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HOW TO TRUST—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and
lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways
acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5, 6.

Somebody announces that the presidential campaign this
year is "a free-for-all fight." Nay, brother—possibly open
to all, but not free.

The annual Agricultural Conference sponsored by the
Chamber of Commerce promises a program equally as in-
teresting and profitable as the very successful event of last
year. The conference is primarily the work of farmers or
those actively engaged in agricultural activity, together with
the state and federal experts brought for the occasion. It
therefore has great potential value and contributes a tre-
mendous amount of information to those who are fortunate
enough to attend. Last year there was a record registration.
This year should see even greater interest and consequently
greater benefit.

Some say he did, some say he didn't, but we suspect that
no one actually knows as a result of a personal interview with
Mr. Groundhog. In any event, we hope that spring, if it ar-
rives shortly or is delayed by six weeks of less pleasant
weather, comes to stay when it puts in its first ap-
pearance. Winter, during the months allowed it, is not dis-
tasteful. What makes you mad is to have a nice month of
spring weather and then suffer under a return of winter—
with a very unhappy effect on fruit and flowers and dispo-
sitions. All of which reminds us of the testimony given yester-
day by a charming lady to the effect that she has heard the
song of a meadowlark for several mornings. And that
might indicate grey skies prevailed throughout the Grande
Ronde valley on Groundhog day.

LOST THROUGH BANKRUPTCY

A recent federal report shows that there were 48,758
bankruptcies in the United States during the last fiscal year
—6000 farmers, 18,000 wage earners, 12,000 merchants, 1500
manufacturers, and 1200 professional men. The total liabil-
ities of these failures amounted to \$885,557,000, a half bil-
lion dollars more than during the previous year. Out of this
creditors received \$74,394,000, less than ten per cent of the
entire loss.

Total assets of the bankrupts are not, of course, repre-
sented by this figure paid to creditors, the cost of administration
being a rather large item, though not more than three cents
of the dollar of the total liabilities. The administration cost
was \$21,342,000, nearly as much as it costs to administer the
department of justice, which includes salaries of the United
States supreme court, all of the federal courts, United States
attorneys, marshals, their assistants and deputies, and all
other expenses.

Reasons for the bankruptcies would make an interesting,
if depressing business story; they would provide some worthy
lessons for other people who are inclined to get into financial
straits. But the number and the extent of the lessons also
has a lesson for creditors. Too much credit, too vague a
check on the debtors played a prominent part in these fail-
ures. Unfortunately, in the mad scramble for business vol-
ume, business people are too inclined to give credit first and
investigate the reason for it afterward.

There may be no sure remedy for many bankrupts, since
human judgment is such a determining factor, but there
might readily be a tightening of our bankrupt laws to make
debt evasion more difficult. Under the present system it is
too easy for a man to pay a few hundred dollars of accumu-
lated bills by taking bankruptcy. And it is a public problem
as well as a creditors' problem. The people who pay their
bills and remain solvent must eventually bear the burden of
those who do not.

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Umatilla Project Request Is Denied

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—
The interior department has dis-
approved a request of owners of
the Umatilla irrigation project
near Pendleton, Ore., for an ap-
propriation of approximately \$100,-
000 for construction work on the
western extension.

Dr. Elwood Mead, reclamation
commissioner, said today that it
had been the established policy of
the government not to add further
government construction work to
irrigation projects after they had
been turned over to the water us-
ers who with the purchase assumed
full responsibility for operation.
He said that including the Uma-
tilla project, 18 completed projects
were in the same status.

BLOODY BATTLE

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 3 (AP)—
Dispatches from Guadalajara to-
day said that General Anselmo Gar-
cia, underchief of the presidential
guards, announced that a priest,
Crescencio Esparanza, and 43 rebels
were killed as a result of a clash
with federal soldiers on the hills
near Colima, state of Jalisco, Wed-
nesday.

HICKMAN NOT SANE, STATES DR. SHELTON

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The witness cited Hickman's be-
lief in "divine guidance" as one
"insane delusion" which indicated
a condition of insanity.

A conservation of the physician
held with Hickman in the county
jail was quoted by the witness at
the request of Walsh.

It was testified that Hickman
declared the killing of Marian
Parker was at the direction of
providence to bring "attention of
the world to me"; that if his
mother had "stood in the way of
providence" he would "have killed
her without emotion" and that he
"was the only person in the world
entirely free of emotion."

A written relation of these
claims, asserted to have been pre-
pared by Hickman was offered in
evidence by Walsh.

District Attorney Ana Keyes got
to his feet objecting, pacing about
while he protested the introduc-
tion of "foamy rot" written after
the prisoner had confessed the
crime and been incarcerated in
jail for several weeks.

Verbal Exchange Stopped
Judge J. J. Trabucco ordered
"no argument" as Walsh hotly re-
plied to Keyes. The court glanced
over the written objections and quick-
ly ruled "objection sustained."

Walsh retrieved the papers, his
face reddening from throat to
neck.

Hickman declared that if he was
hung there would be a great cata-
strophe, or earthquake that would
shake down the jail, the witness
testified under cross examination.
Hickman was "very serious" about
his delusions of divine guid-
ance, but at the "same time would
laugh in telling about it," the wit-
ness declared to Keyes.

The state attacked the witness'
declaration that Hickman's insani-
ty was "an early and not a fail-
ure case." Keyes asked him if he
had not testified that the disease
began when Hickman was about
12 years old. The witness stam-
meringly admitted he had.

"That's eight years of develop-
ment of the disease, isn't it?"
"Well, I don't know; well, I
couldn't say how fast it had de-
veloped," the witness testified.

"But eight years wouldn't be
called an early case?"
"Well, I couldn't say."

Jurors Amused
As the witness stammered his
indefinite and uncertain replies
some of the jurors exchanged
glances and grins.

Dr. A. L. Skoog, of the Univer-
sity of Kansas, and staff member
of the Kansas City, Mo., hospital

was the next defense witness. He
testified to examining the defend-
ant six times between Jan. 22 last
and Feb. 1, and that on his dis-
missal he believed him to be in-
sane.

MOTHER TESTIFIES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3 (AP)—
The life, the ancestry, the pen-
cilled thoughts and even the details and
worsen of the crime of William Ed-
ward Hickman today had been
poured into the crucible of his an-
cestry trial and its analysis by defense
attorneys had begun.

Before the close of yesterday's
court session two of the three ex-
pert witnesses for the defense had
started to draw from the evidence
the conclusions with which his at-
torneys will attempt to convince the
jury of eight men and four wom-
en that Hickman was unable to
distinguish between right and
wrong at the time he kidnapped and
murdered little Marian Parker.

To the evidence coming under
scientific scrutiny yesterday was
added a mother's story of grief, a
father's sometimes tearful account
of his married life and a brother's
more matter of fact version of the
prisoner's mental status as well as
the grim testimony of a police of-
ficer.

Dramatic Event

The appearance of the prisoner's
mother, Mrs. Ida Hickman, of
Kansas City, on the witness stand
was one of the dramatic events of
the trial. His father, William
Thomas Hickman of El Paso, Tex.,
and the defendant's brother, Alfred
Hickman, of Kansas City, had pre-
ceded her as witnesses.

"He is my son," said the mother
in identifying the youth in whose
defense her own past and alleged
mental weakness have been parade-
d through the trial. "It was good
to me and then he changed," she
continued. That change, she de-
clared, occurred after he had re-
turned to Kansas City after his ar-
rest and conviction in Los Angeles
of check forgery.

That change also was noted in
the testimony of the brother. He
declared that the accused youth
seemed to have things on his mind
which he did not want to tell about.
He said that he did not think the
fact that Edward, as he was known
in the family, had murdered a man
here in December 1926, had any
part in causing him to be sullen
when he returned to Kansas City
last summer.

Father Breaks Down
In contrast with the relative
composure of mother and son on
the witness stand, Hickman's father
testified in a voice that trembled
and tears rolled down his face as
he told of his married life. He
told of threats made against his life
by his wife, and declared he be-
lieved she was insane and her father
"rational but peculiar."

He admitted that, after leaving
his family while William Edward
still was a small boy, he married
again in northern Mexico.
Mrs. Hickman in her testimony
had declared she once had attempt-
ed suicide "because nobody seemed
to want or care about" her.
Hickman denied that his rela-
tions with other women, which fea-
tured defense depositions had any-
thing to do with the wife's mental
condition.

Motion To Dismiss Case Is Denied

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—
Motions by the defense for the
dismissal of charges against Emory
Olmstead, former president of the
Northwestern National Bank, and
J. E. Wheeler, former president
of the McCormick Lumber com-
pany, on grounds that the govern-
ment had failed to prove them,
were denied today by Federal
Judge H. S. Bean today.

The motions were made this
morning, following completion late
yesterday by the government of its
evidence by which it sought to
show that Olmstead and Wheeler
had conspired to violate the na-
tional bank act by alleged killing
of checks between the Northwes-
tern National bank and banks of
Pennsylvania.

U. S. and Mexico Will Play Tennis

PARIS, Feb. 3 (AP)—The United
States and Mexico will battle in
the first round of the Davis cup
matches, American zone, the draw-
ing this afternoon at Elisee pal-
ace by President Doumergue indi-
cated.

Ambassadors and representatives
of the 23 nations which will con-
test the tennis trophy were pres-
ent.

New Island Found West of Krakatau

BATAVIA, Java, Feb. 3 (AP)—
A new island has been discovered
to the west of Krakatau since the
eruption of the volcano on that
island.

The volcanic activity has greatly
decreased. Krakatau is situated in
the strait between Sumatra and
Java.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—The
\$300,000 estate of Amos King, aged
Multnomah county man, is involv-
ed in a mandamus case filed in
the supreme court today by Thar-
ge E. Leonard, of Portland, against
Judge William Ekwall, presiding
judge of the circuit court for Mult-
nomah county.

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Blood Transfusion May Prevent Death

CHICAGO, Feb. 3 (AP)—A
blood transfusion, performed in a
last minute attempt to save the
life of Miss Sadie Holland, whose
legs were amputated when gan-
grene set in following a "beauty"
operation, had resulted in a slight
improvement in her condition to-
day.

The transfusion yesterday after-
noon Holland suffered a second-
ary hemorrhage and her condition
became alarming.
Miss Holland underwent an op-
eration several days ago in an ef-
fort to have her limbs, which she
said were slightly bowed, straight-
ened.
Dr. Henry Schierson, prominent
plastic surgeon, made a general
denial, both to authorities and to
the press, that he had performed
the operation.

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