## BELIEVE BRANTON WROTE THE LETTER

Convict Then Has Daughter Mail Missive-Girl Admits This Much.

TRIES TO SHIELD FATHER

Says She Posted Letter to Charles Chamberlain, but Declares She Knows Nothing About It-Little Sympathy for Prisoner.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 3,-(Special.)-Evidence has been uncovered here which tends to connect John Branton, prisoner the Oregon penifentiary, with the authorship of the anonymous letter threatening the life of Governor Chamberlain, unless Branton is pardoned by February 2. There is a strong belief here that Branton wrote the letter himself, and that it was addressed and mailed in this by Branton's 15-year-old daughter,

Blanch.

Blanch, the 15-year-old daughter of John Branton, is attending school here, as is also her younger brother. Blanch is evidently in possession of more knowledge relative to this letter than she wishes to disclose. The letter written to Governor Chamberlain's son, threatening his life, was sent to the postoffice by Blanch Branton. She handed two letters to one of her schoolmates to mail last Thursday. One letter was addressed to Dr. Charles Chamberlain, Portland, Or., and the other to her father, John Branton, Salem.

Power From Deschutes River Will Be Converted Into Electrical Energy for Prineville.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro, president of the Prineville Light & Water Company and several other lighting plants throughout the state, has given out that construction of an immense power plant at Lava Falls, on the Deschutes, six miles

A reporter called on Blanch this even-ing afid asked her for information rela-tive to the threatening letter sent to Governor Chamberlain. She said: "I saw the report in the papers, and that is all I

Asked if she sent the letter to mail by one of her schoolmates, she replied: "Yes, it was handed me to mail and that is all know about it.

Who handed you the letter?"

"Who handed you the letter?"
"I don't know."
"Where did the letter come from?"
"I don't know anything about it."
She was fold that it was only in justice to herself that she tell all she knew about it, but she firmly declared that that was all she knew and could not honestly tell any more. The inference is drawn that her father is the author of the letter, or some member of the Branton family sent her to mall it, and her attitude is only to shield the author of the letter.

Blanch has been attending the public school here for a number of years, and she is an exceptionally bright and industrious girl, and is held in as high regard as any girl could be under the exist, ing conditions.

Power Company, which has filed on the water right there, are now under way. The company has agreed to transfer to Mr. Gates all the water necessary for the reciamation of its segregation.

At the Theaters

What the Press Agents Say.

COHAN'S SHOW A BIG HIT

Musical Play, "George Washington, Jr.," at Heilig Tonight.

ing conditions.
It is the general opinion that Branton is the author of the letter, as its make up, spelling and sentences seem to correspond with his other famous letter writ ing. There are few if any sympathizers of Branton around here, and people were surprised to learn that he was allowed so much liberty as a trusty at the Peniten

. GOVERNOR IS NOT WORRIED Chamberlain Will Not Seek to Pun-

ish Letter-Writer. SALEM, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Examination of the handwriting on the envelope of the letter threatening the life of Governor Chamberlain leaves no prison authorities have in their possession envelopes addressed by one of Branton's children, and the handwriting corresponds very closely with that on the threatening letter. As the letter liself was printed with a pencil, and not written, it is impossible to determine who inspired or wrote it. Governor Chamberlain will pay no ultention to the letter and probably the person who have to be seen toward.

attention to the letter and probably will take no steps toward punishing the person who sent it. He does not take the threat seriously, but, like men who engage in other more or less dan-gerous occupations, he assumes this as one of the risks of Governorship. He

Eastern Young Man, Despondent, Drowns Himself at Aberdeen. ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 3.-(Sp.

cial.)—A body taken from the river today is believed to be that of Walter Whalen, of Worcester, Mass., who came here several weeks ago, evidently despondent, and who is believed to have committed sul-There is no evidence of foul play suggesting that Mrs. Dixon, of Rochdale, Mass., be notified, was found in one of the pockets. It was signed Walter Whalen, Worcester, Mass. Mrs. Dixon has been notified.

PUTS UP INSANITY PLEA

Man Charged With Wife-Murder on Trial at Chehalis,

CHEMALIS, Wash, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—
The trial of F. O. Bridgham, of Napavine, charged with murdering his wife in December last, began in the Superior Court today before Judge A. E. Rice. Prosecuting Attorney U. E. Harmon represents the state. Gus L. Tucker, assisted by B. F. Jones an Oregon attorney. by B. F. Jones, an Oregon attorney, is for the defense. The defense made a strong argument to secure a continuance. but this afternoon the court overruled the motion and the work of selecting a jury is well under way. Bridgham's de-fense is the insanity plea. Attorney Har-mon expects to prove that Bridgham got drunk and proceeded home, where he shot-lis wife to death.

LIVED WITH DIVORCED WIFE

Seattle Woman Ignorant Until Recently of Court's Decree.

SEATTLE. Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Alleging that E. G. Woodward procured a divorce from her on March 7 last, without her knowledge, and afterward lived with her as his wife. Mrs. Anna E. Woodward yesterday asked the Superior Court to set aside the decree of divorce and the her are opportunity to decree. give her an opportunity to defend the

Woodward is a newspaper man, and alleged at the time of the divorce he did not know where his wife resided, al-though he was in correspondence with her at the time in Vancouver.

Meningitis at the Barracks.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash. Feb. 1.—(Special.)—A case of cerebro-spinal meningitis developed recently at the post hospital, Private James Plercy

being afflicted. The man is in a fair way to complete recovery, and precau-tions have been taken by the post au-thorities to prevent a recurrence of the malady among the soldiers.

Paisley Wants County Seat.

SILVER LAKE, Or., Feb. 3.—W. H. McColl, of Painley, is authority for the statement that Palsley wants to bring a vote at the June election the queto a vote at the June election the question of the removal of the county scat from Lakeview to Paisley. Paisley, Summer Lake, Silver Lake, New Pine Creek and North Warner voters would probably favor the move. Paisley is many miles nearer the geographical center of the county than Lakeview. Astoria Marine Notes.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The schooner Expansion cleared at the Custom-House today for Redondo with a cargo of 700,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Stella. Government Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers Ames and Weldin were in the city today inspecting the gleamer Julia B., the new steamer recently built for Captain J.

W. Babbidge.

Aberdeen Lumber Camps Reopen. ABERDEEN, Wash, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The O. K. Logging Camps were started today as well as the North American Shingle Mill and the shingle mill of the Aberdeen Lumber & Shingle Mill Co.

H. V. GATES TO INSTALL \$150,-000 PLANT AT LAVA FALLS.

and several other lighting plants through-out the state, has given out that con-struction of an immense power plant at Lava Falls, on the Deschutes, six miles south of Bend, will begin in the early Spring. The plant is to be completed within a year. It is to cost \$150,000 and will serve the towns of Bend, Laidiaw, Redmond and Prineville with a 24-hour coursent for lighting and other nurnoses.

current for lighting and other purposes. The company expects to secure 300 horse-power at Lava Falls. Negotiations between Mr. Gates and F. S. Stanley, of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company, which has filed on the

Jr.," at Heilig Tonight. "One of the hest, if not the best shows George M. Cohan ever wrote," was the verdict of last night's big audience as it filed out of the Heilig Theater at Fourteenth and Washington streets last evening after witnessing the first performance of this excellent musical play. This exceptionally tuneful and catchy offering will be the attraction at the above theater tonight and tomorrow night at 8:16 o'clock with a special-price matinee tomorrow afternoon at 2:16.

"DAVID HARUM" AT THE BAKER

trayal of Unique Character. "David Harum" is almost a historical cost of printing ballots will be due to the submission of measures to a vote of the books has a warm spot in his heart for this people. As this cost is paid by the sev-

This is a great week for the children, especially at the Empire, for the old favorite funmaker. "Peck's Bad Boy." is paying its annual visit. It never grows old and there are people who have been seeing it nearly every year for the past generation. The usual matinees will be given tomorrow and saturday and a performance every evening one of the risks of Governorship. He is losing no sleep over it.

FIND BODY OF SUICIDE

Saturday and a nerformance every evening this week. At the Saturday matines another big Teddy Bear will be given away to the child under 12 who guesses nearest to the number of persons in the audience.

Four Acts of Interest.

There are four acts of comedy-drama in "The Train Robbers." at the Star Theater this week. There will be a matinee this afternoon. 'The Train Robbers' is a Western play, and is the style of drama most popular with the public. In "The Train Robbers." Manager French has a "find," for it is considered by the regular patrons of the house as one of the strongest melodramas of the year. The matinees are today. Thursday and Saturday.

BIG ORCHESTRA FOR OPERA

Cheridah Simpson in "Red Feather" at Marquam Grand Tonight.

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The Marquam Grand Theater orchestra has been augmented for the engagingent of 'Red Feather.' which will begin tonight and be repeated every night this week, with matiness Wedneslay and Saturday. Cheridiah Simpson, the charming prima donna, who was here last season in the same role, will appear as Red Feather.

In writing the score Reginald de Koven's effort must have been guided by the same touch of genius that inspired the splendid nusic of 'Robin Hood.' The music is expressive, containing nerve and spirit and no lack of brightness, brilliancy, color and sparkle. Some of the more important of the numbers are 'Conspiratora,' 'The Little Millinet,' 'Song of the Guard,' 'Prince of Good Fellows,' 'Lessons in Verse,' 'To Call Thee Mine.' 'The Humorons Ghost.' 'The Merry Cavaller,' 'The Highborn Rooster,' ''A Madrigal.' 'The Roge and the Breeze' and 'The Garden of Dreams.'

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

De Wolf Hopper With Marguerite Clark at Heilig Sunday.

Beginning next Sunday night, February 3, and continuing the following three nights with a special-price matines Wednesday afternoon, that prince of comedians, De Wolt Hopper, together with Marguerite Clark and a company of 50 people, will present Reginald De Koven's comic-opera success, "Happyland," at the Hellig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets Seats will be placed on sale next Friday at the theater hox office.

## LAWMAKING BY PEOPLE IS COSTLY ADVICE

Expense Initiative and Referendum One-Fourth That of Legislative Session.

BILLS TOTAL OVER \$15,000

State Printer Will Use a Carload of Paper in Pamphlets, and Salem Postoffice Will Receive \$5000 From the Sale of Stamps.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The submission of 19 measures under the initiative and referendum will cost the State of Oregon approximately \$15,000, or tiative and referendum will cost the State of Oregon approximately \$15,000, or one-founth as much as a legislative seasion. This does not include the cost of printing and circulating the original petitions, which expense was borne by those citizens who were particularly interested in the measures. The total expense cannot be accurately stated at this time, but the chief items can be roughly estimated. The act governing procedure underwhe initiative and referendum requires that the Secretary of State shall cause all the measures submitted to be printed in one pamphlet, together with the arguments for and against each measure, and to mail one copy of this pamphlet to each legal voter whose address the Secretary can obtain. The Secretary will secure the names of all registered voters and mail a copy to each. To carry out the provisions of this law will require approximately 100,000 copies of the pamphlet. State Printer Duniway has already secpred a carload of paper, 20,000 pounds, for use in printing the pamphlets. It is expected that the pamphlet will contain 12 pages, and the postage on each copy will be 5 cents. The postage alone will be \$5000—an amount that looks good to the people of Salem who want the Salem postoffice to mage a big showing of business.

Work for Army of Clerks.

Each copy of the pamphlet must be placed in an envelope, and the envelopes cost \$714. To put 100,000 pamphlets in envelopes and address them to voters will take a lot of work. But before this is done the County Clerks must send the lists of names to the Secretary of State, so that it is apparent that the work of writing the 100,000 names and addresses must be done twice at public expense. Just what the actual cost will be will never be known, for the work will be interspersed with other official duties, the clerks employed for this purpose putting in part of their time on something else. but it is estimated that this part of the

but it is estimated that this part of the work will cost \$1000.

Printing the pamphlets will cost \$7500, but a portion of this expense will be borne by the persons who furnish the arguments, each person filing an argument being required to pay the cost of printing it. Probably \$4000 of the expense will be borne by private individuals. leaving be borne by private individuals, leaving \$5500 to be paid by the state.

Means Blanket Ballots.

Then these 19 measures must be printed upon the official ballots. Each measure is designated by a title that occupies several lines, and in almost every county the portion of the ballot devoted to initi-ative and referendum measures will be larger than the portion devoted to names General Praise for Gleason's Porof candidates. In other words, half the cost of printing ballots will be due to the eral counties and at greatly varying rates no definite statement of the cost can be made. The amount will run up to \$4000

In some instances the fact that these measures are to be voted upon will lengthen the time of counting the ballots so that election judges will draw pay for an additional day. This will not be true in all instances, but will be in some.

Summing it all up, the cost of submit ting these measures under the initiative and referendum will be about as follows	e
Postage on pamphlets \$3.00 Envelopes 71 Printing 5.50 Writing names and addresses 1.00 Printing ballots 4.00 Additional pay of Judges 1.00	4 0 0 0
Total	4

NORTHWEST BREVITIES.

Salam, Or.—U. S. Page, until recently a bookkeeper in the Salem State Bank, was today appointed a clerk in the State Treas-urer's office. urer's office.

Astoria, Or.—The Peterson-Frye Logging Company started up its Lewis and Clark camp this morning with a full force of men and will continue in operation indefinitely.

Aberdeen, Wash.—The cases of 15 saloomkeepers arrested on complaint of W. C. T. U. women on the charge of keeping back doors open Sundays were continued by request until February 10.

Astoria. Or.—There was a light fall of show here this morning, the first of the pressant Winter, but it continued for a short time only and was followed by rain, the wind shifting to the southeast.

YOUNG MEN ARE WANTED

Civil Service Examinations for Able-Bodied Engineers.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Feb. 3 .- The United States Reclanation Service is looking for ablebodied engineers, preferably young men, for service on Government irrigation projects. Civil service examinations will be held in all the regular examination cities April 15 and 16, and in addition on many of the projects where Government work is now in progress. Among the latter points are Klamath Falls and Hermiston, Off. Okanogan, Wash. Provo, Utah; Orf.; Okanogan, Wash., Provo, Utah; Cody, Wyo.; La Mesa and Huhtley, Mont., and Orland, Cal.

There are two classes of appointments to be made—assistant engineers at \$1500 per annum and junior engineers at \$720 per annum. The former must be between 25 and 45 years of age; the latter class is open to men from 20 to 45. All applicants for the higher office must have had four years' practical experience in engineering, though a technical training in college will be counted as two years' ex-perience. The finior examination will embrace only questions that any compe-tent third or fourth-year technical stu-



You won't tell your family doctor the whole story about your private illness - you are too modest. need not be afraid to tell Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., the things you could not explain to the doctor. Your letter will be held in the strictest confidence. From her vast correspond-ence with sick women during the past thirty years she may have gained the very knowledge that will help your case. Such letters as the following, from grateful women, establish beyond a doubt the power of

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to conquer all female diseases.

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For thirty years Lydia E. Pink-ham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness, ornervous prostration.

the cultivation of good fellowship among the worthy young men of the city, re-gardless of creed. Meetings are held monthly, at which times a musical and literary programme is rendered and dis-cussion given to questions of the day. Those who will take part in tonight's programme are; Mrs. Warren E. Thomas, organ; Mrs. Charles J. Mathis, plano; Charles J. Mathis, plano; Charles J. Mathis, violin; Miss Ethel M. Lytle, soprano; Mrs. Minne Hance Evans, contralto; Charles Edgar Patterson, tenor; John Clare Monteith, basso.

Seven Crews in Eight-Oared Race. NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The stewards f the Intercollegiate Rowing Association do not expect more than seven college crews will start in the intercol-legiate eight-oared race, which will take place at Poughkeepsie June 27. These are Cornell, Columbia, Pennsyl-vania, the Naval Academy, Wisconsin, Georgetown and Syracuse. There is little chance of crews from the Univer-sity of Washington and from the Mill tary Academy. It is expected that Annapolis will enter a four-oared crew this Summer, in addition to the crews from Cornell, Syracuse, Columbia and Pennsylvania. Cornell, Columbia and Pennsylvania will be the only entrants in the freshmen eight.

Skating at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—O. B. Bush, of Vancouver, B. C., won the 220-yard race in the American amateur champion skating contest today.

AT THE HOTELS.

The Portland—J. E. Danaber, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nichol, Vancouver; Fred W. Lasney, Newark; William Holsman, Mr. and Mrs. K. Reutter, Spokane; J. Marshutz, New York; S. Rosenbiatt, Ranier; Fred H. Whippie, New York; James H. Gilhauly, B. M. Leninger, F. J. Cooper, San Francisco; Edgar Hofer, Medford; G. M. Davenport, Spokane; William E. Pettes, San Francisco; E. O. Banra, Minneapolits; Charles T. Barnes, Toledo; C. W. Barslew, Scattle; Fred D. Graham, San Francisco; J. S. Helsey, Chicago; W. C. Smith, Marshalltown; A. H. O'Donnell, New York; James Lindeberg, San Francisco; D. A. Holladas, Denver, Albert Hess, W. C. Strauss and wife, city; W. A. Watts, New Havon; D. W. Baxter and wife, Rochelle; F. Smith and wife, Spokane; J. Bengamin Denis and wife, U. S. A., S. Moore and wife, Joilet; J. L. Jaque, U. S. A., R. B. Cradiebaugh, Goldheld; R. Bernhardy, San Francisco; E. P. Ferguson, Chechnati, A. C. Churchill, Newbury; W. D. Plus, H. W. Howard, Rainier; George A. Brooka, Centralia; D. Erdreich and wife, New York; E. H. Denton, Shortchegon; F. J. Martin and wife, B. G. Williams, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hacker, Tacoma; P. A. Grimm, San Francisco; W. F. Nelson, Seattle; Mr. and K. K. Kelly, San Francisco; N. D. Miller, St. Paul; Mrs. B. Campbell, New Haven; Arthur Hill, Saginaw, E. H. Shopard, Chris Greisen, Hood River; W. A. Williams, Forest Grove.

Saginaw; E. H. Shepard, Chriz Greinen, Hood River, W. A. Williams, Forest Grove.

The Oregon—E. H. Bangs, Indianapolis; Churles H. Spittle, W. C. Stearns and wife. San Francisco; J. H. Burtson, J. H. Cook, Seattle; F. D. Lewis, Tacoma; Oscar Oppenheimer, Scattle; E. A. Blancher and wife. Hood River: M. L. Harris, Kelso; O. M. Kellong, Houndam, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ellis, New York, Harry T. Bigham, Denver, Colo; P. A. Richards, Arilington; L. D. Smith, Eugene, A. E. Murphy, Burns; T. H. Fess, Boston, Mass. D. S. Reeves, Denver, Colo; James W. Parks, Aberdeen; J. R. Muillis, Hobart, Wash.; H. F. McLean, S. J. Hennes, Chicago; George A. Weldou, Drain, C. Bennett, H. J. Van Eisberg, San Francisco; C. S. Hampton, Chicago; H. N. Blasen, Hoquiam; A. Wilhelm, Monroe; H. W. Kaupisch, Corvallis; John York, San Bernardino, Cal.; Mrs. S. W. Baker and son, J. J. Patten, Baker City; E. A. Bruck, Seattle; A. E. Eberhart, Walla Walla; Mary, Retiner, Pendleton; W. E. Hussey, Utten, N. Y.; G. W. Ford, B. G. Wiley, Walla Walla; L. A. Weinberg, Chemiah, Wash.; B. F. Butler, Spokane, W. C. Green, Medford, Or., M. Keller, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeHaven, James A. Ross, New York; Leroy Togler, Falthanks, Alsska; J. C. Menger, New York; Fred L. King, Seattle; C. O. Hurlat and wife, Heppper; O. F. Stafford, Eugene; John Watson, Seattle; J. C. Clark, Tacoma; E. A. Pearce, Seattle; W. W. McCreary, Spokane.

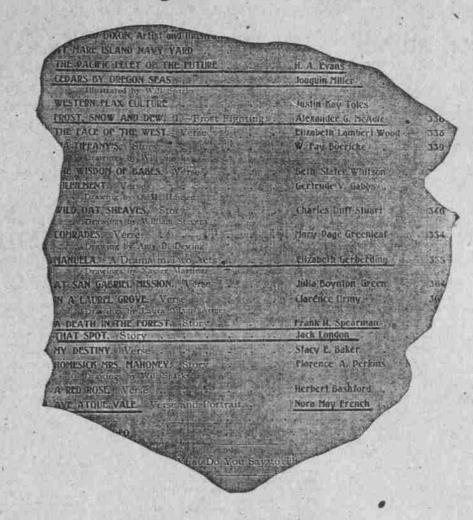
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Frank Daniel Seat Sale Today.

This morning at lo o'clock at the box office of the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streats, the advance scat sale will open for the funny American comedian, Frank Daniels, and his excellent supporting Company. Charles Dillingham will present this favorite player in Victor Herbert's latest comic opens. The Tattooed hox of the delight of the delight of the delight of the delight of the second of the seco

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Craft, Grass Valley.

The Perklus—R. W. Tripp, Brownsville; J. Collins, C. M. Weintz, Mrs. A. L. Lavion, Albany; D. J. Eaton, Cleveland; H. L. Graham, Eighi, W. H. Dollins, Huntinston, H. McLane, Athens; J. I. O. Phelan, St. Paulins, F. Davsnport and wife, Hood River, Mrs. Linzie Green, Stokane; W. Williams and wife, Dalast; W. Davis, Hood River, J. Finn, McCoy; L. M. Taggart, H. E. Brown and wife, Hoquiam; W. F. Hamilton, A. Mays and wife, Springfield; H. Becker, C. A. Horton, J. B. Lamb, Amily; A. M. Wylle, Goldendale, Mrs. E. B. Elliott, J. N. Kite, Clatkanie; C. B. Barnard, Fossil; C. E. Haiz, E. K. Getchell, Newberg, P. M. Hansen, Astoria, J. C. Virce, Georgia, H. F.

