

# 'GENE HEATH'S GRIP

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(HERALD EDITOR'S NOTE—Hunting antelope was the favorite diversion of the hard-worked settler in the Box Butte country. It was popular for two reasons—the sport was excellent and the meat was welcomed in the homes of all the settlers. Money was scarce in those days and a quarter of antelope meat went a long way towards filling the family larder. As will be noted by the tone of the items regarding the establishment of the B. & M. railroad, Gene Heath appears not yet quite certain that the road will run through Nonpareil, but he does not want his readers to share the uncertainty with him.)

### Editorial

What the democrats of Dawes go to do in the coming fall campaign?

Did the effect upon the senate of John A. Logan's speech on the Fitz John Porter bill, show an increase in popularity with this party?

How much better would it have been for Logan to have taken a common sense view of the Fitz John Porter bill, dropped all personal spite and admitted facts than to have spewed in the cup and then have to take his medicine afterward? A brave soldier matured into a bulldozing crank.

The restoration of Fitz John Porter has been consummated. The bill passed the senate by a vote of 30 to 17 and has been signed by the president, thereby reinstating a brave soldier who has withstood a punishment double what he deserved, for years. We must credit Jim Laird with a great deal of this good work.

The Journal is the only republican paper in Dawes county. The politics of the seven publications which now date themselves within her borders are as follows: Dawes County Journal, Chadron, republican; Democrat, Chadron, democrat; Crescent, Crawford, democrat; Gene Heath's Grip, Nonpareil, democrat; Box Butte Country Rustler, Hemingford, democrat; Champion, Earth Lodge, and Gleaner, Hemingford, on the fence for revenue only.—(Journal).

We often hear it said that such a village or city is made what it is on account of the enterprise and public spirit of its citizens. With the same proprietary and application might this be said of any section of agricultural country, developed to a high degree of perfection. The most casual observer cannot help but have this fact impressed upon his mind while traveling through the country. Here is a neighbor, where on every side is found evidence of thrift and prosperity. Neat houses, clean barnyards, handsome lawns made beautiful with ornamental trees and flower gardens. The fences are all up, building painted, machinery under roof (if not in use) in fact everything evinces good taste and prosperity. You pass on, another neighbor is reached, but how different the scene. Fences are down, boards kicked off the stable, pigs in the kitchen, cows in the corn, trees broken down, and you are not at all surprised when the possessor of that ungainly spectacle tells you that he is tired of farming and thinks of moving to town to engage in business. Now start your subscription paper for a school house or a church and where do you meet with success? You enter the first mentioned neighborhood and every man you meet says, "Hand me that paper," and his name goes down for \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50, according to his means. Perhaps he may add that he is not a church member, that he had no school privileges when young but inasmuch as the public welfare demands these institutions, he will do all he can to support them. You pass on to the next neighborhood. After laboring faithfully for an hour and a half with the first man you meet, he reluctantly puts down his name for 25 cents.

You fold that paper and wonder why God Almighty ever permitted such creatures to live.

We are pleased to notice that the people of the Box Butte country in general, are energetic and enterprising. The newcomer labors under many disadvantages. Some kind of place to "live in" must be made, a well must be dug and garden patch plowed, before work of a more showy and substantial order can be done. Even this requires twice the time estimated at the outset. Most of us have made these first improvements, and the question now arises, what shall next be done that will most develop the best interests of the country, and pay the largest revenue for labor and money expended. If we may be permitted to answer this question we would say, nothing would go farther to inspire confidence in the country with land seekers than to see ten, twenty or forty acres broken on each claim throughout the Box Butte country. It has occurred to us that possibly some of us are not doing all we might in this direction. Looking at this question from a purely selfish standpoint, we would ask in what way can the same amount of money be invested that will in all probability yield as great returns as this investment. It is the history of every new country that the demand for most everything that can be raised is greater than the supply for several years. This always assures good prices, and when we consider the fact, too, that the vast section of mining country to the west and northwest is as yet undeveloped; it makes the prospect for the practical farmer in this locality look most flattering. This is the natural supply point for the great mining region of Wyoming, which territory is rich in coal and the various minerals. As soon as the railroads are pushed into that country the mines will be developed and a near home market will be created for all we can raise for years to come. We have great confidence in our people and

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believe they will appreciate this fact, and that before the breaking season is over thousands of acres more will be added to the breaking already done.

### Hemingford Sunbeams

As your reporter was up at our grand celebration we will give you only minor mentions of a few facts. The Eagle Hotel fed upwards of 100 hungry people on the 3rd. It only shows what advertising in the Grip will do.

The civil suit, Wilson vs. Perlick, which was continued from last month was settled last week at Justice Hampton's court. The case was ably sustained on the plaintiff's side by James H. Wanskin, while the defendant was equally as well represented by H. H. Tomlinson after a great deal of irrelevant testimony and considerable Dutch talk, the court gave judgment for \$8.32. A stay was taken.

E. I. Gregg leaves this week for his preemption, for a short time. Harry Bell is to ring the tuning fork and have general management in his absence.

A little fracas occurred at one of our hotels the other evening. A few bruises and a little loud talk was the final terminus.

Joseph Hare left on Monday for Omaha. Boys, look out for your rooster this time.

Hemingford's "missing link" came back last week from an extended trip through the east.

By some mismanagement our mine was a failure on the 3d.

M. J. Bailey gave us a very pleasant call the other day. He said he was lonesome, so came up and looked on while our agents just rolled in the shekels.

The silver-tongued orator of Nonpareil gave universal satisfaction here on the 3d. If he would only get in a better town and change his business we would predict him a bright future.

That girl who got her foot into the wash tub wants to see Heath, and if he does not get his foot into it we will not predict on the weather again.

Another contest case was tried before Burlew the other day. Hampton for the plaintiff, while the defence was held down by Eddie Johnson.

George W. Waisner has some very fine new potatoes. Call on him when hungry.

E. A. Coates, member of the Law, Loan, Locating and Publishing Company, returned home from the east. He reports a drouth in the western part of Iowa.

### Locals

We are informed by a gentleman who arrived in Nonpareil a few days since, from the Broken Bow country, that the B. & M. road is being graded 100 miles west of Broken Bow, and that the dirt will begin to fly in the Box Butte country in a short time. The grade stakes are being stuck in Sheridan county. The U. P. surveyors are also pushing their line at a rapid rate, and there is some question as to which line will be built first.

Nonpareil is to have a barber. If there is anything that will not grow in the Box Butte country it is Hemingford.

Rumor says there is some little doubt as to the legality of several final proofs made recently upon claims at Hemingford.

### Told by the Pilot

"Yes, the artificial banks along this river made capital breastworks for the confederates," said the pilot as we steamed down the mighty Mississippi. "Safety sheltered by the heavy walls of earth, I've had mor'n one crack at a Yankee gunboat myself."

"Then you were in the service?"  
"Must have bin. I belonged to a sort of independent troop, and most of our fighting was from these 'ere banks. Do you see that grove away off up there?"

"Yes."  
"Well, in war times a big house stood there. Fifty of us were eating dinner there one day when somebody saw a Yankee gunboat along about here. We all rushed for the tank, and when she came along we opened with our muskets. By and by she replied with a shell from a big gun. It struck the bank near the top and jist lifted about ten wagon loads of dirt up in a heap and let it fall on our captain."

"Kill him?"  
"No, I reckon not, but it buried him clear out of sight."

"How did he feel when you got him out?"  
"We didn't git him out."

"You didn't? Why not?"

"Too busy holding an election for some one to take his place. We couldn't think of everything at once, you know, and then it was such a

cheap and easy way of burying a man. They might have dug him out since the war, but I reckon he was no good. Been there too long."—Detroit Free Press.

### Cannon's Left Hand

Washington Hatchet: Hon. Joseph Cannon, the loud talking member from Illinois, cannot speak a minute without striking out vigorously with his left arm. The faster he talks the swifter his left fist flies through the air at the democratic side of the house. His compliments in that direction are always left-handed. One day, two or three sessions back, "Sunset" Cox had the floor in the midst of an important debate. Cannon jumped up to ask him a question, and, as usual, set his left arm in motion, with the long, bony finger violently vibrating toward the head of the New York humorist.

"I will grant the gentleman's request upon one condition," said Cox.

"What is it?" asked Cannon.

"That you put your left hand in your pocket and keep it there until you get through with your question," replied Cox.

Cannon was a little nonplussed at the novelty of the contract, but proceeded to comply with the terms. He did not get half through his question, however, before out flew his fist on a level with "Sunset."

"Stop," said Cox, "not another word. I knew you couldn't keep your promise. I am not going to have that left-handed lick at me forever." And he shut off the member from Illinois.

## WHY YOU SHOULD BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

The War Savings Stamps — What They Are — And Why You Should Buy Them

This article was submitted by Frank C. Bullin, State Publicity Manager, National War Savings Committee.

The National War Savings Committee is not only endeavoring to raise two billion dollars for the government through the sale of War Savings Stamps, but is attempting to create in the American people the habit of thrift and economy.

In the words of Lloyd George, the War Savings Committee hopes to teach the people that in war times "extravagance and the purchase of non-essentials is treason."

Every time a citizen in these war times purchases a thing not absolutely necessary to his health and comfort he is assisting in blotting out more American lives by Prussian shells. When one purchases something he does not need he makes men work who could otherwise be producing guns and munitions to help end the war more quickly.

There are not enough workmen in the country to produce all the luxuries and necessities the people have money to buy and at the same time make sufficient guns, munitions and supplies for the military forces.

Those who save their money and loan it to the government are saving the lives of American soldiers; those who spend their money as they please may help kill their own sons or their neighbors' sons who are over there in the trenches fighting for them.

The government needs money and labor now and needs it bad. It is the patriotic privilege and duty of every citizen not only to loan all the money he can to the government, but to permit the government to borrow the labor it needs through his abstaining from the purchase of things he does not need.

The government is endeavoring to raise money now through the sale of War Savings Stamps. These stamps are issued in 25-cent sizes (known as Thrift Stamps), and \$5 sizes (known as War Savings Certificate Stamps).

When you buy the first 25-cent stamp you are given a card with spaces to hold fifteen more stamps of this size. These stamps are intended primarily for children's savings, and do not bear interest, but when the card is full it can be traded in on a \$5 stamp that does.

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