

BRANTON'S CRIME IS REVEALED

Chamberlain Letter Concerns Convict Whose Record Is Full of Misdeeds.

GOVERNOR IS NOT SCARED

Will Turn Threatening Communication Over to Police, but Will Not Take Special Steps to Protect Himself.

Governor Chamberlain will not release John Branton from the penitentiary just because some anonymous person sent him a threatening letter through his son, Dr. Charles Chamberlain. Governor Chamberlain will not hire a corps of special detectives to guard him, although the misdeeds will be turned over to the proper authorities and an effort will be made to run to earth the writer of the letter.

Words Carefully Misspelled.

The person, or persons, who had a hand in composing the threatening letter took particular pains to misspell simple words, while the more difficult ones were spelled correctly. This was evidently done because John Branton was so trapped through the misspelling of the word "expense," which in his letter to Marshal Underwood he had spelled "expence," and the similarity of certain characters he used in his letter giving notice of Fletcher's supposed suicide and in a letter that he wrote after being imprisoned, asking what steps he, Branton, should take in order to be made administrator of his third wife's estate.

Told of Fletcher's Death.

On the night of the log rolling, Branton and Fletcher drank heavily. They started home after the social, but before leaving Cottage Grove, Branton dropped a letter into the mails addressed to the local marshal. It purported to have been written by Fletcher, saying that by the time the marshal received the letter, Fletcher would be dead and that his body could be found on the road to Branton's ranch. Fletcher was not killed, but he accused Branton of attempting to murder him.

Suspected of Wife-Murder.

Whether Branton was guilty of disposing of his third wife will never be proven. His first wife was insured for \$1000 and he collected the money. His second wife was insured for \$2000. He did not get all the insurance because there was a threat made of exchanging the body and she was forced into a settlement. His third wife died on the ranch near Cottage Grove, but she had refused to have her life insured. He suspected Branton had murdered his other wives. She did own some property in Cottage Grove. The manner of the death of this third wife aroused suspicion, but because Branton was thoroughly feared, and because Dr. J. E. Capron, the attending physician, assigned a death certificate, no investigation was made. The woman died in convulsions, and when Dr. Capron was called to the ranch, the only thing that he took with him was an antidote for strychnine poisoning.

Promotion for Y. W. C. A. Official.

Miss Mary B. Day, who for the past two years has been identified with the educational work of the Young Women's Christian Association in this city, left on Thursday evening to take charge of the branch of the association which has just been opened at Hollisburgh, Wash. Miss Day has gained the esteem and affection of every member of the association in Portland, for her life and character can be summed up in one word—winning.

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FACSIMILE PAGE OF LETTER THREATENING LIFE OF GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN.

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Aberdeen Pioneer.

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 1—(Special.)—Aber A. Gray, aged 59, a pioneer of the city, died today. He was a native of Maine and came to Gray's Harbor from Gardiner City, Or., when he was charter member of the Masonic lodge. He has been a member of the Masonic lodge here 19 years. He leaves no relatives.

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Clearwater Bridge Uncompleted.

The track must be surfaced and ballasted for the entire distance and the bridge completed. This structure is practically finished with the exception of the erection of one span. The bridge is being built by the engineering firm of McCreey & Willard, of Spokane. The construction of the remainder of the line is being done on force account or by the O. R. & N. Company direct.

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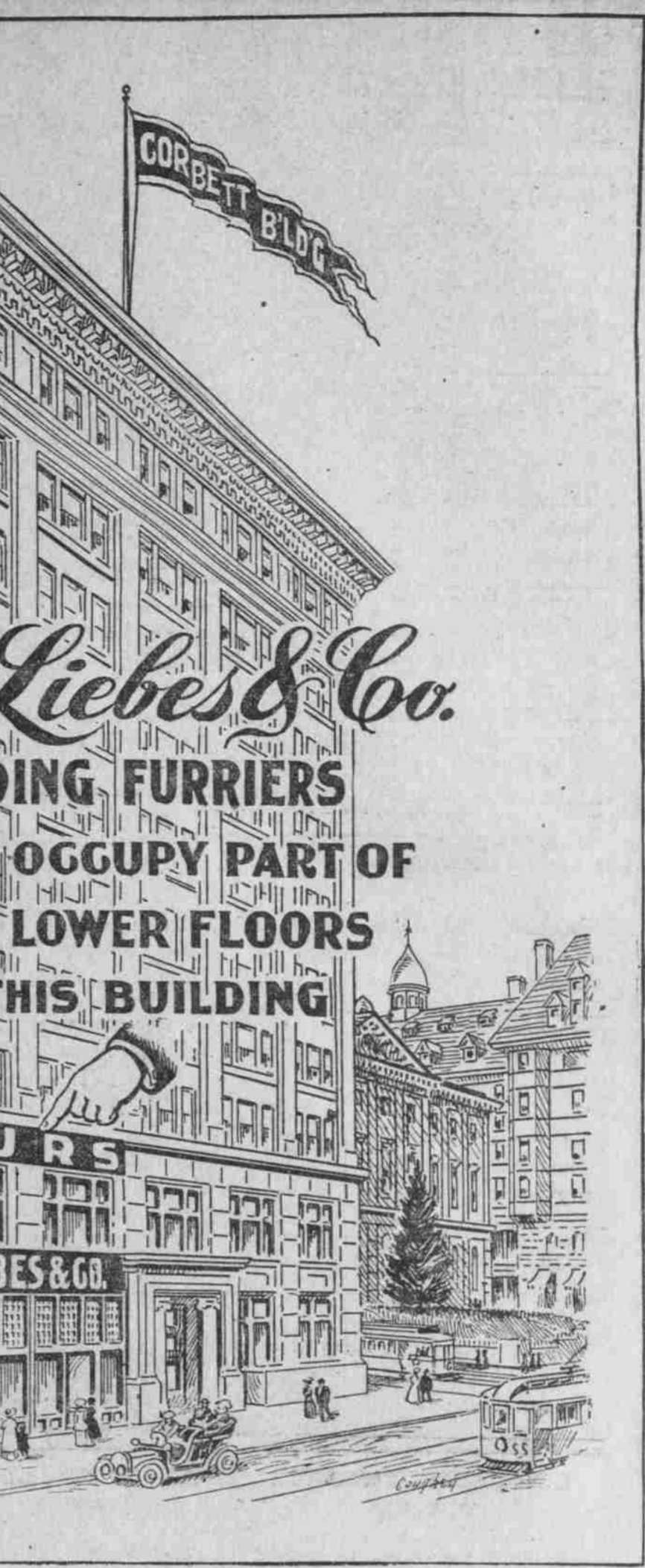
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H. Liebes & Co. LEADING FURRIERS NOW OCCUPY PART OF TWO LOWER FLOORS OF THIS BUILDING. The advertisement includes a list of books for sale, such as 'Fletcher—Introductory history of England, 2v. 1904.' and 'Hubbard & Kierstead—Water-work management and maintenance, 1907.'

low guide to correct measurements. 1906. Hubbard & Kierstead—Water-work management and maintenance, 1907. McIntosh—Industrial alchemy; the production and use of alcohol for industrial purposes and for use as a source of motive power. 1907. National association of master plumbers—Proceedings of the 25th annual convention, 1907. Pauley houses and stables; the plans and details for constructing closed front, screening shed and certain front poultry houses and appliances for house and yard. Ed. 4, rev. and enl. 1904. Roper—The young engineer's own book. Ed. 2, rev. 1907. BOOKS FOR CHILDREN. Bachour—Four about. Boy—Scrap-babies and the forces which mold them. Gillis—Story of stories. Howe—On the birds' highway. Lane and Hill—American history in literature. Burglars Active in South Bend. SOUTH BEND, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Northern Pacific depot was again broken into last night by burglars, but they were unsuccessful in blowing open the safe. The cash drawer was pried open, but nothing but 60 cents in pennies, the robbers passed them up. From there they went to Neffington's grocery store, where they had better luck. By the use of a heavy sledge and chisel they managed to get the safe door open and then broke into all the various drawers, taking disturbed nothing but \$40 in cash. They left their tools on the safe. A number of hard-looking characters have been seen hanging around the town of late.

60 Years We thoroughly believe in our remedies. We want you to believe in them, too. Suppose you let your doctor decide. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral REVISED FORMULA Sixty years of experience with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral make us have great confidence in it for coughs, colds on the chest, bronchitis, hoarseness, weak throats, weak lungs. Ask your doctor to tell you his experience with it. If satisfactory, then you will certainly have every confidence in it. We have no secrets! We publish the formulas of all our medicines. J. C. AYER CO., Manufacturing Chemists, Lowell, Mass.

New Books in Library THE list of additions to the library follows: BIOGRAPHY. Martin—Helen's Family, Lady Martin; by Sir Theodore Martin. Ed. 2, 1900. DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL. Cruikshank & Cruikshank—Christian Rome, 1896. Rome—Mexico of the twentieth century. 2 v. 1907. Raville—Antiquities of Manabí, Ecuador, 1907. FICTION. Campbell—Jan of the Oreades; or, The armoured of Giralgo. Fransen—The three comrades. Merwin & Webster—Conrad John. Ray—Akray's of the Faculty. Rod—Le sens de la vie. Sage—By right divine. FINE ARTS. Hermann—North Italian painters of the Renaissance, 1907. Pennell—Masters of Ukiyoe; a complete historical description of Japanese paintings and color prints of the genre school, 1899. Foote—Album of selected songs, 1907. HISTORY. Chancelor—A text book of American history, 1904.