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HICKMAN IS EXECUTED TODAY

W. C. HAWLEY SPEAKER AT LOCAL MEET

Discusses Duties and Responsibilities of America's Presidents

TALK GIVEN HERE NON-POLITICAL

Campaigning in Union, Wallowa Counties for Candidacy of Judge R. R. Butler, The Dalles

Touching on on the immensity of the responsibility placed upon the president of the United States and the tremendous amount of duties that is required of him as chief executive, Congressman W. C. Hawley, of the first congressional district, spoke today at noon to a crowd of nearly 80 in the Sacajawea Inn.

Mr. Hawley's talk, while nonpolitical, was the first talk delivered upon a political campaign trip in the advancement of Judge R. R. Butler's strength in Union and Wallowa counties. This afternoon he spoke at Elgin at 3 o'clock and tonight he will deliver a campaign address at the Odd Fellows hall at Enterprise.

The congressman, Oregon's senior representative in Washington, was met at the train this morning by a delegation consisting of J. H. Cate, H. E. Brady, R. R. Huron and Robert Hakin. Mr. Hakin, a former student of Mr. Hawley's in Willamette university, when the congressman was a professor, introduced the speaker at the luncheon today following opening remarks by Mr. Peare, the toastmaster.

Knew Five Presidents

The congressman, who will complete his 22nd year in Washington next March, and who has served in the Oregon delegation under five presidents, declared that the office of the presidency of the United States was the greatest office in the world.

Touching upon the responsibility that rests with the president, Mr. Hawley pointed out that he is responsible for the financial affairs of the nation, following the inauguration of the budget system, and is also the only man in America who may speak to foreign nations. Ambassadors only act as agents of the president, the speaker asserted. As to the cabinet officers, "Nobody speaks in the name of the president but himself," Mr. Hawley explained, adding that the greatest of harmony is required in the workings of the cabinet.

A Busy Day

Describing the president's day, Mr. Hawley said that he arises at about 7 o'clock, takes a short walk, breakfasts at 8 and goes to his office at 8:45. At breakfast he has well-informed guests, either on political or business matters, from whom he seeks opinions. "There are never any arguments, each guest expressing his opinion in turn," Mr. Hawley said. Mr. Haw-

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SCOUT RALLY WILL BE HELD HERE OCT. 20

Ten days to roll out for the biggest boy scout day of the year in Eastern Oregon when Boy scouts will gather in La Grande tomorrow from Union, Baker and Wallowa counties for a field day at the high school athletic field, beginning at 1 o'clock and a court of honor in the high school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is invited to take advantage of the opportunity of witnessing the ceremonies and especially those in the evening at the court of honor when a large number of awards will be made in recognition of the works of the scouts in earning them.

Word had been received that a delegation of 100 will come from Baker, 20 from Union, 15 from Wallowa, 15 from Cove and others from Elgin, North Powder and Hones.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m. 15 above
Minimum 27 above
Condition: clear.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 59, minimum 34 above.
Condition: clear.
WEATHER OCT. 19, 1927
Maximum 78, minimum 41 above.
Condition: clear.

Crowd of 1,020 Attend Second Night Of Show

Elks' Days of '49 Benefit Entertainment in Sacajawea Ballroom Expected to Break Record.

With a paid attendance of 1,020 for the second night, the La Grande lodge of Elks' Days of '49 show seems to be on its way to a new record this year. The actual paid attendance at the opening night on Wednesday evening was 710, making a total of 1,730 for the first two nights.

Friday, ordinarily, has a larger crowd than either Thursday or Wednesday and Saturday usually results in more than 2,000. Last year the total attendance was well over 5,000 and it is expected that this figure will be exceeded in the 16th annual show.

The proceeds of the show are used to finance the annual community Christmas tree for La Grande children and also to provide for the giving of well-filled baskets of provisions to the needy of the district at Christmas time. Usually provisions are given to more than 100 families.

Parade Opens Show

The show this year is being held in the Sacajawea Inn ballroom, using the entrance from Adams avenue. A parade at 7:45 o'clock each night precedes the opening of the dance and the starting of the games at 8 o'clock.

Last night, as on the opening night, the games were very well patronized as was the doll and candy wheel and the roulette booth. With a larger number present than the opening night, the merry throng enjoyed every minute of the four hours of entertainment, several hundred remaining throughout the evening.

Door Prizes Given

Door prizes were again awarded last night, with Justice of Peace Hugh E. Brady as the presiding officer, assisted by little Miss Kathleen Norris. A waffle iron was presented to Leland Stockdale and a percolator was given to Pete Larson.

Particular care has been taken by the '49 show committee, headed by Harry Hoffman, to make tonight and tomorrow nights the most enjoyable of the entire show.

State Officials Here For Mason Meeting Tonight

The biggest event of the year in Masonic circles in this district will take place this evening when three officers of the state grand lodge will be guests at a 6:15 o'clock dinner, after which a meeting will be conducted by the visiting officials.

Rex W. Davis, grand master; M. L. Meyers, deputy grand master, and E. B. Cheney, grand secretary, are all here for the occasion.

The dinner will be served in the hall and about 200 or more Masons from this district are expected to attend.

Fruit Shipments Show Big Increase

An increase of 52 per cent in the gross ton per mile the first week in October is shown over the first week in October last year, according to Superintendent W. H. Gould, of the second O.-W. division.

The increased tonnage of freight passing through this section consists mostly of rail, lumber and coal. It is said that the unusually large number of carloads of prunes shipped from Union this fall has helped to swell the tonnage.

Will Give Sunday Evening Program

A feature of Sunday's church services in La Grande will be an evening program at the First Presbyterian church at 7:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Women's Missionary society. Musical and vocal numbers and a tableau "Heroes of the March" are included in the program.

Mail Change To Speed Up Service

The change of the airmail port from Vancouver, Wash., to Swan Island makes a difference of 24 hours in mail service for La Grande people, according to H. B. Huron, local postmaster. Mail leaving La Grande on train No. 5 reaching Portland the next morning will be taken out of Portland by airmail immediately for all points south. This is 24 hours quicker service than formerly. The new schedule became effective Oct. 19.

C. R. SEITZ IS LOW BIDDER AT $16,900

La Grande's Emergency Airmail Field to Be Surfaced This Fall

CRUSHED GRAVEL WORK IS PLANNED

Bids Opened Yesterday Afternoon at Federal Building with Three Competing for Contract

Bids were opened in the federal building at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon on work to be done this fall on the emergency airmail field two miles east of La Grande.

The specifications call for crushed gravel on the field, completed within 45 days. This will harden the surface of the field to such a point that the field may be used during rainy, muddy weather and during the winter, when many times the airmail planes between Boise and Pasco are forced to stop in La Grande.

Three bids were entered, by Clyde R. Seitz, Hartenbower Brothers company and by W. C. Kelly. Mr. Seitz bid $16,900, Mr. Kelly $18,000 and Hartenbower Brothers Co. $19,000.

Contracts were not awarded yesterday but may be within a short time if one is accepted.

Mr. Seitz, low bidder yesterday, was winner of another large contract this year, that of supplying the highway department with equipment for work on the Old Oregon Trail highway between the top of the Blue Mountains and this city.

F. A. O'Leary, with the depart-

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SENATOR BORAH TO TALK TARIFF

Will Speak in Louisville Tonight—Attacks Robinson in Chattanooga

With Senator Borah enroute to Louisville, Ky., Oct. 19—(AP)—An ace of the Hoover campaign forces, Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, proceeded today to the political border state of Kentucky. As the main theme of his address which will be delivered at Louisville tonight, the Idaho senator has selected the tariff, which was the subject of a campaign speech made by Gov. Smith in the same Kentucky city six days ago.

The senatorial record of Senator Joe T. Robinson, the democratic vice presidential candidate, as compared with his position in the present campaign was brought under fire in an address by Senator Borah last night at Chattanooga, Tenn. The Idaho look the occasion of his speech in the Tennessee city to reply to charges by Senator Robinson, made several days ago in Borah's home state at Boise, that the Hoover campaigners was inconsistent in supporting Hoover and was a "weasel-backing politician."

Senator Robinson was declared by the Idahoan to have been the leader of the opposition in the senate which defeated the power trust investigation resolution of Senator Thomas Walsh, of Montana, a fellow democrat, to have opposed the granting of farm tariff protection, and is a dry to be in an inconsistent position because of Governor Smith's stand on prohibition of the power and tariff issues.

Three Years of Crime Ends Today When Noose Tightens On Hickman

SAN QUENTIN, Cal. Oct. 19—(AP)—The execution of William Edward Hickman here today marked the passing of one of the most remarkable criminals in the history of the west.

Less than three years ago Hickman was a "bright student" in a Kansas City, Mo., high school. Within those three years he committed numerous robberies, thefts, kidnaps and ended up by crime and murder with 65 bad minutes, the record of which brought him to the scaffold today.

Hickman was never suspected of any of these robberies and thefts and he still during the last two or three weeks of his life when he wrote many letters to officials over the country confessing them.

Drug stores were often included in his holdups. It was brought out during his murder trial that he had often held up drug clerks to obtain narcotics and sleeping potions and sometimes compelled the clerks at the point of a gun to insert him in the use of the drugs.

Killed Pharmacist

Hickman's first murder, so far as known, was the slaying of Jay Tobin Herchiff, Cal. pharmacist, on Christmas eve, 1926. Hickman and Willis Hall, a 17-year-old companion, were charged with the murder of Tobin during a holdup of his drug store. Both were sentenced to life in the San Quentin prison.

The murder of Marian Parker, 12-year-old Los Angeles school girl, shocked the country by a series of headlines. The little girl, daughter of Perry M. Parker, an officer of the Los Angeles First National Trust and Savings bank, was lured from her school on last December 5, by Hickman on the pretense that her father was ill and had sent for her.

Revenge a Factor

Hickman had been a messenger

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Smith To Make Effort to Get Illinois Vote

Democratic Candidate to Speak in Chicago Tonight—Hoover Receives German Fliers.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19 (AP)—Still silent on the line of attack he will adopt, Governor Smith today planned to put the finishing touches on the address he will deliver tonight in the 121st regiment armory in an effort to swing this normally republican state into the democratic column in November.

The democratic presidential nominee put in nearly all of yesterday working on the speech and late last night completed a tentative draft. The first thing on his schedule today called for a revision of this rough outline and then for his participation in a two and a half hour tour of Chicago by automobile.

The night speech of Governor Smith will be the seventh he has delivered since his present swing through the south and border states of Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri, all of which he feels confident of winning the rapidly approaching national election. The address also will bring to a close his second extensive tour of the campaign.

Tommorrow will see him speeding eastward to prepare for his third and final campaign dash which will carry him down the Atlantic seaboard from Boston to Baltimore.

HOOVER RECEIVES FLIERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (AP)—Herbert Hoover, in receiving Dr. Hugo Eckener, and others who crossed the Atlantic on the Graf Zeppelin, expressed the hope today that a regular trans-Atlantic air

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J. F. Ravenscroft Heads Men's Club

The Presbyterian Men's club met last night at the church with about 40 in attendance. J. F. Ravenscroft was elected president of the organization. Albert Cook is secretary. The program committee to arrange the meetings which are held every two weeks will be appointed later by the executive committee. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Humphreys served refreshments last night for the men.

Deer Season Will Close Saturday

With more than half a dozen fine bucks brought into La Grande during the last three days, deer hunters are making their final stand in the mountainous country in Union and Wallowa county today and tomorrow.

The deer season, which was opened by a governor's proclamation a few days late because of extreme dryness of the forests, will officially close at sundown tomorrow. Several hunters in the La Grande district have bagged one and some two deer during the season. Game season also ends tomorrow evening. The chances pleasant hunters will have their last day in the fields on Oct. 24.

To Open Beauty Shop Tomorrow

Miss Bernice Weeks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weeks, will open the Lorraine beauty parlor in the Royal Barber shop tomorrow morning. She has had a beauty shop at Union for the last four months and prior to that was in Pendleton. She graduated from the Pacific Beauty school in Portland.

FIEND PAYS SUPREME PENALTY

Termed by many the most fiendish murderer in American history, William Edward Hickman, 21, pictured above, paid for his crimes with his life at San Quentin prison this morning. The hanging followed a strong but unavailing effort for clemency by Hickman's attorneys.

Lumber Company Properties Sold In Kansas City

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Oct. 19—Word was received here yesterday by representatives of George R. Hicks of Kansas City, Mo., trustee in bankruptcy for the East Oregon Lumber company of this city, that the properties had been sold at bankrupt sale Wednesday to a new company to be known as the Oregon White Pine Lumber company.

The new company is made up of the larger creditors of the old company and the Brown Crummer company of Wichita which held the first mortgage bonds of the East Oregon Lumber company and is holding a controlling interest of the newly capitalized firm. Kansas City banks hold the remainder of this stock.

The sale is subject to confirmation by the federal court there today.

Coolidge Visits Fredericksburg Memorial Park

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Oct. 19 (AP)—President Coolidge came to Fredericksburg this afternoon to deliver an address marking the beginning of work on the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania county battlefields memorial park.

A salute of 21 guns fired by Battery D of the 11th field artillery resounded as he left his private car.

"American prosperity and standards of living have reached heights never before experienced by any people in human history," President Calvin Coolidge said.

The chief executive traced this prosperity to the union which the civil war preserved and saw in the day's ceremony a sign that reconciliation between north and south was being completed and "reconciliation is spreading complete."

The whole nation, he said, could join in celebrating the battles fought in this vicinity because, "one of a common ancestry and one common country has took greatly blessed."

15 Players Ill On Washington Team

SEATTLE, Oct. 19—(AP)—Still suffering slightly from a touch of ptomaine poisoning the University of Washington football team left today for Portland where the squad meets the University of Oregon in a Pacific coast conference game Saturday.

Eleven players, it was revealed today, were affected by the poison, which apparently came from some food eaten Wednesday at the training table.

HARRIS TO MANAGE DETROIT

DETROIT, Oct. 19 (AP)—Appointment of "Stanley (Bucky) Harris as manager of the Detroit American league baseball team was announced today by Frank J. Navin, president of the local club.

FROZEN CONTROL CAUSE OF CRASH

Frightened Passenger in Airplane Plunges Prominent Banker to Death

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 19 (AP)—A frightened passenger who gripped the controls of an airplane in which prominent bankers were making a sightseeing trip over Atlantic City was believed responsible today for the crash of the plane and the death of one of the occupants and the serious injury of the others. Eight men were in the plane.

W. Octave Chanute, Denver investment banker, died in the Atlantic City hospital two hours after the accident. Mr. Chanute and four of the other passengers were delegates to the annual convention of the Investment Bankers' association here.

The injured are:

Pliny Jewell, vice president of Curtis and Hare, Inc., Boston, and former president of the association, fractured skull; condition critical.

Thomas Dysart, president Knight, Dysart and Gamble, St. Louis, and also a former president of the association, broken ribs, internal injuries and broken left wrist; condition critical.

Henry L. Doherty, of W. W. Lancaster and company, Baltimore, shock and minor injuries.

Alden H. Little, of Chicago, executive vice president of the association, cuts and bruises.

Ralph Sonnick, of Anoscom, N. J., internal injuries and shock.

George King, of Garden City, L. I., pilot, possible fracture of the right leg, and shock.

Friedman Eble, of Pleasantville,

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DR. ECKENER IS GUEST OF MR. COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—(AP)—The official welcome of the national capital was extended today to Dr. Hugo Eckener and four of his comrades on the trans-Atlantic flight of the Graf Zeppelin.

The famous pilot and several of his associates were guests of President and Mrs. Coolidge at breakfast at the White House, where they met Secretary Wilbur, Secretary West, acting Secretary of State J. Reuben Clark and the three assistant secretaries for aeronautics, Warner, Davis and MacCracken, of the navy, war and commerce departments respectively. Described as "a good old American breakfast," the menu consisted of melon, buckwheat, maple syrup, eggs and coffee.

Plans call for Dr. Eckener to leave here tomorrow afternoon for Akron, Ohio, home of the Goodyear Zeppelin Co. From there he will go to Chicago to return to Lakehurst, N. J., on Tuesday.

Hope For Flier Grows Fainter As Hours Pass

No News Received from Commander MacDonald Nearly Two Days Overdue in Great Britain.

LONDON, Oct. 19 (AP)—With every hour that passed today without news of Commander H. C. MacDonald, hope for the British airman's safety grew fainter until by mid-afternoon it had almost reached the vanishing point.

The chief ground for what hope remained was that he might have conquered the Atlantic with his Gypsy Moth De Havland and landed at some isolated spot on the Irish or Scotch coast.

Apparently the only other chance was that he might have been picked up by some small ocean craft unable to report the fact by wireless. In this connection the case of Harry Hawker was cited, it being recalled that it was seven days after the beginning of his flight before it was learned that he had been rescued by a Danish steamer.

Wife Is Hopeful

No one cherished these hopes more strongly than Mrs. MacDonald, the flier's wife, who was still doing her best to keep up courage although worn out by the long vigil of nearly 48 hours which she has maintained, broken only by a few brief intervals of fitful sleep.

The liners Paris and Muenchen, arriving today, reported good weather at sea and excellent visibility, but no sighting of the plane was reported by any vessel since the message sent to the Associated Press by the Dutch steamer Hardenberg, which caught a glimpse of MacDonald's plane at 7:30 p. m., eastern standard time, 700 miles east of Newfoundland, about 7½ hours after the takeoff.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (AP)—Prior to Lieutenant Commander H. C. MacDonald's flight, 18 persons lost their lives in attempts to cross the Atlantic ocean by air.

Registrations In Oregon Show Heavy Increase

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 19—(AP)—The republican party has gained 51,328 voters and the democrats 19,319 in Oregon since the election of November 2, 1926, according to total figures compiled by the secretary of state showing the registration for the coming election at November 6 next. The tabulation shows a total of 427,448. Two years ago the total was 359,236.

The new republican registration is 299,382, as against 247,974 two years ago, while the democratic total is 114,129 against 94,808 in 1926. Totals are not segregated as to male and female voters.

Of the 359,236 persons who registered prior to the 1926 election only 233,384 voted.

Multnomah county's total in the new registration is 148,321, of which 107,269 are republicans and 37,479 democrats.

Urges Mailing Of Sample Ballots

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 19—(AP)—The Marion county Pomona grange has adopted a resolution asking the legislature to provide that not less than five days before the elections the county clerks be required to mail sample ballots to each voter in their respective counties. Under the present law the county clerks furnish sample ballots only on application.

Turkey To Cost More This Year

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 19—(AP)—King Turkey, traditional piece de resistance of the Thanksgiving menu, will be an expensive bird to serve on the family table this year. Prices will be higher than usual, the Prairie Farmer advised today, due to a small crop.

Chinese Demand Sent To Powers

SHANGHAI, China, Oct. 19—(AP)—C. T. Wang, Nationalist foreign minister, has addressed a note to the treaty powers demanding their immediate relinquishment of extraterritoriality rights.

W. BOLLONS DIES

W. Bollons, former superintendent of the second division of the O.-W., who moved to Portland after retiring, died this morning, according to word received here today. He died at the St. Vincent's hospital following a long illness. Funeral services will be held at the Miller & Tracey chapel Monday at 2 p. m.

TRAP SPRUNG AT 10:10 AT SAN QUENTIN

Two Hundred Witness the Hanging of Murderer of Little Marian Parker

LITTLE EMOTION SHOWN BY "FOX"

Youth White and His Knees Quiver as State Exacts the Penalty for Atrocious Slaying.

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., Oct. 19—(AP)—William Edward Hickman was hanged here today for the murder of 12-year-old Marian Parker, Los Angeles school girl, whom he kidnaped Dec. 15 last.

The trap was sprung at 10:10 a. m. Hickman was pronounced dead at 10:25 a. m.

The youth who boastfully called himself "The Fox," walked to the trap white but with little other outward appearance of emotion, consistent to the last breath with the attitude displayed since he was arrested in Oregon.

Up a flight of 13 steps he went, preceded by the Rev. Father William Fleming, priest under whose spiritual guide he turned from fatalism to Christianity in the shadow of the noose.

200 Witness Execution

His arms were strapped to his sides. On either side and behind him marched a guard. In a semicircle were some two hundred persons who saw him die.

The priest chanted the litany of the dead from the Roman Catholic ritual as the death march progressed and Hickman made the responses.

The doomed man's lips scarcely moved but he followed without a noticeable break.

Knees Shake

Hickman walked to his death steadily and straight as a ramrod but his knees shook as he stood on the trap an instant before it was sprung.

Twenty-two seconds after he entered the gallows room the trap was released.

Hickman faltered but slightly as he stepped through the entrance to the gallows room and blinked his eyes. Through his paleness there came a weak smile. He glanced at the rope and mounted the stairway slowly, swaying slightly at the top.

Before the trap was sprung Hickman had collapsed until his head was within 3 feet of the scaffold floor. For this reason his fall was not as complete as it otherwise would have been. This was believed by guards to have delayed his death by two or three minutes.

Spectators Faint

Two of the spectators fainted, one as the trap was sprung and the other ten minutes later.

The doomed man's father, William Thomas Hickman, gave Warden James B. Holohan a signed order to deliver the body to a San Francisco undertaker but the prison officials declined to state where it would be sent.

It was previously announced that the body would be taken to the east for burial but the name of the town was not announced.

Sobs This Morning

One of Hickman's last moments was spent in the reading of a letter from his mother, Mrs. Eva M. Hickman of Kansas City, delivered to him a few minutes before he was led to the gallows.

The contents of Mrs. Hickman's letter were not disclosed. Hickman received and read three other comforting letters from relatives.

He wept. It was the first time guards had seen tears in his eyes since his doom was sealed.

There was a telegram from the

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WIFE SLAYER PUT TO DEATH IN NEBRASKA

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 19—(AP)—Frank Sharp, twice convicted and twice sentenced to death for slaying his wife, was electrocuted at 6:28 a. m. today in the Nebraska penitentiary.

He had awaited his death with calmness, yet frequently had maintained his innocence. A final appeal last night by members of his family to Governor McMullen was fruitless.

Sharp's wife was killed in March, 1926. She was his third wife. Her body was found by the roadside after Sharp had told police they were held up by three men who tried to hold him as hostage. Palm print evidence, however, was instrumental in convicting Sharp, who was 52 years old.