

traffics, to stamp it out effectually. In the meantime I have some half dozen spies on the watch, and I shall be kept posted on that subject as well as any other matter, that may tend to excite my charges.

I have been unable, as yet, to make any thorough search for stolen horses, owing to a violent snow storm, that started on Thursday last, and which has continued on and off until date.

On the 3rd instant during the night a disastrous Prairie Fire was started between the Belly and Kootenay rivers, it has been surmised that the Bloods set it out, but that theory is a fallacy, as a matter of fact Bull Horn, M.C., with all his men, turned out and fought fire all night side by side with the Cochran & Ranche Co. cowboys, a terrific hurricane was blowing at the time, which caused the fire to rapidly run down to the Oxley Ranche Co's farm, on Steward bottom, doing damage

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