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**ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
 For some time past, we have been making arrangements to institute a thorough canvass of Meagher county, not alone in the interest of the MINERAL ARGUS, but to ascertain the opinions of influential citizens, on subjects of vital importance, that will come before the people in a few months.

Such an undertaking we cannot, with justice to ourselves and readers, leave to a non-interested agent, in consequence we have had to defer this trip until the ARGUS was on a thorough business basis; in fact on such a footing that its future is assured. After a hard struggle (caused by the unusual hard times experienced by every branch of business during the past winter,) we are safely on our feet, and now propose to make a determined effort for a large and wide-spread circulation and at the same time, feel the public pulse on questions that, from the rapidly increasing population, together with the existing state of affairs, are bound to come before the people for adjustment. With these two leading objects in view, we shall endeavor to see and converse with every property holder in the county, and upon our return, should we meet with the support anticipated, we will so improve our paper as to place it in the front rank of the territorial press, containing information particularly of interest to our subscribers, and a liberal amount of news of general interest. We bespeak a cordial reception and liberal support throughout the district we visit, and will make it redound to the general good of the county. Respectfully,  
**FELL & VROOMAN.**

Snow in Eagle City, is still four feet in depth.

Gen. Godfrey Weitzel, lieutenant colonel of engineers, is dead.

Mervine Thompson, of Cleveland, is anxious to meet Slugger Sullivan.

The Missouri River is breaking up at Bismarck and other points.

The Hon. Sitting Bull and Lady, are visiting relatives in St. Paul.

Pennsylvania Conventions instruct in favor of Blaine delegates to Chicago.

It is thought the President will veto the Fitz John Porter bill. If so, it cannot be passed over his head.

The Rock Island Ry. is headed for Bismarck. Should it get that far west, it will never stop short of Benton.

J. H. McKnight, of Fort Shaw, M.T., received a scalp wound in a railroad accident, near Pittsburg, on the 20th inst.

Minneapolis is to have another great fair this year. Thomas Lowery has been elected President of the Association.

A canvass of the house is said to have disclosed the fact that the Morrison

bill, if it is modified so as to suit certain local interests in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Ohio, will have enough supporters to secure its passage.

We are in receipt of the first number of the Cœur d'Alene Enterprise, published at present at Belknap. It is a seven column paper, with patent "insides," and a head that takes up one third of the first page. It is filled with news of that region, and withal a very creditable sheet.

Tom. Ochiltree, in his speech on the Herr Lasker resolutions, denounced Prince Bismarck as "the very alcohol of egotism." Bismarck will probably reply in language something like this: "Du bist ein rothkopfiger Kuhhirt von Texas."

**A SULLIVAN HIT ON THE COW BOYS.**

**His Notoriety Brought to a Close.**  
 The Cow Boy has at last reached that stage which is always certain of downfall, i.e. through the eastern press. To a man familiar with western life, who by chance picks up an eastern exchange, and muses over a two column description of a desperado without a parallel,—being a subject equally as notorious as the numerous Buffalo Bills—is something that will amuse a sensible Montananian.

To be a cow boy, just think! I know of many instances, where humanity has been reduced to such a standard, as to prefer that title, to the most exalted position that man can occupy.

We will describe him: A human being whose faculties are not developed, and is generally on the ascending scale of life. His ambitions for improvement morally, socially, and physically, are in throwing a lasso or reetta (re-et-ta) and in sticking on a bucking cayuse.

The formula of a complete cow boy is composed of the following: one forty dollar cayuse, one forty pound saddle, one bridle bit, somewhat resembling a stomach pump, one pair of spurs, large enough for steamboat wheels, and five feet eight inches of humanity, being a model of self-esteem and conceitedness, and assumes an air of "O wad some power the giftie gie us, to see ourselves as others see us!" His wearing apparel is composed of a broad brimmed hat with a tassel, a pair of schaps connected at the waist-band, otherwise independent. They are probably of the same opinion as the Indians, who prefer to cut out the seat of their new broadcloth pantaloons that "Uncle Sam" is kind enough to furnish them, for certain conveniences, I presume; and last but not least, a girdle composed of a colts improved six-shooter, fifty cartridges, and a ghastly looking knife,—and to finish up with, a pair of lungs which have yelled him into his present notorious position.

You may see him as he enters a frontier town that is rich enough to support side walks, dragging those monstrous spurs, making a noise which somewhat resembles the dragging of a dozen steel traps and log chains across a plank floor.

I have seen them at work in a branding corral, under a scorching sun with that girdle of six-shooter, cartridges, and knife, when there was not an Indian or sheep herder within a hundred miles of them. There would have been just as much logic in strapping a lightning rod on their backs for protection. It is amusing to notice a cow boy as he yanks up his reins, or levers of torture of that already described bit, causing the cayuse to either stop, or elevate his head to an unreasonable height, and then drive his spurs into the aft end of the unfortunate quadruped,—then give a tremendous yell, superinduced by a few drinks of whiskey that has never seen a distillery, and with a grand flourish of his colts improved, proclaim himself the great "I am" of a bad land country.

Yet with all his display of terrorism, the cow boy is a cow-ard, strip him of his armory and he will tremble at the sight of a sheep herder, an ordinary farm hand can make him squeal in less than four three minute rounds; all the Indians that the cow boy has killed in this Territory, would not make a starter for a cemetery. They are more apt to shoot themselves, than anybody else. I once saw a cack of one hundred and thirty, clean gut an entire room-full of cow boys with a common flesh pot and a number twelve boot, and their notorious six-shooters served more as shields for their after parts, than as men slayers.

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