

REAL GOOD FUN
One of the Statesman's new features is the panel comic, "The Old Home Town." Introduce yourself to it today on page 9.

The Oregon Statesman

WEATHER
Cloudy and mild today; Probable rains; South winds. Max. temperature Tuesday 71; Min. 50; River 2.2; South winds.

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HICKMAN SAYS HE LIED ABOUT INSANITY PLEA

Notorious Slayer Issues last Statement in Anticipation of Death

Efforts to Avert Friday's Hanging Continued Despite Poor Success

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., Oct. 16.—(AP) William Thomas Hickman, the father met the governor of California this afternoon and made an ineffectual plea for the life of William Edward Hickman on the ground he was insane when he murdered Marian Parker in Los Angeles, William Edward Hickman, the son, met newspapermen in his cell and reiterated his statement that he is normal mentally.

While plans for his execution Friday went on almost within earshot Hickman issued a prepared statement in which he explained his motives for the murder that last December revolted a nation. Simultaneously he expressed horror at his deeds, asserted he had not lived in vain because, he said, he furnished a hideous example for American youth.

Reporters Hear of Warped Youthful Ideas
Chatting with newspapermen, the slayer discussed his life and his early ambition to become a minister.

Blaming "too much education" for his descent into crime, the youth asserted that lack of spiritual education in the homes caused most of the crime in the nation.

He told how his desire to be a minister deteriorated later into an ambition to be what he termed a "fiend incarnate," living without consideration or mercy to mankind. He even planned to lead the career of a super-criminal, masking his activities under the guise of a minister, he told the newspapermen.

His execution for the crime, he admitted, will be a good thing. It will not only constitute just punishment for him as a murderer, but it will center attention on conditions that permitted him to perpetrate his deed, he added.

Hickman went at length into the mental and moral readjustment that accompanied his attempts to become a super-criminal and concluded with a plea to young people to cling to the Christian faith and persevere in prayer and bible study.

"I am really sorry that I pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity," he declared. "I see now where it would have been best if I had stood up like a man, pleaded guilty and made my peace with God the way I should have done and paid the penalty."

57 New Members Enrolled By Y First Day Out

Fifty-seven new members were enrolled during the first day of the fall membership campaign of the Salem Y. M. C. A., it was announced at the noon luncheon Tuesday. More than one-sixth of the quota of 300 was subscribed, leaving 248 for the 10 teams to be used during the remaining five days of the campaign. Dr. Carl G. Doney gave the short address. Judge Coshov will speak at the luncheon today.

Walter Socolofsky had the individual high score of seven new members. Second highest enrollment was obtained by E. P. Wood with six members. Team scores were not tabulated.

The luncheon was served by Mrs. F. E. Brown, Mrs. Carrie Abrams, Mrs. C. A. Kells, Mrs. W. D. Wolfe, and Mrs. R. Lee Wood.

Woman Swimmer Hopes To Equal Zepp's Record

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Mrs. Lottie Moore Schommel broke the monotony of her non-stop float in a hotel swimming pool today long enough to grant a strange interview in which she confided a new-born ambition. She wants to make a record of staying up as long as the Graf Zeppelin did.

Mrs. Schommel is not at all sure she can do it, although supremely confident that she can continue to support herself in the unstable element without touching the sides or bottom of the pool for a total of three days and nights. This would give her a new world's record of 72 hours, shattering the mark of 65 hours, and two minutes set by a more man, Jimmy Cherry, last Sunday in Los Angeles.

"How long did the zeppelin stay up?" was one of the young woman's questions as she came nearer to the side of the pool after three days and nights afloat, raised one side of her bathing cap and dug the white grease out of her ear.

Daring Girl Flies at Dawn to Avoid Parental Opposition

Men Who Brought Zeppelin Over Atlantic Welcomed by Crowds



KATHRYN FALL

Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Statesman

ALLIANCE, O., Oct. 16.—To become an airplane pilot at 16, a girl must overcome a number of obstacles. And not the least among these is parental opposition.

But to Miss Kathryn Fall, a high school student and first girl pilot of Alliance, parental opposition has been just another one of those problems which the younger generation is so adept at solving.

Kathryn took her lessons in flying while her parents slept. She arose at 4 o'clock in the morning, slipped out to the airport, and a few minutes later was soaring over the roof of the Fall residence.

Five lessons and then a solo flight. Now Kathryn has developed big ideas about the flying racket. She expects to have a commercial license before her seventeenth birthday. Then she plans an attempt for the altitude record for women, and also a non-stop flight across the continent.

All this from a girl whose friends spent two years in persuading her to take an airplane ride. Yes, the call of the air has been heard by Kathryn Fall. No honeymoon but one by plane will do for her, she declares.

Yeon's Memory Gets High Honor

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Flags on buildings in the business district of Portland flew at half-mast today as a token of respect to the memory of John B. Yeon, capitalist and patron of good roads, who died here last night. Messages of regret and eulogy were received from all parts of the northwest, as the news of his death became known.

Washington State Senator Is Killed

COLFAX, Wash., Oct. 16.—(AP)—William H. Kirkman of Walla Walla, Washington state senator, was killed today, and five members of his party were injured when his automobile left the state highway near here today and plunged down an embankment. Senator Kirkman was crushed to death under the heavy car.

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NEW YORK CITY HAILS CREW OF HUGE DIRIGIBLE

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NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Two scores of gallant men who had shown a new way to the commerce of the air by their flight in the Graf Zeppelin from Germany, tonight were the guests of an enthusiastic city after a tumultuous welcome in the late afternoon.

The largest city of the land forgot its business for a time to hail the crew of the dirigible, synchrolic of a new era in transportation of passengers and cargoes.

At 3:50 p. m. the visitors were landed from the municipal tug Macom at the Battery, that small clear space at the tip of Manhattan on which the skyscrapers encroach as close as they can. Patient men and women had waited since early morning at the landing and a chorus of ten thousand voices was on hand to cheer. A light sprinkle of rain failed to diminish the crowds.

Parade Moves Up Famous Broadway
The grey office buildings had blossomed forth with the flags of the two republics, Germany and the United States, and from their upper stories, as the parade moved up Broadway, came that paper storm which office workers delight to shower on the heroes who pass below them.

The mounts of patrolmen cavorted ahead of the automobiles bearing the city's guests and behind marched smartly picked detachments of the army and navy. The sidewalks were packed from curb to wall and at street intersections extended further back.

The crowd cheered Dr. Hugo Eckener, the commander, and his son who dared the storm to repair the crippled ship. But it cheered as heartily the cook, the steward, mechanics and all the others of the little band. The last Germans whom New York had welcomed so enthusiastically were Baron Euenfeld and Captain Koehl of the airplane Bremen, first to cross the Atlantic from east to west.

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Dr. D. V. Poling Is Picked To Come To O. A. C. Again

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Dr. D. V. Poling, Albany minister and former Y. M. C. A. secretary here, will return to Oregon State college campus as a member of the extension service staff. He will become studio director and chief announcer for KOAC, college radio station.

Dr. Poling's appointment will not become effective until January 1, when the new 1000-watt station will be in operation. The new station will feature a schedule of programs consisting mainly of educational and service material, supplemented with special campus musical and athletic events.

New Hampshire Feels Distinct Shake In Earth

ASHUA, N. H., Oct. 16.—(AP)—A distinct earth tremor, accompanied by a deep rumble as though of thunder, was reported from several southern New Hampshire towns tonight.

Although in none of the cases reported was the tremor sufficiently severe to cause damage or alarm, it was distinct enough to attract residents of some of the towns effected to the streets to determine the cause.

What... They think of...

Salem's Y. M. C. A. and Its Value as a Civic Asset.

Now that the Salem Y. M. C. A. is conducting its membership drive, public attention is centered upon that organization in order to find out what citizens of Oregon's capital think of that organization and its value to Salem as a civic asset, the New Oregon Statesman asked a number of persons that question Tuesday. This is how they replied:

ARCHIE M. COOKE, paper mill worker, said: "Salem ought to be proud of its 'Y.' I have been around the country quite a lot and nowhere have I seen one that is doing more real good among the boys and young men. I'm a world war veteran and I know 'bullet proof' uniforms and all that and I once had a grouse on all 'Y' workers but that's all changed. It's a new world and a new order. Me for the 'Y.'"

MARY HUFF, 445 Oxford street, said: "I think the Y. M. C. A. is a decided success. There's one thing I hope will be continued and that is the Salem Y. M. C. A. as the strong asset it now is. That is that it be kept on its own budget. The Y. will get more if it is allowed to solicit its own funds instead of going on a community fund basis. The Y. M. C. A. investment in the city alone is worth quite a bit to the city, let alone the work that the Y does."

MRS. C. W. BECHLER, prominent member of the Salem War Mothers, said: "I think the 'Y' is first class. The city and the people here couldn't do without it. It is wonderful for what it does for the boys and for the grown-ups, too. The War Mothers hold their monthly business meetings in the lecture room at the 'Y' and we're very grateful for the hospitality and courtesy which we have always received."

DR. NORMAN KENDALL TULLY, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, said: "I'm thoroughly in favor of the Y. M. C. A. I wouldn't care to live in a town that didn't have a Young Men's Christian association. Of course, it isn't a mother church nor is it to supplant the church, but it is a mighty and effective arm of the church. All Protestant churches have united in advocating and working with this organization. Its four-fold program for development of the body, mind, spirit and social life is absolutely necessary in this present civilization."

W. S. LEVENS, local attorney and former state prohibition commissioner, said: "I think the Y. M. C. A. is un- (Turn to Page 2, Please.)"

GRAF ZEPPELIN TO VISIT IN AMERICA

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Suddenly changing the program of his campaign trip, which follows roughly the line of the recent tour of Governor Smith, the senator late today accepted an invitation to Salisburys Hoover support team to make a brief speech while traveling to Charlotte. He previously had planned to make only one address at Charlotte tomorrow night, but after his arrival there he moved to Salisbury, 40 miles northeast of Charlotte, to deliver tonight's speech.

The senator at the outset congratulated the women of the nation upon their "activity and their leadership in this campaign."

SOUTH GREET'S CURTIS ON HIS SPEAKING TOUR

G. O. P. Senator Attacks Smith on Immigration and Liquor Policies

AL's Nullification Plans Played in Speech Before Friendly Crowds

By FRANCIS M. STEPHENSON, Associated Press Staff Writer

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Governor Smith was assailed in North Carolina and Virginia today by Senator Curtis, republican vice-presidential nominee, for his proposal toward modification of the prohibition and immigration laws.

The vice-presidential nominee spoke at Petersburg, Va., this noon, and at Raleigh tonight. He said that the democratic presidential nominee had "forced" prohibition and immigration as issues, despite the platform of his party.

Welcomed by friendly crowds in both cities, Senator Curtis launched vigorously into his assault upon Governor Smith. He said the governor tried to overturn the platform on which he is nominated and disregarded the votes of his own party in congress in an effort to put over his own pet schemes.

Dry Amendment Is Defended Vigorously
"The prohibition amendment," Curtis declared, "is the result of nearly 100 years of effort and is here to stay. Control of the liquor question is a duty which was expressly delegated to and accepted by the federal government by every state in the union except two. There should be no attempt to evade that duty so accepted or to redelegate it to the states."

The senator declared that the proposal of Governor Smith to abandon the 18th amendment as a basis for fixing the quota allotments of restrictive immigration law would mean the entry into this country of "thousands more immigrants than we admit today."

Crowds met the car at Hendersonville, N. C. Senator Curtis appeared on the back platform and waved a greeting and also shook hands with as many as time would permit.

Reaching Raleigh another crowd was on hand at the station, giving the senator a cheer as he detrained. A band played and an automobile procession escorted him through the downtown section to his hotel.

SINCLAIR CONTRACT IS HELD WORTHLESS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The contract of the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing company through which it obtained government royalty oil worth \$33,757,350 between 1922 and 1928 from the Salt Creek field in Wyoming today was held to be invalid by Attorney General Sargent, who was instructed by President Coolidge to investigate the lease.

The interior department announced immediately after receiving the opinion that it would take steps at once to "carry into effect the legal conclusion of the attorney general" and prevent the further sale of the oil to the Sinclair company, a subsidiary of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil company.

The lease was negotiated by Albert B. Fall, then secretary of the interior, and now under indictment on charges of having conspired with Harry F. Sinclair to defraud the government in the lease of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve.

The ruling by Attorney General Sargent was based on two points. He wrote that he had "come to the conclusion that the contract referred to has no binding effect upon the United States."

The New Statesman
Friday Household Green
will tell in full detail the story of the Statesman's great cooking school, which is to start next Monday at the beautiful Elsinore theatre.

Prize List
will be printed in full and plans for the baking contest in which valuable awards will be made, will be reviewed.

Cooking School Plans Promise to Hold Major Interest for Housewife

President of Woman's Club Names Committees for School Period

When: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 22, 23, 24 and 25, starting each day at 2 p. m.

Where: The beautiful, comfortable and spacious Elsinore theatre.

Why: To bring to the attention of housewives, through the plan of Statesman service to its readers, the latest approved methods in household practice and domestic science.

What: The New Oregon Statesman's great free cooking school and home economics demonstration, in which the Salem Woman's club is cooperating.

There, rather graphically presented, are some of the most essential facts in connection with the great cooking school and home economics demonstration, conducted under the auspices of the New Oregon Statesman with the cooperation of the Salem Woman's club.

That the school will hold the major interest of housewives for the greater part of next week is indicated by the encouraging response the school is receiving in all quarters. Scores of inquiries are coming to the Statesman office every day regarding plans that are being completed as rapidly as possible.

Committees Named
Late Tuesday Mrs. A. L. Wallace, president of the Salem Woman's club, completed appointment of three committees that will carry out the plans of the club for cooperating with the school.

A committee on hospitality includes Mrs. William F. Fargo as chairman. A committee on prizes includes Mrs. W. D. Clark as chairman of a committee to conduct the big cake and pie making contest that will be an outstanding feature of the school session.

When judging of the entries is completed and prizes awarded, a large number of homewives is assured by the fact that the beautiful Elsinore theatre has been obtained for the period of the four-day school to be conducted in the theatre, there will be interesting lobby displays and some demonstrations.

In addition to the latest model Hotpoint electric range which will be given away free of cost as the chief prize in the big baking contest, there will be at least a score of other interesting prizes, many of them being arranged for with active Salem merchants by the Woman's club prize committee.

UNION HILL ROAD WORK ENDS TODAY

Graveling on Union Hill on the Silverton-Silver Creek Falls road, which has been one of the main undertakings of the Marion county road program during the 1928 season, will be completed today. F. O. Johnson, deputy roadmaster, made this announcement late Tuesday after a trip over the road.

"The rains held off just long enough," he said. "If they had started in earlier we would have been out of luck."

Of the remaining road program, the piece of road calling for the most work is on the road south of Silverton and almost directly east of Salem. It is estimated that this will be completed in about 10 days. Work will be continued here and elsewhere in the county, rain or shine.

"Union Hill, four or five miles out of Silverton, was the only place where rains would have stopped us," said Mr. Johnson. "Where we're graveling the other road, we have a strip already put through, and when we come to patch roads that are already gravelled, we can do a better job in rainy, than in dry weather."

CITY UNITES IN GREETING DRUM CORPS

Triumphant Legionnaires get Warm Welcome on Arrival Home

Throng Cheer as Parade Is Staged—Banquet and Reception Follow

All Salem joined in welcoming home the drum and bugle corps of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, Tuesday night.

From all appearances the city's entire population was at the railroad station to join in the spontaneous roar of welcome that greeted the boys appearing on the train. Practically every person there probably saw 8,000 people to view the event, but whatever the standing room capacity was, that many were there. Thousands Applauded Victorious Corps

Every inch of space for a quarter of a mile along the tracks and back as far as Twelfth street was occupied; and more crowds lined Twelfth street down to State, and State street from Twelfth on down to the business district, to view the gala procession from the train to the armory. More than 10,000 persons applauded the drum corps sometime between the time that it departed from the train and the time that it dispersed to prepare for the banquet given in its honor at the Marion hotel.

The train was late, but that was all because Oregon people everywhere along the route north from California line wanted to honor the Salem drum corps, adjudged second best in the United States; they insisted on the corps parading at every stop the train made; and the waiting crowds here, informed of the reason for the delay, just enough to let them know they had arrived, if the cheering crowds weren't enough.

As the parade which formed at the station proceeded down Twelfth street the American Legion special train passed it, the sirens of the Portland drum corps sounding fraternal felicitations to the successful corps.

The parade was headed by a police escort and the boy scout color bearers, who were followed by the Spanish war veterans, the Salem municipal band, the boy scouts in marching order, two automobiles carrying state, city and legion officials, a detachment of Cherrians, the drum corps, another detachment of Cherrians, and the cars carrying the families of the drum corps members.

The banquet in honor of the drum corps was held at the Marion hotel at 8 o'clock. Reception at Elks Temple Final Event

The final numbers on the welcoming program to the drum corps were the reception and dance given in the Elks temple. Officers of the Elks formed the informal receiving line.

The Elks orchestra played concert music for the reception in the main parlors, and dance music for the big ballroom on the second floor was furnished by Russell Butler's Troubadours. Both the Elks orchestra and the Troubadours gave their services gratuitously.

The ballroom and the parlors were decked with large art baskets of yellow chrysanthemums, and the ballroom was lighted with shaded red and blue lamps.

Banquet for Drum Corps Is Brilliant and Colorful

Members of Salem's American Legion drum corps learned at first hand what their state and their home city think of them from the banquet of Governor Patterson and Mayor Lively Tuesday night at the banquet tendered them in the main dining room of the Marion hotel and if their heads are not a bit swelled today in consequence it is because eloquent praise and flattering appreciation cannot accomplish that result.

Probably no more colorful or brilliant banquet ever was staged in Oregon's capital than that arranged by Douglas McKay, commander of Salem post, for the returning drum corps, their wives and a limited list of distinguished guests.

Commander McKay, acting as master of ceremonies, announced at the start that there would be no ceremony. He added that, due to the limited time before the reception and dance, only two speeches would be made and that these would be limited to five minutes each. He then presented Governor Patterson who, with voice shaken by emotion, welcomed the triumphant corps in the name of Oregon.

AL SMITH ATTACKS REPUBLICAN CLAIMS

Economy of G. O. P. Administration Viewed Skeptically in Address

SEDALIA, Mo., Oct. 16.—(AP)—A challenge to republican claims of economy in administration of the federal government was issued tonight by Governor Alfred E. Smith, who declared in the only formal speech prepared for delivery before a Missouri audience that according to his idea the Harding and Coolidge regimes had been "wasteful as any the country had ever seen."

"They attempted to give away our natural resources," he said. "They have postponed and neglected the most pressing needs."

The democratic nominee explained there were three pictures he desired to place before the country, one, he said, was that which the republican party would like to have the American people believe, "that showing great efficiency and great economy."

Own Claims Held
The second, he added, was a picture "setting up real facts which shows that the government is costing more this year than when President Coolidge took office" while the third he argued disclosed the "republican lack of ability, lack of efficiency and lack of business methods."

The governor contended that republicans were "lacking an issue," and for that reason had attempted to put into the minds of the people what "they are pleased to term Coolidge economy" and declare he regarded this as the "grossest misrepresentation" so far made. Further, he said that Herbert Hoover, the republican standard bearer, had a "large share in the painting of this false picture when, in his speech of acceptance, he said:

"Hoover's Statement Held Misleading
"By rigorous economy federal expenses have been reduced by two billion dollars per annum."

Asserting that "no more misleading statement could be made in the campaign," the democratic nominee added that Mr. Hoover "knows better, or should know better."

"He knows, or he should know," the governor went on, "that the two billion dollar reduction is the difference between the peace-time cost of government and the war-time cost of government."

Three Prisoners Break From Jail Hunt Being Made

EUGENE, Oct. 16.—(AP)—A search was being made here today for three prisoners who escaped last night from the Lane county jail. The men were George Peel, Floyd S. Minnick and James Ward. The break was not discovered until this morning.

Two one-inch steel bars of the common kind in which the men were held, were cut through by back saws, and a heavy screen piled off. A brother of Minnick, held in the jail, did not attempt to leave.

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"Your state appreciates what you have done and is proud of you," he exclaimed. "Further, while you have come home with

second honors this time I predict now that you will place first in Louisville, Kentucky, next year."

Mayor Lively was presented and voiced, in feeling language, the gratitude of Salem for the honors won for this city through the drum corps. "You have placed this city on America's map permanently," he said, "and we are for you—every man, woman and child in your home town."