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**GROCERY,**  
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**Poetry.**  
**O! Come and Be Free Where Labor is King.**  
Upon the far northwest coast Pacific's wave,  
Where lofty pines and dizzy heights and fertile valleys abound,  
And where the skies are dazzling. Dances around  
As bright as brilliant. Hail and welcome, welcome  
WAGONS!  
MONTANA comes! the warrior wild is in his final hold!  
She springs a Queen from verdant vales and mountain peaks with gold!  
By mighty falls and crystal fountains she is with rain-bows dressed,  
And from her loins the rivers gush that flow both east and west.  
And Idaho, the Mountain Gem, with a beauty all its own,  
Now comes, with mines and herds and harvest fields, to show  
Her tribute to Columbia's feet. A central planet star,  
With native grace she radiates her glory from afar.  
Erratic Uran—wardward, freakish child of sun-  
Of good and ill combined—increasing good, decreasing ill,  
Redeemed and purified and level of all you see,  
Then peace and thrift, for aye around thy wondrous  
NEW MEXICO and ARIZONA, lands of sunny  
The tones of ancient arts and harbingers of  
Your savage fumes conquered, forward, now,  
As Progress leads, Your stars among the bright-  
WYOMING—youngest, fairest, bravest—honored  
And give. That grand progressive step alone  
The Guiding Star of States—a leader faithful,  
DAKOTA comes! What varied wealth of mound  
How vast! A golden light alight the coming  
Her mines exhaustless, and the richest, health-  
She holds to give, and gives to bless. Her bound-  
Our doors for all such wide open we fling:  
Come from the valleys overfilled,  
Come from the cities overfilled,  
Of come and be free where Labor is King.  
—H. N. Maguire.

**Odds and Ends.**  
The smoking chimney now begins to put on the most innocent look imaginable.  
If you wish to put your face in mourning for your brains, have your whiskers dyed.  
Uncle Sam's large family has licked nearly ten billion postage stamps since their introduction in 1847.  
Rome has no Sunday law. One can call it Saturday and saw wood, or admit that it is Sunday and go fishing.  
Captain Bogardus announces his withdrawal from pigeon-shooting contests for the next two years.  
Coroners are in doubt whether to hold an inquest on a negro boy or on a watermelon. One is generally the death of the other.  
The Houston Telegram says there is a paper at Brownsville, Texas, printed one-half in Spanish and the other in Josh Billings.  
"Now is the time for husking bees," shouts an exchange. All right; if anyone wants to husk a bee he can do so. We don't.  
The trouble with some people is that they get their convictions so mixed up with their dyspepsia that no one can separate them in this world.  
It's rather discouraging to a new Sunday school teacher to return to his class of boys after five minutes absence, and hear them quarrelling over which is the best hand—a pair of queens or a pair of jacks.  
In a gambling room in Nevada, the janitor, on opening the place in the morning, found a man sitting dead at a table, with cards still in his hands. He had been shot at poker by his adversary, who had fled.

**THE AVANT COURIER.**  
**"TAXATION."**  
Various have been the methods adopted, and forms proposed, to make the burden of taxation less onerous; but among the many methods none seem to meet the desires and wants of the people so well as the "direct progressive system," a system which, if strictly enforced and adhered to, will be productive of much good. By it the few who are better able to bear the burden of taxation will be compelled to contribute more largely to the support of the machinery of Government, while the many who are less able will be correspondingly relieved. Equality of taxation understood to be a system that levies the taxes in proportion to the ability to pay. "A," who has an income of \$50,000, has more interest in the support of a protecting government, and more ability to appropriate to its support than "B," who has an income of \$10,000. Consequently a system that compels "B" to pay the same rate per \$100 as does "A" is entirely unfair, unequal and inequitable. We want, and must have, a system that makes the burden equal and not the rate. The "Progressive System" is antagonized by the moneyed interests of the country, because in its operation it would prevent the accumulation of such immense fortunes as are now being made every day. Such a system that is but becoming the terror and curse of the nation. A system of taxation that in its operation admits of the differentiation of the people into two extremely opposite classes, millionaires and paupers, bears upon its face the stamp of inequity and unfairness, and I contend that our present system not only admits of this possibility, but it enforces it; it in a measure impairs the usefulness of the money held by the wealthy few; it also causes an increase in the rates of usury; it encourages idleness and apathy.  
Legitimate speculation would be one of the first fruits of the progressive system. It would compel the investment of capital in industrial pursuits as a necessary means of securing a return of the amount paid for the land, which would be paid to 50% in its own proper use, and would thereby benefit the masses who would otherwise be idle, and the working masses, by the ability to purchase the commodities and necessities of life, create a market for the product of the factory, mine, and farm causing universal prosperity throughout the land, which cannot be done if capitalists lock up their holdings only to be brought out at an extravagant rate of interest as the borrower cannot meet his obligation to the lender and at the same time pay wages in proportion to the amount of labor performed and he will be obliged to reduce wages or fall in his obligations, either of which have an injurious effect upon the laborer.  
The workmen being the foundation of our national fabric, it is important that his interests be recognized and protected. In our tendency to absorb his interests, to those of capital, the foundation be destroyed and the entire building come tumbling to the ground about our ears. "Then chaos is come again." What justice is there in a system of taxation that will allow one man to have his thousands of acres of land at a mere nominal tax, and levy a heavy tax per acre upon another who has only about two hundred, and this simply because the former cannot meet his obligation to the lender and the latter is not, but is held for exorbitant prices to settlers, and yet this is called "equality of taxation."  
"Taxation without representation" was a prime motive in causing the Revolution, and it behooves our law-makers to be careful lest the same thing be caused by "unequal and unjust taxation."

**VERITAS.**  
**Boot Expedition.**  
The handkerchief and glove flirtation have done good service their way, but they are only for the use of lovers and young people. For some time there has been a great want of something of the kind to fit tramps. A fertile-brained genius has got up a boot flirtation, intended especially for those who are pestered by tramps. It runs something like the following:  
One step forward—Tramp beware.  
Two steps forward—Cut your story short.  
Right foot lifted a few inches from the ground—I have nothing for you.  
Right foot extended backward—Get outside the gate.  
Right foot brought swiftly forward and planted firmly under coat tail of tramp—Leave the premises instantly, and advise all your friends to steer clear of this house.  
It may be well to state that the flirtation cannot be carried on with success unless the tramp is a much smaller man than you are.  
**Fraud in South Carolina Confessed.**  
The testimony proves beyond a reasonable doubt that frauds of great extent were committed by the South Carolina Democrats at the polls on the 5th of November. In that State there may be, and probably is, a legitimate Democratic majority on a fair vote. The avowed object of the late campaign was to swell this majority to the largest numbers possible by any means, and to wipe out of existence forever the hope, heart, and organization of the Republican party in that State. That is what Wade Hampton calls "redeeming South Carolina." He gave the key-note early in the canvass, when he boasted that every congressional district would be carried. His red-coated riders bore the instructions into every township and hamlet. The ballot-box stuffers communitated the work on election day.—New York Sun.

**Respectable Suggestions About the Cattle Disease.**  
Helena Herald, 1st inst.  
The cattle plagues now prevailing in some sections of Montana is a disease of the digestive organs, and is not contagious. It is confined mostly to young animals of rapid growth and in high condition. The cause is found to be in the food consumed. The past season has been one to produce an unusually luxuriant growth of grass and to keep it growing late in the season. It did not, consequently, fully cure before the early frosts came, which withered the rank feed, making it very difficult to digest, especially in young and tender animals. This course, unripe frosted grass, if not passed off, clogs in the digestive organs, causing inflammation, and death ensues. The absence of water makes the disease more fatal. A light fall of snow will check the disease by causing the stock to eat it with the grass, which moistens and softens the food, and at the same time the snow will keep down inflammation. An old range overstocked, the best grass eaten out, is found to be the most fatal pasturage. It cattle cannot get plenty of alkali, salt should be put within reach of them.  
E. STODDARD.  
Helena, December 18, 1878.  
**Territorial Agriculture.**  
Information relative to the agricultural value of land in the Rocky Mountain region has been recently received at the Interior Department from the Governors of Territories. There appears to be some progress in rural enterprises of the "Great American Desert." The lands of Utah are irrigated and are nearly all taken up. Vast tracts would be very productive with a supply of water, the expense of procuring which will for a long time prevent their utilization; and a large portion of the Territory can only be used for grazing purposes. Nearly all the farmers are Mormons; the miners are Gentiles.  
The Governor of Montana reports progress in his domain. He says the year's product of gold and silver is \$7,000,000, but claims that the lumber-growth is worth more to the Territory than its mines. He says that the present year's wood crop is 1,000,000 pounds, the stock business flourishing, estimating losses in winter at not more than 3 per cent. He insists that the average yield of wheat is greater than in the prominent wheat-growing States.  
A Danbury man who lectured recently in an adjoining town, said that many persons filled to get into the hall. It subsequently transpired that they made no attempt to.

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MAIN ST. BOZEMAN, M. T.  
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Proprietor.  
The proprietor, who personally superintends the business, and will continue to make the Laclede a  
**First-Class Hotel.**  
It is the largest Hotel in Bozeman, and all who apply can be accommodated with board and lodging.  
A share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited.  
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Parties at home or from abroad will  
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We have bought with this entire stock the Book Accounts of Mr. Cooper, and they will be found at the Bank, and no more that there will be no delay of parties coming in seeking for ward and making prompt settlements.  
We shall keep a  
**FIRST-CLASS WORKMAN**  
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**H. COUNTRYMAN**  
Stillwater, : Montana,  
Keeps a Public House, with  
**GOOD BOARD FOR TRAVELERS, and STABLING FOR HORSES.**  
The Stage Station and Telegraph Office are located at this place, as is also a large store-house for freight.  
An experienced lady has charge of the house.  
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**Public Sale.**  
On Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1879, I will sell at public auction, in front of my former boarding house, to the highest and best bidder, all the dining room and kitchen furniture and utensils used by me in my boarding house, including silverware, glassware, crockery, stove, and many other useful articles, too numerous to mention.  
L. E. McCLAREN.  
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**Administrator's Notice.**  
In the Probate Court of Gallatin County, Montana Territory, in the matter of the Estate of Henry Wickham, deceased.  
NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of said estate to all persons having claims against the said deceased to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator in Bozeman, Gallatin County, Montana Territory; and if such claims be not then presented they shall be forever barred.  
FIELD D. BRUNETTE.  
Dated Dec. 20, 1878. [6-17]

**Dressmaking.**  
Having closed out my boarding house, with the intention of entering into the dress-making business, I will take room at the Laclede Hotel Monday, Dec. 30th, where I will be prepared to do promptly all work entrusted to my care. Returning thanks for the liberal patronage extended to me in the past, I respectfully solicit a continuance of the same.  
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