

The Weather
Highest temperature yesterday... 51
Lowest temperature last night... 40
Forecast for southwest Oregon:
Rain tonight and Saturday.

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ALLEGED ACCOMPLICE OF HICKMAN FOUND IN JAIL; THERE FOUR MONTHS

Today
The Jury Shakes Hands. A Million Billion Years. Monkeys Ride, Don't Bet. A Poor Railroad Scheme.

—By Arthur Brisbane—
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George Remus demonstrated adaptation to environment by making \$1,000,000 at bootlegging. He murdered his wife, shooting her down despite pitiful appeals for mercy.

Remus told a Cincinnati jury, of men and women, that frantic jealousy of a Mr. Dodge made him insane at the shooting moment.

The jury on the first ballot acquitted him, and when Remus after acquittal, was safely in his cell, and appropriately in tears, members of the jury rushed to shake his hand and congratulate him.

He may have to go to the insane asylum for a while to prove his good faith.

Crime is a puzzling phenomenon. Hickman, a 19-year-old kidnaper and murderer, for whom all California hunted, was a model boy in his Sunday school class, vice-president of his high school class. The graduation annual said of him: "Excellent scholastic standing, unequalled record in curriculum activities and a high standard of ideals."

Hickman is thought to have kidnaped and murdered a young girl. Partly for revenge. The father had opposed his employment in a bank.

Mr. Remus also killed partly for revenge, his wife had deceived him with another man. There are different degrees of revenge, and of murder. Twelve jurors unanimously acquitted Remus. Not one juror in 100,000,000 would vote to acquit Hickman.

The Reverend Cadman remarks that "this planet may exist for nearly a million billion years longer." An anxious Christian asks, "Do you believe that the soul sleeps in the grave with the body a million billion years waiting for the judgment? If I really believed it, I think I should try to have a pretty good time while still in the flesh."

The Reverend Dr. Cadman tells the inquiring soul that when you are unconscious a million billion years seems no longer than a minute and a half and tells the soul, "It is better to awake from a prolonged torpor with clean recollections in your conscious past than as a moral idiot."

Greyhound racing in America has been less successful than in Europe. Fewer fools have bet on the racing, partly because the cheating was a little too apparent, partly because dogs running alone didn't seem exactly like a race.

That has been attended to, and the betting simoleon will probably enrich the game more generously.

Small monkeys have been trained to sit on the greyhounds' backs and pretend to (Continued on page 4.)

GIRL MURDERED BY KIDNAPERS



This is Marian Parker, little Los Angeles girl who was found murdered a few days after she had been kidnaped. Discovery of her body was made by her father, who had just paid ransom money for her safe release. The crime has stirred Los Angeles as has no murder in many years. The above picture was taken a few days before the girl was kidnaped.

HICKMAN MOTHER SENDS A MESSAGE OF FAITH IN BOY



Profile of Captured Youth, Who Maintains He Did Not Mutilate Body of Marian Parker.

Adjutant to Visit in Portland—
Ted Post, adjutant at the Oregon Soldier's Home, left today for Portland, where he will join Mrs. Post for the holidays. Mrs. Post is engaged in work as one of the county health nurses of Multnomah county.

MIGHT PRETEND I'M CRAZY, SAYS BOY KIDNAPER

"Remus Got Away With It," Says Hickman With a Bland Smile.

TELLS OF KILLING

Towel Was Stuffed Into Dismembered Body Because It Was Filled With Blood.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PENDLETON, Dec. 23.—"Wonder if I couldn't pretend that I was crazy?" remarked William E. Hickman to one of his guards at the jail here, following his arrest for the kidnaping and slaying of Marian Parker, Los Angeles.

"How does a fellow act when he is crazy?" he asked. Later in the conversation he declared he wanted to conduct his own case when he goes on trial.

"Remus acted as his own lawyer and he got acquitted, didn't he?" asked Hickman.

Discusses Killing
Discussing with officers the killing of Marian, which he insisted was done by a confederate he recognized, that dismemberment of her body could not have been done in his apartment.

"When a human body is put up the stench is awful. It could not have been done in the apartment," Hickman was quizzed about the towel which had been stuffed into the dismembered parts of the girl's body. He said his pal, whom he accused of the actual killing, stole the towel from his room "to get him in bad." Asked why the towel was used, he said the girl's body was filled with blood and the towel had to be used to absorb it.

The laundry mark on the towel caused officers last Sunday morning to visit Hickman's apartment in Los Angeles, but they did not disturb him.

Says Towels Stolen
"This gave me an awful scare," he was quoted as saying. "Two of my towels were missing, and if they had found that out it might have gone hard with me." Hickman was quoted by officers as saying that he considered the "death notes" he wrote to the father of the slain girl were masterpiece literary productions.

Contradicting a theory that the kidnaping had been done for revenge, Hickman declared that Parker, the girl's father, was a good friend of his. He said Parker got him out "of a scrape at the bank" when he was arrested for forgery and that he liked Parker.

"I hope to have the opportunity to look Mr. Parker in the eye and tell him that I did not kill his daughter," remarked Hickman.

One of the jail attendants brought his wife and two small daughters into the cell to have a look at Hickman.

Just Marian's Size
Pointing to one of them, Hickman said: "She is just about the size of Marian."

When Rev. W. H. Robins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, called on Hickman to give him consolation if desired, Hickman said he did not care to discuss religion.

"It would be too much like being a hypocrite at this time," he said.

HICKMAN HELD IN CITY JAIL IN COMMUNICADO

PENDLETON, Dec. 23.—William E. Hickman is to be held incommunicado at the city jail here until arrival of Chief of Detectives Cline of Los Angeles, who is expected to arrive some time today. This was announced by Chief of Police Gurdane. He said he received a request from Asa G. Keyes, district attorney at Los Angeles, that Hickman not be permitted to do any more talking for publication until the Los Angeles officers had an opportunity to question him. Chief Gurdane said he had been advised that Cline and Keyes were enroute to Pendleton by airplane, and that they would reach here some time today.

According to plans early today, Hickman is to be started for Los Angeles tonight. Chief Gurdane and State Traffic Officer Lieut. Allen expect to go to Los Angeles with Hickman. They are to be accompanied by an attorney and expect to see about reward for the capture of Hickman.

HICKMAN HAS GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, RESTED

Guards Frightened for a While, Thinking He Had Suicided.

WROTE NO LETTER

Declares That Letter Mailed to Seattle Police Was Not His—Prayer Service Held.

(Associated Press, Leased Wire)

PENDLETON, Dec. 23.—In his guarded cell at the jail, where he slept solidly through the night following his capture yesterday, William E. Hickman, Los Angeles kidnaper, stirred on his cot at dawn and asked his guard the time. Told it was 6:30 a. m., he turned and fell back into a sound sleep.

Outside the streets were quiet, a feathered snowfall had whitened sidewalks and pavements, few persons were abroad, and newboys' cries alone broke the stillness. In the jail corridor half a dozen men lounged.

Guards Frightened
Hickman's guards were frightened in the early morning hours when one of them reported that he had watched the prisoner for two solid hours without observing a movement, or even hearing a breath. Fearing he might possibly have taken some concealed drug, they roused him enough to determine he was alive.

They then combed through his mass of hair to make sure that he had secreted no pill there. Hickman was roused for breakfast at 7:15. He said he was hungry. His meal consisted of egg sandwiches and coffee, which he consumed with apparent relish.

Held Brief Audience
PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 23.—William Edward Hickman, held here for kidnaping of Marian Parker, 12 year old Los Angeles girl, who was brutally slain, held a brief audience in the city jail this morning.

To The Associated Press he (Continued on page 6.)

LOS ANGELES POLICE BELIEVE HICKMAN LIEING AND EXPECT HIM TO SOON BREAK DOWN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Andrew Oliver Cramer, implicated by William E. Hickman as an accomplice in the Marian Parker case, was located today in Lincoln Heights jail here, where he has been a prisoner since last August, thus eliminating him, police say, from any connection with the crime.

Cramer told detectives that among his acquaintances was a woman known as June Dunning, who also was named by Hickman in his confession to police at Pendleton, Oregon.

Cramer's brother, Frank Cramer, is a prisoner at the county jail, serving a term for robbery. Andrew was sentenced for bootlegging.

Andrew Cramer said that his brother had "kept company" with Rose Hurst, alias Rose Cramer, whose true name was said to be Rose Dunning and who has a sister, June Dunning. Both women operate rooming houses, Cramer said. Police were ordered to bring both women to headquarters for questioning.

Says He Knows Hickman
"I know Hickman," Andrew Cramer told detectives. "I don't know why he picks on me. Of course it is impossible for me to have been in on that killing. It's too ridiculous to talk about. I've been right here all the time."

The woman the prisoner named as Rose Dunning was said by him to have a police record in San Francisco.

Hickman Just Smiles
PENDLETON, Dec. 23.—Peering thru the bars of his cell here today, William E. Hickman smiled when informed Andrew Cramer, the man he named as slayer of Marian Parker, had been in jail at Los Angeles since last August.

Without confusion he said that the man he had been associated with in the kidnaping plot probably had taken the name of Cramer.

A slight laugh escaped Hickman's lips as the dispatch from Los Angeles was read to him.

"That is strange," he said. "It can't be!" Then he added: "Perhaps the man took the name of Cramer just to get me in bad."

Speaking in a straight-forward manner, the young prisoner said that the man he described as Cramer had been in trouble before. "He said he had been in a kidnaping in Denver, and knew how to do it. I fell in with his plan because I wanted the money."

When reminded that he had mentioned June Dunning in his confession here yesterday, Hickman said: "Well, if you can find her perhaps she can explain who this other man Cramer is."

When especial attention was directed to Cramer's quoted statement: "I know Hickman. I don't know why he picks on me. Of course it is impossible for me to have been in on that killing," Hickman said:

"Yes I know Cramer."
Asked where he was before last August, when Cramer was sentenced to jail, Hickman declared he was in Kansas City and later went to Chicago. Hickman then rambled on, telling about his movements, how he rented a room at the Paradise Arms Apartments in Chicago, on Washington Boulevard, and paid \$11 a week for the room.

PENDLETON, Dec. 23.—A picture of driving thru the streets of Los Angeles, with newsboys crying extras about the kidnaping while he had with him in his car Marian Parker, 12, who later was slain and dismembered, was given by William Edward Hickman in an interview in the jail here today.

"We were driving out in Hollywood Friday night when my car was stopped by a traffic light. Marian was beside me, and the newsboys waved their papers close beside us. Marian seemed to be amused by this.

"We got along very well together. It was not my intention that she should be harmed. In fact I loved her. I still love her."

Hickman was quizzed about an apparent inconsistency in his confession in which he stated that he and his confederate first planned to kidnap the little daughter of Mr. Hovis, chief teller at the bank at which Hickman had been employed.

Has a Ready Reply
Reminded that Hovis had no child, Hickman had a ready reply. "I saw a woman calling on Mr. Hovis at the bank and she had with her a little girl. I supposed that this girl was his child. To prove that I was planning this kidnaping, I will say that on the Monday night before I took Marian from school, I went out to Mr. Hovis' house in Pasadena and waited there in my car to look over the ground. Mr. Hovis came to the house while I was there and he can confirm that he saw my car there that night. I heard a child's voice in the house. We decided not to take this child be-

Funeral to Be Held Saturday—
The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, who passed away yesterday at her home in Canyonville, will take place at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the chapel of the Roseburg Undertaking company with M. E. Ritter in charge. Interment will be in the cemetery at Canyonville.

It was reported today that a prominent Pendleton physician had spent an hour observing Hickman late yesterday and that he expressed the opinion that the youth is insane. The identity of the physician was not divulged.

Bolegged by clamorous newspaper men and residents of Pendleton for opportunity to interview (Continued on page 6.)