulfill, and hoping in man's consideration and mercy, when really men are wolves. Why not be honest and if we are selfish and utterly forgetful of all save the acquisition of dollars, why pretend that men are kind and charitable, when in reality they are ravening wolves? For weeks I have

Pertland, Oct. 27.—To the Editor of K. Henry's latest outburst. Isn't it The Journal—In justice to the women disappointing? Had his life been spent and children of South Portland permit in toiling and meiling in order to gain

In the consulably of Lentilus the people began to change their opinion, and Annius Milo, one of the tribungs, wan

Pompey, who with their assistance drove Clodius out of the Porum, and then summoned the citizens to vote, the This means that as the public interest in the street develops, the abuttors "fee" dies out, and becomes at length merely a rudimentary vestige his ansentes than Clodius procured a degree of banishment against him, which prohibited him fire and water or mously than the vote to give still and the senate, anxious to give still higher proof of their attachment.

> Cicero returned after 16 months' banishment, and such joy was expresse by the cities through which he passed, and so much eagerness was shown Discouraged at these instances of meet him that his own account of his gratitude, Cicero repaired to Brun-reception was less than the truth reception was less than the truth, though he said that 'Italy had brought

#### him on her shoulders to Rome." Tomorrow-Charles II of England.

any court. We have worked hard for years, and by saving and industry have improved our little homes, paid taxes and street improvements and now the oil company is attempting to destroy our property values and place our floor. and street improvements and now the collection may be a six burch of tax receipts from my landlord. And as a taxpayer I object our property values and place our fives in jeopardy. The oil ordinance was passed with an emergency clause, and few councilmen knew where the location would be. When the ground was and the unused farms beyond the next lock that the contract of the contract of tax receipts from my landlord. And as a taxpayer I object to them. They are entirely too high.

Instead of \$50 a month they should call for not more than \$25. If the vacant lots adjoining and across the street, and the unused farms beyond the next block (the old racecourse) were taxed more and residences exempted, my landdoor factory and told others they did lord woudn't be able to charge so much He would have obtained his lot cheaper and have less direct taxes to pay. Thus Oil tanks are a great danger, as almost he would be obtaining the same in-every person you meet has seen a great come as at present and my spending and destructive oil fire. Experts prove portion increased \$25 monthly.
oil tanks are safe, but oil fires may In fact, I am simply one of the vast

occur at any time as experience has majority who have delegated to landowners the privilege of taxing them. As to the contention that off plants. Mr. Henry will also by shown re-can locate anywhere now that the off cepits from butcher, grocer and clothier, ordinance is revoked, permit me to say which called for advanced prices on account of the increased rents specu-lative prices of land caused merchants and farmers to pay.

He must learn that the people

the taxpayers. There is no other place for them to go, so they must pay the owners of the land for a foothold. Single taxers say the people pay too much, that they pay the land owner and pay again to the sovernment. They claim when the land owner is paid, all just payment is made; all else is extor-

To follow Mr. Henry's contention and permit only the holders of privilege to determine how much shall be paid for their privileges, might result in even more extortion. They would be tempt-ed to exempt all land. Then where

would prices go?
Frequently I have asked the question generally, now I ask Mr. Henry especially, can one receive unearned wealth except that another earns and does not receive it? And does he consider that justice? When one "makes" \$100,000 by simply holding land idle, isn't it just like taking it out of pay envelopes and business receipts every Saturday night. R. C. LASCOMB.

#### The Journal Building. From the Salem Statesman,

The recently promulgated Progressive as she? Thus a smile goes down the Republican platform is widely criticised as not being clear, candid and definite about anything. But what political platform—except, perhaps, the Prohibitionists—ever was 207

## Clear Cut Issue in Massachusetts

whole length and even to their course then, turned down a resolution favoring Professity with Canada. The Democrats under Free have with equal glad petition. Nowhere in recent history, in This country, have the standpat and progressive been so aquarriy lined up. There is nothing in Massachusetts to divrespond to the insurgent movement; any Republican who done't believe in the isomerable of Aldrich, Lodge and Uncle Jue must get out and vote the Democratic thicket. To make the lines atill more definite, Democrate of the still more definite, Democrate of the high business and protective tartif type have publicity avaient their support of the Republican ticket. The state officiars to be slected, of course, will have bothing whatever to do with the tartif, and the campaign ought to be conducted on state, issuing but the Republican machine thinks its greater hope lies in the standpat position on national questions. One reason is that Poss, the Democratic candidate for reslection, has in general given affactive service, including advantable to distant to the campain advantable to distant the service including advantable to distant or properties.

Senator Lodge and his machine, and all the tartff and trust beneficiaries affiliated with him, both in and out of Mussachusetts, have determined to take advantage of the situation. They can command all the resources that are commonly identified with the American Protective Tariff league. And the Man, sachusetts machine is making the tariff the issue. Their candidate for gov-ernor, Frothingham, ignores state issues and talks protective tariff in all his speeches; all the campaign speakers say the tariff to the issue; Lodge says it; all those Hoston newspapers that are controlled by tariff beneficiaries any the same, and call on the people to vote for

given effective service, including intrable judicial appeariments.

#### By Miles Tanglefoot Overhol

ON FALL It being our policy to carefully evade all references to the "Melancholy Days Have Came, Maggie Darling," or words to the same general effect, we have dared to substitute the following from the pen of an unknown contributor, retion or premeditated criminality:

or premeditated criminality:

When the leaves begin to fall in the fall or the spring or anything that's around on the ground on the ground then we take our pen and ink and we think (think we think), what a time for a rhyme. rhyme.

That's all this fall for here's the man with the can man for a local ment company-and he doesn't care who knows it.

Uncle Sam's Coal Mines.

San Francisco Bulletin. Uncle Sam can operate a coal mine just as successfully as he can dig a canal. This is not an expression of confidence. It is merely calling attention to something that has been convinc-ingly proved by actual experience. Unole Sam owns a coal mine at Williston, North Dakota. Out of his mine he gets fuel for a power plant. With the power generates electricity. electricity runs pumps which draw from he Missouri river the water needed to irrigate thousands of acres of arid

The particular servants through whom Uncle Sam operates his coal mine engineers of the reclamation service. So well have they done their work that coal is produced at the unusually small cost of \$1.50 a ton. The mine is operated only during four months of the crop-growing season each year. Experts estimate that if it were kept in operation the year round coal could be mined for less than \$1.40 a ton.

In this case cheap cost of production does not mean either economy of life-saving devices or cheap labor. Uncle Sam's mine is unusually well timbered, has every necessary safety device, and so many easily accessible exits that entombing is impossible. None of Un-cle Sam's coal miners work more than eight hours a day or more than six days a week, and the average profit per man is \$100 a month above living expenses. Uncle Sam provides his miners with good food at a nominal price, and they may live in comfortable free of rent or in comfortable cottages are at a nominal rent. So expert a coal lace miner is Uncle Sam that no private corporation can compete with him. Query: If Uncle Sam can successfully operate a coal mine in North Dakota, why cannot he do the same thing on a larger scale in Alaska?

Fostering Care. From Harper's Bazar. Howard—Is their hotel up-to-date? Coward—Indeed, it is. They furnish sleeping powders with every bedroom

# Mona Lisa

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kannas poet. His prose-poems are a regular feature of this column in The Delly Journal.)

Why was Mons Lisa smiling in a man ner so beguiling? Folks have wondered what amused her for four hundred years or so. What was going on so funny that she sprung a smile so sun-ny? What occurred so laugh prevoking in those days of long ago? Were the merchants advertising bargain carmihave met with coldness, indifference and suspicion. What can one do but become an Ishmeel?

Will Mr. Henry Answer?

To the Editor of The Journal.—"Single tax advocates are not on the assessor's books, consequently, they are of taxpevers and should have no voice public affairs!" That is Mr. Charles sappointing? The outburst, Isn's sappointing?