

The Weather

Highest temperature yesterday—52
Lowest temperature last night—34
Forecast for southwest Oregon:
Probably rain tonight and Saturday,
normal temperature.

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Today

Horse and Man.
"Hang Me With Him."
Ultra Simple Divorce.
Canada, Our Friend.

By Arthur Brisbane
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The world's kind-hearted
people were interested six
years ago in the Reverend Dr.
Uriah Meyers' horse, Clover,
nearly 53 years old. Twenty-
five dollars a month pension
was received to keep the old
horse in comfort—plenty for
the purpose.

Now the reverend doctor,
himself 90 years old, and his
wife are trying to live on \$25
a month, \$12.50 each, not
enough. They are sometimes
hungry.

Will philanthropy do as
much for the Reverend Dr.
Meyers, 90 years old, as it did
for his horse, aged 53, and
give him enough to live?

A young woman, well educated,
married to a scoundrel,
followed him and his fortunes,
and will soon be hanged with
him in Canada. She was with
him when he murdered a taxi-
cab driver.

An effort is made to save
her from the gallows, and the
girl amazes her friends, saying
she does not want to be saved.
"If he hangs, I want to hang
with him." That should amaze
nobody. It might be amazing
if a man said it.

A woman is willing to be
burned with her children,
or hanged with her husband,
when she likes him. It is part
of the female disposition.

Germany proposes a law to
make "a simple wish" sufficient
ground for divorce.

It would not be necessary
to prove guilt. Wife or husband
can say, "A continuation of
my married life has become
impossible." That will end it.

The couple must live apart
one year before getting the
divorce. When no guilt is proved,
there will be no alimony. The
richer of the two will be
expected to help the poorer.

That makes our "companionate"
marriage quite conservative.

Secretary of State Kellogg
has been in Canada, well
received, and heard Canadian
statesmen say there is no danger
of our country trying to annex
Canada. That annexation
idea is old and foolish. The
United States is glad to have a
good pacemaker and finds it in
the people of Canada.

Also Canada is our best
customer, buying here more
than the British mother country
buys. For several months in
1927 Canada was the best customer
we had in the world.

We helped the Canadian
northwest, as we did all countries,
by supplying a short cut
through the Panama Canal.
Canada reciprocates by buying
of us.

When the St. Lawrence canal
goes through both nations
will be better off. Friendship,
cooperation, constructive
competition should be the program.

A British film, telling the
story of Nurse Cavell, shot as a
spy by the Germans, shows the
nurse refusing to have her eyes
bound, erect, eight men aiming
at her. One soldier refuses to
fire and is shot dead, in the
picture.

A German official report,
contradicting the film story,
says the nurse was brought out
with her eyes bound, and fell
in a faint, "whereupon an officer,
kneeling to aim, shot
her." That makes it a little
worse than the British film
makes it. An unfortunate "official
denial."

The senate will pass some
kind of anti-third-term bill.
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HUGE CARAVAN
TO MAKE HALT
HERE FEB. 20

Governor to Head Good
Will Junket Into
California.

ROSEBURG TO JOIN

Expect Several Cars of
Local People to Join
Party Here and Go
to Sacramento.

Roseburg will be visited on Monday,
February 20, by a huge good-
will caravan, going from Oregon to
Sacramento, to carry a message of
cooperation and friendship. This
is to be known as the Governor's
Caravan and will be headed by
Governor L. L. Patterson. It will
include many of the most influential
men and women of the state and
will be representative of the
highest influence of the state government
and industries.

BIBLE READING IN
MICHIGAN SCHOOLS
FOUND UNLAWFUL

Attorney General Says State
Cannot Use Funds
for Religious
Teaching.

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 10.—Bible
reading and teaching of religious
subjects, sectarian or otherwise, in
the public schools of Michigan is
unlawful, Attorney General W. W.
Potter has ruled.

In an opinion yesterday the
attorney general held that such
practice must be discontinued, by
reason of provisions of the state
constitution.

The ruling, according to state
superintendent of public instruction,
Webster H. Pearce, affects a
number of normal schools, Michigan
state college and scores of
grade and high schools throughout
the state. At these schools, he said,
it has been the practice to read the
Bible in class, and courses have
been provided for "presentation of
the general principles of Christianity."

The University of Michigan, it
was stated, is not affected since
religious training there is conducted
in a separate building not
maintained by the state.

The attorney general cited the
following provisions of the state
constitution:
"Secular text books may not
be used in public schools.

"School boards have no authority
to establish or continue courses in
religious subjects.
"Any text book stressing the
doctrines of the Protestant or any
other religion, cannot be used in
the public schools.

"Public funds cannot be used for
purchasing religious text books or
to pay the salaries of religious
teachers."

Discussing a contention of the
Bible study proponents that it
be made optional with the student,
the attorney general declared:
"If there is one thing which is
well settled in the policies and purposes
of the American people as a
whole, it is the fixed and unalterable
determination that there shall
be an absolute separation of the
church and state and that our
public school system shall not be
used directly or indirectly for religious
instruction. Other persons
charged with the education of
children desire to have them educated
in matters of religion, the
children can be sent to private or
parochial schools, as the standard
of education in such institutions
is substantially equivalent to that
prescribed by the state for public
schools."

PROSPEROUS YEAR
IS PREDICTED BY
BANKER'S JOURNAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—
The general business outlook
for 1928 indicates that it will
closely resemble 1927, says
the current issue of the
American Bankers association
journal, "that is a prosperous
year, with active business,
heavy movement of goods and
satisfactory earnings for the
strong, aggressive concerns."

BIDS RECEIVED
BY GOVERNMENT
PACIFIC LINES

Shipping Board Well Pleas-
ed With Offers for
Vessels.

PORTLAND FIRM BIDS

Company to Be Organized
by K. D. Dawson Makes
Proposal for Oregon
Steamers.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Four
bids were received by the Ship-
ping Board today for three gov-
ernment owned steamship lines
operating from the Pacific coast.
They were turned over to the
Merchant Fleet corporation for in-
vestigation.

The Matson Navigation company
and the American Hawaiian
Steamship company bidding jointly
for a corporation to be formed,
offered \$1,981,755.50 for the 21
ships of the American Australian-
Orient line. The eastern division
of the Admiral Oriental line
owned by the Dollar interests, bid
\$670,357 for the seven ships of the
American Oriental line.

The Tacoma Oriental Steamship
company, which is to be organized,
bid a total of \$696,906 for the
American Oriental line, while a
company to be formed by K. D.
Dawson of Portland, Oregon, bid
\$1,985,000 for the Oregon Oriental
line.

All bids were accompanied by
the necessary 25 per cent of the
bids.

All of the bids were on the five
year operating guarantee basis,
which calls for the payment of
25 per cent of the total cost upon
delivery on the ships. Under this
plan, the vessels would be paid for
in seven and one-half years in
annual installments of ten per cent
of the remaining cost at a rate of
4 1/2 per cent interest.

Chairman O'Connor expressed
pleasure over the bids which average
approximately \$11 per ship
ton.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10.—
Portland's shipping and business
interests, desirous of keeping Ore-
gon's Oriental line in Oregon, today
looked with favor on the \$1,985,000
bid entered at Wash-
ington, D. C., by K. D. Dawson, vice
president and general manager of
the Columbia Pacific Shipping
company.

Dawson, who has been in Wash-
ington since October, entered his
bid for a corporation, yet to be
formed here. His plan, it was said,
is to retain the shipping line for
this territory.

The Columbia Pacific Shipping
company has managed the Oregon
Oriental line almost since its in-
ception.

WOMEN BEG FOR
KISSES FROM LINDY

HAVANA, Feb. 10.—Twenty
thousand persons gathered in the
famous Prado Promenade here
at noon today to witness the presen-
tation of the keys to the city to
Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.

QUAKES, FIRES
TAKE TOLL LIFE
AND PROPERTY

Mine Disaster Traps 35
Men in Blazing
Tunnel.

SINGER SAVES LIVES

Heroic Soprano Sings on
as Building Rocks—
Fire Destroys Oil
Property.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 10.—A
dispatch to the Toronto Star today
from Timmins, Ontario, said 35
men had been trapped in the Hol-
linger mine by a fire in the lower
levels. Four bodies had been re-
covered, the dispatch said.

The reports said the fire had
broken out in excavations 550 feet
underground and was still burn-
ing.

The recovered dead were Mar-
tin Stevens, of Timmins, Harry
Graham, George Dunlop, a powder
man, and one man who was not
identified.

All workers were ordered from
the mine.

The fire was believed to have
been caused by spontaneous com-
bustion in an abandoned section
of the mine where rubbish and
powder boxes had accumulated. Of-
ficials of the Hollinger company
made no formal statement but ex-
pressed a belief that a final
check would disclose that the loss
of life would not be great.

When smoke began drifting thru
the cut where gangs of men were
working, the men made a dash for
the elevator shaft. The cage was
overloaded but most of those at
the 550 foot level were taken out.
The rescued men feared, however,
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SLAYER ELECTROCUTED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
HUNTSVILLE, Texas, Feb.
10.—Calmly accepting failure
of last minute efforts for
commutation of the death
sentence on a plea of insan-
ity, George J. Hawsell, con-
fessed slayer of thirteen per-
sons was electrocuted at the
state penitentiary here early
today. He was followed to the
electric chair by Robert L.
Benton, negro, convicted of
killing a white man.

Asked if he wished to make
a statement, Hawsell said:
"I would like to announce
to the world that I am pre-
pared to meet my God. I have
made my confession to God
and man—man does not un-
derstand it all, but God does."

REBEL LEADER
DEFIES MARINES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 10.—
General Augustino Sandino,
rebel leader, has defied the American
marines to join battle with
him.

Writing to the chief Nicaraguan
authority in the Metagalpa dis-
trict, Sandino said he would be
delighted to meet the marines in
the hills around Malagalpa and
blood would flow in such a case.

He protested against the "cow-
ardly actions of the marines" in
Nueva Segovia. This criticism was
thought to be in objection to the
marines' extensive bombing opera-
tions from airplanes which had
made several strongholds of the
rebels in the Nueva Segovia dis-
trict untenable.

Various advices received here
today placed the number of men
under Sandino at from 100 to 600.

Some lines of communication
between Managua and Malagalpa
were cut. It was suggested that
this was done by Sandino who is
not anxious to have his where-
abouts definitely known.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Fox are
guests at the home of the latter's
parents, Attorney and Mrs. A. N.
Orcutt, on Chadwick street. Mrs.
Fox will remain here for a ten day
visit. Mr. Fox is leaving within a
few days on a trip to Eastern Ore-
gon and Portland.

ENDORSEMENT
AIRPORT PLAN
GIVEN BY ELKS

Lodge Also Pledges Aid to
Project and Commends
Legion Sponsors.

OPPORTUNITY GOLDEN

City Can Purchase Perfect
Site for \$14,000 and
Improve It at Low
Cost, \$11,000.

Unanimous endorsement of the
project advanced by Umpqua Post
of the American Legion for the
acquisition of a suitable airport for
Roseburg was given last night by
the members of the Elks Lodge,
No. 326, at their regular meeting.
The Legion post was commended
for the public spirit shown in
carrying this project to its present
position where everything is in
readiness for final and definite
action. The lodge, without a dis-
senting vote, pledged itself to
give its full aid and support to
carry the project through to suc-
cessful termination.

One of the outstanding features
of this project is the very small
cost by which Roseburg may ob-
tain one of the finest landing fields
on the Pacific coast.

This tract, 4,000 feet long by
about 3,500 feet in width, con-
tains approximately 140 acres. The
total price asked for the land is
about \$14,000, which makes the
cost per acre only \$100. This land
is highly desirable land for orchard
purposes, and it is to be doubted
if there is another such tract with-
in many miles of Roseburg where
such a low price per acre can be
obtained. This property, situated
only about a mile from Roseburg,
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SON PRESIDENT
MARSHFIELD BANK
DIES OF PARALYSIS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb.
10.—James Montgomery, Jr.,
son of J. E. Montgomery,
president of the Bank of
Southwestern Oregon, died of
infantile paralysis here late
yesterday. The boy, five years
old, was ill more than a week.
J. E. Montgomery was
president of the Oregon State
Bankers' association last
year. The boy was his only
son.

SMITH TO AGAIN
SEEK SENATE SEAT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 10.—
Frank L. Smith of Dwight, Ill., was
United States senator-designate to-
day, a title under which he ex-
pects to be admitted to the senate
chambers from which he was re-
cently barred.

The former chairman of the Illi-
nois Commerce commission handed
his resignation as United States
senator-elect to Governor Len
Small, last night, and immediately
was appointed by the governor to
fill the vacancy. At the same time
Governor Small called a special
primary, and a special general elec-
tion to allow voters of Illinois to
elect Smith again, if they so choose
to do.

Both special elections will be
held on the same day as the regu-
lar primary in April and the gen-
eral election in November.

The senate refused to seat the
former Illinois official because of
his acceptance of campaign funds
from Samuel Insull, public utility
magnate, and others.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 10.—
Pendleton baseball fans and offi-
cials will meet here Monday night
to discuss the Blue Mountain base-
ball league possibilities for the
1928 season. It is hoped locally
that the original four in the cir-
cuit, Walla Walla, La Grande, Baker
and Pendleton will again be
seen in action after a two year
layoff.



HICKMAN SANE

William Edward Hickman, charged with the kid-
napping, murder and mutilation of little 12-year-old Mar-
ian Parker, was found last night to be sane and therefore
accountable to the law on the charges against him. The
jury's verdict was returned after a deliberation of only 36
minutes, the first ballot resulting in a unanimous agree-
ment.

THE HICKMAN JURY

Pictured below is the jury, composed of eight men
and four women that heard Hickman's claim of insanity,
the photo being secured during one of the important
moments in the trial of the case. The jury, left to right,
front row: Arlo E. Rickett, Robert L. Bowman, Virginia
L. Roess, Mrs. Emily Lindrum, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bullis,
Elias Kahn. Back row: Mrs. Sarah H. Roach, Harry H.
Woods, Howard Atkinson, Howard Skewes, J. A. Rug-
gles, Edward Venables.



HICKMAN IS
SANE, JURY
SOON FINDS

"State Wins by Neck,"
Fiend's Comment

Verdict Is Returned in 36
Minutes; Judge Hints
at Death Penalty.

SENTENCE TOMORROW

Defense Preparing Appeal,
Also New Trial Motion
—Killer's Mother
Pitiful Figure.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—William
Edward Hickman is sane and
therefore accountable to the law
for the kidnaping, murder and
mutilation of little Marian Parker.

Such was the decision of the
jury who yesterday required only
36 minutes of deliberation to
reach its conclusion. Whether the
19-year-old desperado dies on the
gallows or goes to the penitentiary
for the rest of his life rests with
Superior Judge J. J. Trabucco,
who will determine his punish-
ment and pronounce sentence to-
morrow.

Judge Trabucco's sole indication
of what his final decision might
be carried little comfort for the
kidnaper and slayer. It was the
judge's somewhat cryptic state-
ment delivered at the close of the
sanity trial yesterday: "I cannot
state in advance just what my
sentence will be—but you can rest
assured that this defendant will
be given all the law allows."

New Question Up

The veteran jurist seemed to
have no doubt as to the route over
which he was to guide the case in
its final superior court stages.
Scarcely had the jury of eight men
and four women declared Hick-
man sane than the judge attempt-
ed to obtain a stipulation of prosecu-
tion and defense permitting him
to use the transcript of the sanity
trial in fixing the degree of guilt.

Jerome Walsh, young defense
attorney, interposed some objec-
tion and the question was left
hanging.

Later Walsh said he had under-
stood the question involved and
probably would agree to the stipu-
lation requested.

Should he refuse to enter into
the stipulation, legal authorities
pointed out, it would be necessary
either for Judge Trabucco to rule
on this point of the new law, de-
claratory further testimony unne-
cessary. Otherwise the prosecution
would be forced to call witnesses
to aid the court in deciding the ex-
tent of punishment.

Hickman "Wise-cracks"

While the court and the attor-
neys were feeling their way
through the labyrinth of the new
and untested law governing in-
sanity pleas in criminal cases,
Hickman was taking the matter
coolly. As the jury delivered its
verdict, he sat bolt upright in his
chair, showing no emotion. As he
was led from the courtroom he
only cast a disdainful look at the
hundreds who were staring at
him. And while Judge Trabucco
spoke the words which left little
hope for him, Hickman was mak-
ing "wise cracks" on the way to
his cell.

Immediately after the verdict
when Hickman had returned to his
cell with the remark that "The die
is cast and the state wins by a
neck," jail authorities ordered a
24-hour a day guard placed over
him. The action was taken in or-
der that he might not cheat the
law of its penalty by taking his
own life.

Mother is Dazed

His mother, Mrs. Eva Hickman,
of Kansas City, Mo., whose al-
leged mental illness had been paraded
through the court in an effort to
show the hereditary taint of in-
sanity, heard the verdict of the
jury.

Overcome, she wandered out in-
to the street and sometime after-
ward was found by Hickman's
brother, Alfred, standing—a wo-
begone figure on a street corner
that rang with the shouts of news-
boys.

In the home of the family of
little Marian Parker, where grief
still camps, the news of the ver-
dict was received almost listlessly.
The mother of the school girl vic-
tim received it in stony and im-
mobile silence.
"I'm satisfied—satisfied and
wanting only to forget," said her
(Continued on page 3.)