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## R. O. HICKMAN DEAD

### ONE OF MONTANA'S FOREMOST MEN.

Close of a Busy and Brilliant Career—His Early Life on the Frontier—A Sketch of His Life—How the News was Received in Virginia.

A telegram received in this city last Sunday morning, announcing the death of the Hon. R. O. Hickman, which occurred in a Chicago hospital about 7:30 Saturday evening. Mr. Hickman is known to have been hovering between life and death for some time, in fact a few days ago a Helena paper announced that his demise was momentarily expected and the news was therefore expected by his friends. The sorrow of this community, and of Southern Montana, in fact, is of the kind which leaves no doubt as to its sincerity. Mr. Hickman, unlike many of those who have gone away from this city, chose to call Virginia his home. His funeral occurred in Helena yesterday afternoon and was largely attended.

### THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH.

He Met With an Accident While attending to Duty.

In September, 1893, Mr. Hickman met with the accident which eventually caused his death. It happened while in the discharge of duty in the wilds of an almost trackless forest. He and Hon. Granville Stuart, now American minister to Uruguay and Paraguay, had started out early in the month to make selections of lands for state purposes in the Flathead country. Owing to the nature of the country and its utter wildness, the trip had to be made on horseback, with a pack outfit. Stormy weather was encountered, rain fell in torrents, swelling streams and making their fording difficult and dangerous. Notwithstanding the hardships that had necessarily to be undergone, the two men pushed on and accomplished, for the most part, the object of their trip. They were each old timers, inured to privations and hardships of the camp, and no ordinary difficulty could deter them. But on Sept. 30, during a heavy storm in a pine forest, through which they were pushing their way, occurred an accident, which in more civilized surroundings might not have been very serious, but to them—at least one of them—was nothing short of a calamity. Mr. Hickman was in the lead, when suddenly his horse slipped, and in falling, jammed its rider against a great pine tree, breaking his right arm above the elbow.

The two men were many miles from the nearest ranch and still further to where proper surgical attention might be had. After a hurried consultation it was decided to push on as rapidly as possible to the settlement and the march was taken up immediately. It was several days before the first ranch was reached and they were days of awful agony to the injured man. The trail was being continually lost and Mr. Hickman, who was the better woodsman of the two, often had to make side trips to find it. In one of these he fell over a great log and before regaining his feet he endured the most frightful agony. On several occasions he fainted from the fearful pain. Every step of the horse, no matter how smooth the trail, brought awful agony from the broken, helpless arm roughly bound to his side. Finally the settlement was reached and the rest of the journey to the town of Kalspell was made by wagon. It was this awful experience that wrecked the iron constitution of Mr. Hickman. When he reached home he was given surgical attention at once, but the delay had been too long. He had finally to go to a hospital at Chicago where his injured arm was taken out from the shoulder. At first this operation was thought to have been very successful, but in time symptoms of a disease began to show and Mr. Hickman suffered intensely. At length the beginning of the end came. Mr. Hickman had to leave of

work and go to the Chicago hospital again. That was early last fall, and he has been there ever since. Now and then his condition became more favorable and his friends hoped to see him home, but for the last few months it was apparent that he was getting worse and that the end was approaching. His wife went to him in the winter and remained by his bedside almost constantly until the end.

### HIS EARLY HISTORY.

He Was a Pioneer in All That the Term Implies.

Hon. Richard Owen Hickman was born in Shelby county, Ky., Nov. 1, 1831. The progenitor of the family in America, an Episcopal minister and a native of England, came to this country in the early history of the colonies and settled in the Old Dominion. James Hickman, his grandfather, was a patriot in the revolutionary war, served through that struggle, and after the war reared a family of 10 children. He lived to be 90 years old. In the family of nine sons and one daughter, William the third born, was the father of Richard O. In 1810 he went to Shelby county, Ky., where he subsequently married to Miss Mary Cardwell, a native of Virginia and two years younger than himself. They continued to reside in Kentucky until 1833, when they removed to Illinois, where Mr. Hickman took a claim of government land and where he resided up to the time of his death. He died in Springfield in 1874. With the early history of Illinois he was prominently identified. He served as a member of the state legislature and for several years was a judge of Saganon county. For 65 years he was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife died in 1835, soon after their removal to Illinois. In their family there were eight children, Richard being the seventh born. Six of his brothers and sisters are still living.

The earliest recollections of Richard Hickman were of his life on his father's farm on the frontier of Illinois, he being about two years old at the time of their removal there. He went to school in the primitive log school house near his home, but for the most part his youthful days were spent in farm work. When he grew older he took a course in Esterbrook's high school in Springfield. In this and the dear school of experience he was educated.

In April, 1852, young Hickman severed home ties, and, with a party of 32 men, started overland for California. They left Independence, May 5, and after the usual experience on the plains arrived at Nevada plains Aug. 17. He began placer mining on the south Yuba river, 12 miles below Nevada City, and after a fall's work, found himself the possessor of \$2,500. He continued mining in California, at several places with varying success. While mining 10 miles below Downieville, in Jim Crow canyon, he found a piece of gold that weighed 13 ounces. He was in California 11 years, a part of the time trading in miners' supplies. At Orleans Flat he invested in a quartz mine and lost heavily. He and his partners had invested all their money and were \$18,000 in debt. Their creditors allowed them \$11,000 for the mine and two of the owners paid the rest. Mr. Hickman paying \$6,000. At this time a friend of his, a banker, backed him for 1,600 to buy an express route from Nevada City to Eureka. On this he carried the mails and freighted, and in two years he made money enough to pay all his debts. In 1863, on account of ill health, he sold out, receiving \$2,500 for his business, and returned to his home in Illinois, making the journey by way of the isthmus. He remained in Illinois during the winter and until the month of March, and finding his health but little improved, he decided to cross the plains again, and accordingly started for St. Joseph, Mo.

Upon his arrival there, Mr. Hickman found a party preparing for a journey to Montana. He joined them. He purchased three wagons and 12 yoke of oxen, loaded his wagons with miners' supplies, and in due time landed in Alder gulch. There he disposed of his goods at a fair profit and returned to Illinois in order to vote for Abraham Lincoln for president. In April, 1865, he again

purchased an outfit and started for Montana, this time coming by way of Bitter Creek and Soda Springs, arriving at Virginia City Sept. 16. Here he disposed of his horses and wagons and on the 28th day of November started on horseback for Walla Walla, thence on to Portland, where he took the steamer for San Francisco. Much of the route then traveled by him is the one over which the Northern Pacific now runs. At that time there was only a ranch house on the site of the present thriving city of Spokane. He made the trip through the country with a view to buying cattle. Upon his arrival in San Francisco he purchased a stock of wines, liquors, and tobacco, shipped it to Los Angeles, there loaded his goods on wagons and started overland for Montana, expecting to reach his destination on the 1st of May. On account of various delays, however, it was not until June 8 that the journey was completed, and by this time merchandise had begun to arrive by steamer from St. Louis to Fort Benton. His freights were 31 cents a pound in gold dust, and the freights by the steamer were 12 cents in greenbacks. The difference was so great that he met with a great loss. The man with whom he had left his cattle had sold them, taking the money, and skipped the country.

After these misfortunes Mr. Hickman engaged in freighting. Later he started a store at Silver Bow. In 1868 he turned his attention to the dairying business in Alder gulch, also buying and selling cattle, and in this business he continued a considerable time. For some time he was a stock holder in various mines, but sold his mining stock advantageously and invested more largely in lands. He was among the first in Montana to introduce the breeding of thoroughbred shorthorns.

In 1869, Mr. Hickman was elected a member of the legislative assembly of the territory of Montana. There were 29 members, he and two others being the only Republicans. In 1871, when the territorial treasurer defaulted, Gov. Potts appointed him to take charge of the office and straighten out its affairs, and for four years after he served as treasurer of the territory. The capital was then at Virginia City. When it was removed to Helena he resigned his office. Afterward he held several minor offices from that time up to 1876, when he was elected a delegate to the national Republican convention at Cincinnati. In that convention he aided in putting Gen. Hayes in nomination for president. In the fall of 1876 he was elected a member of the tenth assembly of the territory, and served two years. He opposed all subsidies that were introduced. He was an able and conscientious member.

In 1878 he was elected to the council, and was re-elected in 1880 and 1882, and again in 1886, in the latter year being chosen president of the council, in which capacity he served in the extra session of 1887. In 1889 he was elected a member of the constitutional convention, and in October of that year was elected state treasurer, thus being the first state treasurer of Montana. He served until January, 1893, and was appointed, Feb. 11, 1893, to the office of state land agent by Gov. Rickards. Mr. Hickman was married Aug. 8, 1872 to Miss Maggie Perrill, a descendant of an old Virginia family. They have two daughters—Gertrude, wife of W. B. Thompson, of Helena, and Rita, now visiting with relatives on the coast.

In the meantime he had embarked in the clothing business in this city, and only a few months ago sold his establishment to J. Albright, his former manager.

Mr. Hickman joined Forest City lodge of Odd Fellows, in California, in 1855, and held nearly all the chairs in the order, and last affiliated with Virginia City Lodge, No. 7. He took the first degree in masonry in Whitman lodge, in Orleans, California, in 1858, completing the second and third degrees in Nevada lodge, Virginia City, and is Past Grand Master of the lodge of Montana; past high priest of the grand chapter, and grand treasurer of the grand commandery. He is a member of the pioneer society of Madison county, and also the state pioneer society.

### ODD FELLOWS' TRIBUTE

They Pass Resolutions in Memory of a Worthy Brother.

Immediately on receipt of the news of Mr. Hickman's death, telegrams of condolence were sent to the family by a number of prominent citizens of this city. Virginia Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., of which the deceased was a charter member, held a special meeting Tuesday evening. The four lodges of the order in Helena were instructed by the local lodge to attend the funeral.

At a regular meeting of the lodge held at their hall Friday evening, July 26, 1895, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from membership here, our beloved brother, Richard O. Hickman, and

Whereas, We desire to give fitting expression to our recognition of his worth and virtues, and

Whereas, During his twenty years of affiliation with Virginia Lodge, No. 7, he endeared himself to every member as an Odd Fellow; as a friend and neighbor, and as a citizen; his life constantly exemplifying the highest ideals of Odd Fellowship and manhood, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, his brethren in regular session assembled, while bowing reverently to the wise Providence of the Grand Master of the Universe, none the less feel the loss which his death has inflicted on us and that his fellowship with us will ever be held in loving remembrance.

That we tender to the widow and children of our deceased brother, the sincere condolence of the members of Virginia Lodge No. 7, in their great sorrow.

That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge; that the charter of the lodge be draped in mourning, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of our brother, and to the MADISONIAN and Monitor for publication.

A. J. BENNETT,  
J. M. HERNDON,  
S. R. BUFORD.

Com.  
Hon. Alex Metzger, who was delegated to represent Virginia Lodge at the funeral, left for Helena Wednesday.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore, requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only medicinal cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for anyone who can cure a case of Catarrh of the bladder. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

### Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of the Second Judicial District of Montana, in and for the County of Silver Bow, in an action wherein James Davidson is plaintiff and N. T. Nelson is defendant, upon a judgment rendered the 11th day of October A. D. 1894 for the sum of one hundred and forty-six dollars, lawful money of the United States, besides interest and costs and accruing costs, I have this day levied upon all the right, title, claim, and interest of said defendant N. T. Nelson, et. in and to the following described real estate to wit: One fourth interest in the Tidal Wave Quartz Lode Mining claim, one third interest in the Great Western Quartz Lode Mining claim, one third interest in the Excelsior Quartz Lode Mining claim, and one third interest in the Chilli Fraction Quartz Lode claim, all in Sand Creek Mining District, in the County of Madison, and State of Montana.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 10th day of August A. D. 1895, at one o'clock p. m. of said day, in front of the Court House Door of the County of Madison, I will sell at public auction for cash in hand, lawful money of the United States, all the right, title, claim, and interest of said defendant N. T. Nelson et. in and to the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, with interest and costs, to the highest and best bidder.

JOSEPH I. HAINES,  
Sheriff.

Dated July 13, 1895. 30-46  
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### Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Anna Lyon, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Executors of the estate of Anna Lyon, deceased, to the creditors of said deceased, to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to said executors at the store of Wm. Ennis, in the Town of Ennis, County of Madison, State of Montana. Claimants and Wm. Ennis, and GKO. LYON, Executors of the Estate of Anna Lyon, deceased.  
Dated at Ennis, Mont. this 25th day of July, 1895. 33-48