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E. W. James, whose playful use of a gun resulted in the death of Mrs. Newton, at Albina, a few days ago, is booked by the grand jury for manslaughter, as his crime deserves. Lawyers are setting their wits to work to show why the man should be relieved of blame in the premises. We suppose the defense will be based upon the assertion that he didn't mean to, and is sorry, or perhaps they will come boldly to the front and say that the woman had no business to be around with milk cans when a gentleman was starting out for a day's sport.

If L. Shobe continues to address such fine descriptions of his new home to citizens of McMinnville as the one received here by John Wortman to-day, he will certainly create a panic, produce the yellow fever, or something of the sort. He says he could dispose of his brick, where Manning & Co. are, for \$15,000 before night, if he had it in Wellington. He cleaned up \$325.00 on real estate transfers in one week, and a newspaper item accompanying his letter tells of the average sales of property weekly footing up to a million dollars. Loans at bank close at eighteen per cent.

The Montana ranges have been literally swept of cattle, a fact that reflects discredit upon the humanity and financial ability of the ranchmen of that territory. No man has a right to take such chances as these men take in stocking a range without properly supplying their herds with food for the possible severity of a winter. It involves a stress of suffering upon the miserable, dumb creatures who crouch around in the snow and perish of cold, hunger and thirst, that is appalling to the sensibilities of anyone whose heart can be touched by pity. The rancher in more favored localities may congratulate himself upon the shekels that such wide devastation of other ranges may divert to his coffers, but his chuckle has a ghoulish sound that for-

bids a humane person from rejoicing at the prosperity that it forebodes.

Oregon Press Comments.

It is very evident that the backbone of winter has been broken, and the Chinook winds of the last two minutes have given everything the appearance of spring.—Courier.

John L. Sullivan, the slugger, is going to be presented with a gold belt, covered all over with diamonds. If somebody would belt him over his yawp traps, and chug up his wind, it would be about the correct thing.—Vidette.

The press of yesterday inform us of the election of Hon. C. Leinenweber as one of the three pilot commissioners. Mr. L. is thoroughly competent in every way to fill the position, and no better man could have been elected.—Transcript.

It doesn't seem necessary for a state legislature to do what ours did yesterday—pass a law compelling the attendance of children at school, but the facts prove its necessity. The law is a good one, and is a matter of justice to the state and the child.—Astorian.

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