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the county was organized. He constructed table which answers for reference to where the B. & M. line

devil would have been a year older

and possessed a few more freckles,

In order to live and grow in those

of his ability on the firing line, but

"Hare and Coates (Gentle Joe's partner) are financially interested in building a town at Hemingford. Each has claims there on which a greater

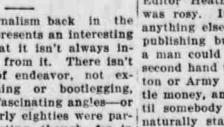
portion of the ill-favored town is built. It is very natural that they should show the brightest side of their railroad prospects. It is also natural for those two particular individuals to lie about the matter

from pure cussedness, but with Burlew of the Rustler, it is different.

Comment--and Discomment

study. Not that it isn't always inanother field of endeavor, not excepting preaching or bootlegging, the money, and stay at the game un- the paper and its editor might have that has more fascinating angles-or til somebody killed him or he just made. Probably there wouldn't have slants. The early eighties were par- naturally starved to death. Heath been any noticeable changes. The will drive you to the wall." ticularly interesting, though, for in those days publishing a newspaper was a precarious occupation, and the man who would be called editor sacrificed a great deal for the joy of following his profession. Literature has ever been a fickle mistress, and cracks an inch wide between the country journalism, a second cousin boards; door cut bias, of the same days, it was necessary for an editor of letters, is something of a jade material, with a lock warranted to to be continually scrapping. If herself.

spite of the fact that the pickings sash as support. A planed board news, anyway, and the people sort were poorer here than in a good with the word 'Grip' painted upon of liked to read mean and sarcastic many places. Any new country it, and nailed just above the door, as remarks about anything. 'Gene where settlers were homsteading solid as a campaign lie, adorns the Heath was good at invective, alwas pretty sure to get some sort of front. The roof is covered with tar though he probably wouldn't have a newspaper, for there were a lot of paper, with faint hopes of shingles called it that. He seldom boasted legal notices to be printed, and they paid cash in advance. Subscribers might subscribe and year after year helped a lot.



Editor Heath when every prospect our office today. A year from now like an old sweat-pad of a freighting was rosy. It shows, better than we will give our readers another harness. We don't like to be rude early eighties presents an interesting anything else, the beginnings of the description." publishing business. In those days, study. Not that it isn't always in-teresting. Far from it. There isn't second hand type and a G. Washing-time there was no Grip in Nonpareil, ton or Army hand press for very lit- so we can only guess what strides

describes his printing office thus:

"A small frame building con- and the editor might have had a new structed of native lumber, by pair of shoes-or trousers. 'boarding up and down,' leaving fit everybody's key; a window on there was no county seat fight, or either side of the door, neatly ad- up election, he must "burn" his com-This western territory produced justed in common western frames, petitor, or the newspapers in neighsome notable country journalists, in with three tenpenny nails to each boring towns. There wasn't much some time in the future.

"You necessarily duck your head get farther in arrears; advertisers in order to enter, when, an unasmight be few and far between, but suming sort of postoffice first meets the newspaper with the politics of your gaze. The office is composed Gleaner, Joseph Hare. Hemingford the administration might be expected of an empty tobacco box partitioned was a contender for the county seat to survive somehow. The editor was off for letters, and a boot box nailed and the railroad. Having only the usually postmaster, and the salary to the wall answers for papers. A files of the Grip, it's a trifle hard

genuine country journalism. 'Gene eyes naturally revert from him and threw his fortunes in with Nonpareil wander to the opposite side of the Heath: before the railroad came through or room where stands another rudely

rough table extending nearly across to estimate Hare's ability, but Heath the room, with a pair of number 10 always referred to him as "Gentle 'Gene Heath, who was a contem- split leather plow shoes incasing the Joseph." He also had another natporary of Bill Nye and Bill Barlow, editor's feet, reared above it, next ural enemy in Editor Burlew of the one of whom achieved fame and the attracts your attention. There is Rustler. We'll have to give you other notoriety, was the first man nothing attractive about the editor some samples of the way newspapers to give Box Butte county a tasto of excepting his feet, however, and your warfare was conducted thirty-five years ago. Here's one from 'Gene

tion of the county seat and won, but deeper down in the den, is our devil, pers have said anything in reference righteousness up on the sandhill will bade defiance to all police traps it was a vain struggle. The railroad homelier than the story of 'the three to the matter that is untrue we hope lie a little at times." elected to go through Hemingford, bears,' quiefly holding down the old they will retract." and one fine day the town of Non- stool and gathering up type with a "We have received volume 1 num-

pareil moved over. Here's a descrip- rapidity equaled by no other devil ber 11 of the Earth Lodge Champion, on short acquaintance, but that is about the way it looks to us."

"Nonpareil is the largest town in the Box Butte country. Now dispute that, you long-earned, limber legged liars from six miles north, and we

Democrats wash their feet."

and the margin of time was very

"It is becoming pretty apparent | short.

fought the good fight for the loca- an imposing stone. Back farther, will run, and if the Hemingford pa- that the goody-goody wallowers in

Butte Country Rustler, printed in miles an hour. Are you brave, this place, is meeting with good suc- dear?" tion of the Grip office written by on earth. This is the appearance of published in this county. It looks cess, and we think (were it not for its politics, which are democratic) tity of dust (replied with emotion; that it will be a power in this new country .--- Gleaner. Rats, the thing don Tit-Bits. that runs the Rustler is no democrat.

Jenkins and his best kirl were motoring a considerable distance to Land Company. see one of the last round cup ties,

With about twelve miles to go, he and, turning to the girl of his heart, "We are pleased to say the Box exclaimed: "We're going at fifty

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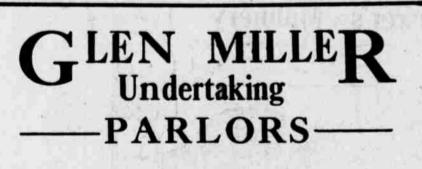
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Burlew is a man who is influenced more or less by those above him in intelligence, and is a tool for the balance of the town. It were better had Burlew been bnocked in the head when young and the nourishment upon which he has subsisted so long been saved."

Gentle Joseph wasn't allowing anyone to walk over him. Here's a

he didn't need to. His readers had an opportunity to see it every issue. Heath's hereditary enemy was, of course, the editor of the Hemingford The thing that every tire buyerfor big car or small -is trying to buy, is mileage economy. And the one way to produce it is scientific manufacturing.

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sample of his invective: "We admire the grit and enthusiasm of the Grip editor in sounding his B. & M. horn, for we very well known that he knows that he won't have much longer to sound it. All we have to say is, 'Give that calf more rope.' To which Heath made reply: "And the Grip editor very well knows that the 'chump' who attracts flies into the Gleaner office very well knows that Nonpareil's present railroad prospects are flattering ineed. The Gleaner editor knows a great deal, in fact we have often noticed gentle Joseph picking his nose-and making pills."

In order that our readers will know what invective really is, we'll put in a few samples, taken at random from the Grip:

"The printer in the Gleaner office complains that gentle Joseph eats up the paste."

"The idiotic correspondent of the Chadron Democrat, the wild ass of the prairie, is still at large."

"Mr. Jackson, the efficient clerk in Bowen's store, has turnips growing on his claim bigger than gentle Joseph's hopes of a railroad."

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