

## HICKMAN, LOEB ARE SAME TYPE

Noted Psychiatrist Tells  
Why Youths Commit the  
Most Brutal Murders

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CLEVELAND, Dec. 26—Why do young men commit murder? Why is it that the most shocking crimes are so often committed by mere youths—young claps who have hardly got the down off their chins?

The murder in Los Angeles of little Marian Parker raises the question.

Edward Hickman's extreme youth has proved nearly as much of a shock to the country as the brutality of his crime.

**Most Dangerous Type**  
To science it is no surprise, however. For science knows that it is exactly the youth of Hickman's type—very young, very dapper, very much the "schick" type—that is the most dangerous.

Dr. George Reeve, head of the criminal court psychiatric clinic here, and a nationally known psychiatrist, explains it.

"The most atrocious crimes are almost invariably committed by young people in the years of emotional instability—between adolescence and 25," he says.

"Youth performs the most unthinkable crimes. When these critical years are passed, if the emotionally defective person is still alive and at large, he has generally calmed down until, if not actually normal, he is much less of a menace to society.

"Criminals are conscious of their maladjustment to other social beings and have keen feelings of inferiority. In an attempt to save their wounds from this feeling they cultivate artificial effects of superiority, such as being very careful about their grooming, wearing kick clothes, vaselining their hair, manhandling their nats and so on."

Hickman was what would be called a "personable young man," good company in a crowd, fairly popular and, in fact, seeming somewhat above the average youth of his age in ability and appearance.

**Under Strong Repression**  
"It is criminals of this very social environment who may run rough the worst," says Dr. Reeve. "This very repression of a high-class social group make their criminal desires accumulate all the more. If a criminal ran with a gang that indulged in offenses against society he could gradually work off this accumulated sense of repression by indulgence in minor vices."

"But if he is classed as a 'gentleman' he continues acting the part until some day the explosion comes with terrible results."

Hickman's crime is strikingly similar to the murder of young Hobby Franks by Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold in Chicago a few years ago, and between Hickman and Loeb there is also a sharp resemblance.

Both were about the same age when they committed their crimes. Each crime was startling, horrifying and, apparently, senseless.

Each was of the "schick" type and they have the same facial characteristics.

Dr. Reeve was interested in examining photographs of the two young men.

Both are decided brunettes—big, flashing eyes, thick, black hair rising from high foreheads, prominent eyebrows, one eyebrow of which is at variance with the other; full, sensual lips and straight noses. Dr. Reeve quickly noted the variance in the eyebrows on each face.

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## MOTHER GETS OUT THE MORNING ADDITION



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"SHUCKS, MA, HE'S JUST AN AMATEUR—TOSS EM OVER ON MY PLATE—(HE ONLY HAD TWENTY-TWO AN' THERE'S NO USE WASTIN' 'EM"

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Jesus Christ, who was also persecuted, defectives can explain their social maladjustment on the basis that they are misunderstood," he said.

In addition, the utter faith which Hickman's mother has in him, and her loyalty, intense even for a mother, indicate much, the psychiatrist thinks. He explains that intense mother love is lavished upon children whom even a parent recognizes as "different" and socially maladjusted.

The murder of Marian Parker

was almost undoubtedly committed by a man, Dr. Reeve thinks. Few crimes of that nature are ever committed by women; partly because women haven't the necessary strength or knowledge, and partly because a woman's instincts would rebel at such a crime.

Miss Mayme Dorsey, who is teaching school in the Chapman district about eight miles north east of LaGrande, spent the weekend with her sister Mrs. Melville here.

## CAL'S HAVANA WHITE HOUSE



It will be in the presidential palace at Havana that President and Mrs. Coolidge will stay during their Cuban sojourn in January. President Machado will be their host.

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the La Grande National Bank will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 10th, 1928, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the year 1928 and such other business will be transacted as may properly offer.

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L. H. Bramwell, Cashier.  
Dec. 16-17-18-19-24-27 Jan. 7-9.

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Union County Investment Company will be held at the La Grande National Bank building, in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 10th, 1928, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the year 1928 and such other business will be transacted as may properly offer.

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O. W. Warnock, Mgr.  
Dec. 17-19-24-27—Jan. 7-9.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Water Works Construction  
La Grande, Ore.,  
Dec. 22, 1927.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon, until 7:30 o'clock P. M. Wednesday, January 10th, 1928, for the construction of approximately 3700 feet of 18-inch Cast Iron Main; all materials to be furnished by the City of La Grande, Oregon.

Plans and specifications may be obtained upon application and a deposit of \$10.00, at the office of the City Recorder of La Grande. The deposit of \$10.00 will be returned to the contractor submitting bids for the work. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals.

W. C. CREWS, City Manager.  
Dec. 22-27.

## IMBLER PERSONALS

IMBLER (Special)—T. M. Imbler suffered a fall last Tuesday when he slipped and fell onto the kitchen oil stove but fortunately the flames were smothered out before his clothing caught on fire otherwise he would have been burned and maybe lost their home.

Miss Maxine Needley's mother and sisters called on her one day last week. They are moving to Bend, Ore.

Grant Tucker and Everett Aard took a load of apples and cider to Baker last Thursday.

Russell McKinnon is home from Corvallis on his holiday vacation. Miss Elizabeth Huron and Miss

## WAR ROMANCE BRINGS ODD REUNION



An odd reunion as a result of a World War romance took place recently at East Lake City. Here is Mrs. L. R. Bourcier, with her children, Jeanette, 5, and Rene, 7, who had never before seen each other. Bourcier, father of the children, married Miss Lafond at Bayonne, during the war. She returned with him and Rene was born May 16, 1920, at Richmond, Va. Later she returned to visit her parents and could not make the ocean trip, so the mother returned to the United States alone, but revisited France at the legion convention this year and brought Jeanette home to meet the brother whom she knew only by report. Now the two children are having a grand time teaching each other their native tongues.

Lydia Cleaver arrived home last Thursday. They will spend their holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Wilson arrived home one day last week from her visit in the east. She had visited her old home and many relatives and friends. She reported a very enjoyable trip but admitted that she got homesick for her home here.

Almer Page and son, Tom, have purchased a new sedan.

Radio Hudson's children were sent home from school one day last week with the chicken pox.

Stub Ferran left for Freewater last Saturday to spend Christmas with friends.

Miss Frances McKinnon is home from Bellingham, Wash. to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinnon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Noeline expected all their children home for Christmas dinner, the first time in nine years.

Mrs. Frank Martin had been moved from the hospital to her daughter's home, Mrs. Walter Young, in La Grande. Her many friends are glad to know that she is gaining so rapidly.

Miss Leona Rosewall has been

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Paul Betts, Rip Langley and Homer Ferran will spend Christmas with friends and relatives at Free-water.

Five or six earloads of turkeys were purchased by buyers throughout Douglas county for shipment to Pacific coast market centers. The turkeys are all of prime stock and will be used for the holiday trade.

A huge blast set off to loosen a solid rock cliff Monday destroyed the new Galice bridge over Rogue river, leaving Galle residents without means to cross the river to Grants Pass. The damage is \$5000.

The proposed new highway between Sweet Home and Holley, eliminates the steep hill over the Howell hill, is meeting with general approval in those communities according to word received from that section last week.

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