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John E. Leet,
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Denver, Colo.

Dear sir:-

Your letter with clipping and picture of myself, received today. I am the "feller" that built the ranch and that the Butte was named for. I went to that country in 1867, and my recollection is that I moved a large band of cattle across the Platte river and built a ranch near Sparks Butte; that was during the wild days of old Red Cloud. I had eleven cow boys working for me at that time. The Indians were so troublesome it took five men to stand guard while the remainder built the cabins.

I note your remarks about the Denver News. It was the first newspaper I subscribed for. I went to Cheyenne from Texas in 1867 and engaged in the cattle business in that Territory for a good many years.

The shooting scrape, with my photograph as a side decoration, was a false alarm. I had a few words with an Editor. I shall not regret appointing Sam Davis Chairman of the Publicity Bureau, which seems to have been the cause of the remarks you enclosed.

I have never been guilty of fighting a duel, but have been instrumental in trying to kill a few tribes of Indians in my lifetime. I am sending picture herewith.

Yours truly,