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## BRANTON ATTEMPTED TO MURDER HIS FRIEND

### Shot John Fletcher Who Had His Life Insured in Branton's Favor For \$3,000--Brother of Claude Branton.

Cottage Grove, Or., March 10.—In the mail of City Marshal Underwood of this place yesterday was a letter purporting to be written by John Fletcher, stating that the writer was tired of life and had decided to commit suicide and telling the marshal where to find the body. Fletcher was found as indicated, with a bullet wound in his head, but subsequent developments show that he was shot by John Branton, who also wrote the letter, the crime being for the purpose, it is presumed, of getting life insurance of \$3,000, payable to Branton at Fletcher's death. Fletcher has made a statement declaring that Branton shot him. Branton was arrested last evening.

Fletcher had been living with Branton for some time. Wednesday night the two men attended the Woodmen of the World convention here and at 11:30 o'clock started home. When a part of the distance had been covered Branton claimed he saw something near the road that looked like a dog or panther. Fletcher having a revolver shot twice in the direction indicated by Branton, nothing resulting. On going a little farther Branton claimed to have a violent attack of cramps, saying he supposed it came from eating a late supper. They went a little further, Fletcher building a fire for Branton to warm himself by, as he still complained of pains in his stomach. They remained there about an hour. While here Branton suddenly exclaimed that he saw a panther near and asked Fletcher for his revolver to take a shot.

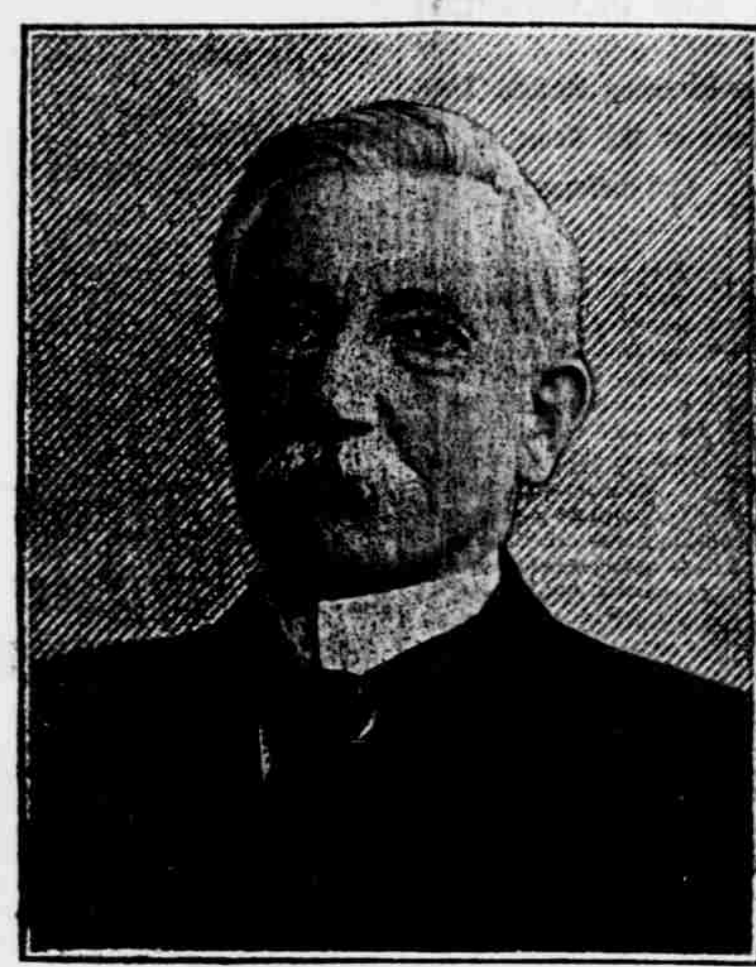
He took the weapon, walked a little distance away and fired. The ball struck Fletcher in the head and he fell over. "My God! are you hurt, John?" Branton exclaimed. He tried to help Fletcher home, but owing to the darkness left him on the road and went ahead saying he was going to help. He reached the house and started to return with help when they met Fletcher who had done his best to get home, though suffering intensely had tied a handkerchief on his head and this was soaked with blood. Fletcher asked for a doctor and while the man went for a physician, Branton approached the bed whereon Fletcher lay, and said: "John, if anyone asks you who did it say you did it yourself, or they will be after me." Fletcher replied that he did not shoot

## WILL NOT AUDIT CLAIMS

### If Referendum is Petitioned for the Normal Schools Will Obtain No Funds From State

Salem, Or., March 8.—Secretary Dunbar says if the referendum is petitioned for he will refuse to audit claims for the following till after the vote of the people decides the question: Asylum improvements, \$7,250; Reform school, improvements, 10,500; Mute school, improvements, 8,600; Blind school, improvements, 5,800; State university, additional maintenance and improvements, 62,500; Experimental station at Union, 15,000; Agricultural college improvements, 65,000; Monmouth normal, maintenance, 31,000; Ashland normal, maintenance, 31,000; Drain normal, maintenance, 21,000; Weston normal, maintenance, 25,000; Soldiers' Home, additional maintenance, 8,000; Soldiers' Home, improvements, 1,220; State biologist, expenses, 1,000; Irrigation commission, expenses, 524. Total, \$373,094. As far as is necessary the following will be audited: Insane asylum, maintenance, \$400,000; Insane transportation, 32,500; Penitentiary, maintenance, 110,000; Convict transportation, 15,000; Reform school, maintenance, 53,800; Mute school, maintenance, 37,500; Blind school, maintenance, 15,500; Support of non-resident poor, 5,000; Return of fugitives, 3,000; Rewards for arrest, 900; Expenses presidential electors, 335. Total, \$673,335. When the legislature failed to organize in 1897, Secretary of State Kincaid refused to audit claims for the normal schools, for the reason that there was no authority of law for him to do so in the absence of appropriations, and Secretary Dunbar will follow the precedent if the appropriation bill should be held up. Expenses for maintenance of normal schools, for building and additional maintenance at the asylum, university, Agricultural College and Soldiers' Home will not be approved by the Secretary of State. The asylum, penitentiary, reform school, University of Oregon, Agricultural College and Soldiers' Home will continue in operation, as they have in the past. The university, Agricultural College and Soldiers' Home have standing appropriations, which can in no way be affected in any referendum movement, but the additional appropriations made for these institutions cannot be expended if the appropriation bill is referred to the vote of the people, unless the people vote in favor of the appropriations.

Eugene, March 12.—John Branton, accused of attempting to murder John Fletcher near Cottage Grove Wednesday night in order to get the \$3,000 insurance held by Fletcher in Branton's favor, is now in the county jail here, having been brought down from Cottage Grove by Deputy Sheriff Harry Bowen. The time for his preliminary examination has not yet been set. Reports from Cottage Grove today indicated that Fletcher is getting along nicely and if no complications set in, he will probably recover from the terrible wound inflicted by the shot from his own revolver alleged to have been fired by Branton. The bullet entered on the right side of his face and going through the bones of the nose, came out at the left eye, destroying that member. If Fletcher does not recover Branton will certainly follow in the footsteps of his brother, Claude, who was hanged for the murder of John Lind in the Cascade mountains in 1898.



DR. ROBERT S. WOODWARD.

Robert Simpson Woodward, who has been chosen head of the Carnegie Institute, has been dean of the School of Pure Science at Columbia University since 1895 and professor of mechanics and mathematical physics since 1893. He was born in Rochester, Mich., on July 21, 1849, and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1872. He held numerous places in the astronomical and geodetic survey service and was the author of several technical publications under the Southwestern Institution.

## MUKDEN HAS FALLEN AND JAPS PRESS ON

### Fushun also Falls into the Hands of the Victorious Japanese.

### Thousands of Russians Killed and Taken Prisoners. Kuropatkin Wires "Pray for Me." Russian Army Gets Away.

Yinkow, March 10.—Mukden fell at 10 o'clock this morning. The Russians are panic-stricken. Thousands of prisoners and enormous quantities of stores and arms have been captured. Tokyo, March 10.—Fushun was occupied by the Japanese last night. The fighting continues in the heights north of Fushun. Tokyo, March 10.—Field Marshal Oyama telegraphs as follows under date of today: "We occupied Mukden at 10 o'clock this morning. Our surrounding movement, in which we have been engaged for some days past, has now completely succeeded. The fiercest fighting continues at several places in the vicinity of Mukden. "We captured a great number of arms ammunition, provisions, and other war supplies. There is at present no time to investigate the number of these." Nin Chwang, March 10.—According to reliable information received here the Russians have been driven out of Mukden and Fushun, and with the railroad cut, are retreating in a demoralized condition to the hilly country toward the northeast. Detached bodies of Russians are roughly breaching with a view to checking the pursuit, but no great rear-guard action is being fought. It will be impossible for the Russians to keep any sort of resistance for many days, as there are no means of providing in the rough country to which they are retreating. It is believed that the Russians may attempt to reach Kirin, 225 miles northeast of Mukden, through the valleys, but a special Japanese corps from the direction of the Yalu river threaten to cut them off. General Kureki is advancing northwest and is forcing the Russians against General Nogi's army. The casualties on both sides have been enormous. The Russian Sixteenth Army Corps was practically annihilated at Tachekiao. Eight thousand Russians fell at Leokunpaio. Washington, March 10.—The Japanese Legation today received the following cablegram from Tokio: "Our troops occupied Mukden at 10 A. M. Friday. Our enveloping movement some days since proved successful, and the bloodiest battle is now proceeding in various places near Mukden." St. Petersburg, March 10.—Kuropatkin wired an intimate friend at Moscow: "Pray for me." Tokyo, March 10.—Fighting that made Mukden's fall possible occurred late Wednesday by taking the village of Danpungun, six miles west of Mukden, and commanding that place Blood flowed like rivers, the Japanese storming the place repeatedly, dislodging the Russians, who fought desperately and captured the village. Its possession was of vital importance to the Japanese, so they reformed their lines and charged time after time. Danpungun finally fell after a desperate hand-to-hand encounter. The dead were scattered in the streets and court yards of houses, and still remain unburied. The Japanese were able to train their heavy guns on Mukden station, and from this place opened a heavy fire today. The latest advice says

## MRS. STANFORD WAS POISONED

### According to the Findings of the Honolulu Coroner Jury. Inquiry at San Francisco.

Honolulu, March 10.—After two minutes' deliberation, the Stanford jury return a verdict of death by strychnine poisoning. The end of the inquest with a positive verdict of murder, leaves the police of Honolulu as much without a clue as when Mrs. Stanford died. High Sheriff Henry said after the inquest that it was his opinion that the strychnine was placed in the soda in San Francisco by a member of Mrs. Stanford's household. At the inquest Dr. Storey testified that the strychnine used as shown by the tests, was a strychnine such as is not used generally for medicinal purposes, but used principally for poisoning animals. This statement is regarded as of possible assistance in tracing the purchase of the strychnine. The detectives who are expected to arrive from San Francisco on the steamer Alameda tomorrow, may be able to take up the investigation on new lines. The local police admit that they are at sea.

## THIS IS CERTAINLY GOING SOME

Up in the beautiful Mohawk Valley of New York, between points that Cooper's famous hero, Leatherstocking, took nearly a week to traverse, a giant electric locomotive recently pulled nine heavy cars at sixty-nine miles an hour, covering the distance in a little more than three minutes.

In the presence of a party of electrical experts, railroad men, and journalists, and a great crowd of spectators, an exciting race with the fast mail train, the "New Yorker," a train that makes almost as much speed as the Empire State Express, was also held. When the "New Yorker," with seven cars, speeding at the rate of sixty miles an hour, reached the electric locomotive, the latter was going thirty miles an hour. Speed was put on, and in a mile's space the new machine was running even with the "New Yorker." Another turn of the copper handle on the master controller, and the steam train appeared to be moving slowly backward. A few notches more, and from the electric cab, the steam express was seen to be far in the rear. Sixty-nine miles an hour was the record on the speed-gauge. All this had been done with no smoke or dust, or the suggestion of a cinder, and it cost considerably less than it had taken to drive the steam engine. It looks as if electricity was certain to be the motive power of the future.

## A MODERN CRUSOE FOUND

Three hundred miles off the coast of Costa Rica out in the Pacific Ocean there lies a beautiful little tropic island of Koko. It is inhabited only by an old man and his wife—a modern Robinson Crusoe and Friday, who have lived a hermit life there for the past sixteen years. They cultivate bananas, oranges, yams, potatoes, make their wine, cook their own coffee, and the old gentleman himself smokes cigars made by his own hands. They never leave the island, and it is only on special occasions that ships touch there. For all the poetic halo that now rests over this little island, it has a history of its own. It was once the resort of filibusters and pirates, who for two hundred years made things hot for the Spaniards. A famous freebooter, the buccaneer Binito, once caused several hundred rebellious sailors to be shot there, and the hermit Crusoe often finds human bones in his tilling soil. There is a story that Binito also hid a rich treasure in the island, but in spite of the many eager efforts, Robinson has not succeeded in finding it.

## RAILROAD MEN VISIT COOS BAY

Eugene, March 12.—H. C. Diers, chief engineer of the Willamette Valley Electric Railway Co., who with G. B. Hengen and A. B. Wood, of the Oregon & Southern Railroad (the Boemia line) left here last week for Coos Bay via Siuslaw, returned to Eugene this morning. Messrs. Hengen and Wood stopped at Cottage Grove. They came by the route of the Umpqua-Scottsburg-Drain route. Mr. Diers, when seen by a Guard reporter today, stated that the principal object of this visit to Coos Bay was to examine some coal properties in this country. This was Mr. Hengen's first visit to Coos Bay, and he was greatly impressed with the country. There have been reports published of big railway propositions in the interest of which it is said these men made their trip, but no information along that line has been given us for publication. Several concessions have been let at the fair which require considerably more space than the original plans for the "Trail" would permit. The amusement street will have to be enlarged so as to provide several thousand square feet for the additional space.

## CHADWICK JURY RETURNS VERDICT OF "GUILTY."

### Mrs. Chadwick Betrays Great Emotion When the Full Import of the Verdict Dawns Upon Her. Will Appeal Case.

Cleveland, March 11.—Attorney Dawley began the opening argument for the defense at the Chadwick trial this morning. Mrs. Chadwick with her son at her side, sat unmoved by the emotional appeal of her lawyer. He contended that the evidence showed Mrs. Chadwick had deposited \$104,000 in the Oberlin bank and had drawn out only \$94,000. District Attorney Sullivan addressed the jury for the state. During Sullivan's prostration Mrs. Chadwick wept violently. Judge Taylor began the charge to the jury at 2:45 p. m. and the jury retired at 9:30. Mrs. Chadwick Found Guilty Cleveland, March 11.—The trial of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick charged with conspiracy to procure an offense against the United States in that she entered into a conspiracy to procure a certification of checks on a National bank at a time when she had no money in the bank, came to an end this evening when the jury returned a verdict of guilty against the accused woman. Mrs. Chadwick was found guilty on seven counts which related to her certification with no funds on deposit. On all of these the jury found indictments against her. According to law she can be fined on each count not more than \$10,000 nor imprisoned for more than two years on each count. At first Mrs. Chadwick failed utterly to grasp the meaning of the verdict, but when its import dawned upon her, her limbs seemed to give way beneath her and she sank feebly into a chair, her head fell forward on her hands and a succession of strangling sobs came from her. She was carried to the office of Marshal Chandler and placed on a sofa. An attack of hysteria followed which lasted fully 15 minutes, her sobe and cries being distinctly audible in the hall outside. In about half an hour Mrs. Chadwick, restored to comparative composure, was taken to jail. From the time of leaving the marshal's office until the door of the jail closed behind her she kept up a continuous moaning that was distressing to hear. The court will hear arguments for a new trial at a later date.

## BOY LOCKED IN PERISHED IN FLAMES

La Grande, Ore., March 9.—Spencer Field, aged 10, is dead, and Lee Field, aged 7, is dying from the effects of burns received during a fire last night in which their home was totally destroyed. Spencer and his little brother Lee, aged 7, were locked in the house last night by their mother, who left to visit her brother, who is suffering from pneumonia. The boys were in bed asleep when their mother left. A lighted lamp exploded during her absence, scattering fire through the entire house, which was rapidly consumed by the flames. The boys woke up and tried to get out, but as the doors were locked they could not escape. The neighbors, who rapidly gathered, thought no one was in the house until they saw the younger child at the window. The glass was broken and the little fellow was rescued, his nightgown on fire and horribly burned about the body. The elder boy perished in the flames and his charred body was recovered this morning in the burning embers of the house. The mother states that she locked the door, taking the key with her, as she had seen a man prowling around the house and feared he would break in during her absence.

## COOS COUNTY SELECTS SITE

Portland, March 11.—Coos County, Oregon, which announced some time ago that it would erect a separate pavilion at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, has made good its announcement by selecting a site for the structure. The pavilion will stand a short distance from the Colonnade—Entrance, a little to the west of the Administration Building. Coos County's Building will be 50 x 60 feet in size, and will be constructed entirely of Coos county materials, Coos county workmen will perform the labor, and a Coos county man will oversee the job. Coos county timber, coal, gold, dairy and other resources will be exploited in a most practical way. The building will be finished in natural woods inside and out. For the interior the decorations will be in panel work, the different valuable woods being used to advantage in this way. Among the woods so used will be the myrtle, maple, alder, white and yellow fir, white cedar, Port Orford cedar, red cedar, and oak. The block myrtle of Coos county, the country's most famous wood, is worth \$500 per thousand feet, B. M. Construction work on the building will be completed and fitted with exhibits several weeks before the opening day. The building will cost about \$10,000. A Grand Ball will be given at Wilson's Hall, Melrose, Or., March 24, 1905. H. E. Wilson, Manager.

## JUNCTION CITY ROAD SUPERVISOR IN TROUBLE

Eugene, March 11.—M. F. Casteel, road supervisor at Junction City, was yesterday indicted by the grand jury for obtaining money under false pretenses. It appears that Casteel, in the capacity of supervisor, put in a bill to the county court for an amount nearly \$100 for labor on the roads alleged to have

## FRUIT YIELD WILL BE GOOD

Oregon will have a record-breaking fruit crop this year unless the state is visited by protracted cold rains or untimely frosts, late in the spring, according to Secretary George H. Lamberson, of the State Board of Horticulture. He has been obtaining reports from all parts of the state and these all agree that conditions for a heavy crop of fruit were never more favorable at this time of year. "A. H. Carson, a prominent fruit-grower of Southern Oregon, writes me that almonds and peach trees are now in bloom in all Southern Oregon counties and he states that grape vines have begun to put forth new buds in a manner that indicates early maturing as well as an abundant yield. Mr. Carson has no fears of killing frosts this year, as the season has been of the open variety, like that of 1888, when there were no serious frosts after the blossoms appeared, and the crop of fruit was a very large one."

## COTTAGE GROVE TO COOS BAY

Cottage Grove, March 9.—The Oregon and Southern Railway Company, which was recently incorporated under the laws of this state, is negotiating with Cottage Grove parties for land joining the city terminal grounds, and the company is said to be looking into the project of building an electric line to Siuslaw and down the coast to Coos Bay. G. B. Hengen, president of this railroad, together with A. B. Wood, secretary and treasurer, and H. C. Diers, chief engineer of the Willamette Valley Electric Company, on Tuesday left Eugene for the Siuslaw country. It is rumored here that the party will return by the proposed route. If the road is built from this place, Cottage Grove will be the direct outlet to a vast country which at the present time is shipping its products to San Francisco. The railroad companies have extended the time for the shipping of exhibits from St. Louis to Portland until the latter part of March. This will serve materially to better the appearance of the exhibits for the fair, as it will afford exhibitors more time in which to assemble and pack them.

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