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POPE SINKING RAPIDLY AND THE END IS NEAR

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Rome April 16.—The pope is dying and the end is but a question of hours according to the pontiff's brother and sisters and high church dignitaries. An attaché at the vatican who is in a position to know the facts gave me this information tonight. Dr. Machiavelli refuses to abandon hope and asked if he believed there was any chance for the pope to recover or even rally. Dr. Amici shook his head but refused to voice comment. At 6 o'clock this evening the members of the pope's family were requested to remain nearby to hold themselves in readiness for the final summons to the bedside. Dr. Amici told them the pope could not possibly survive the night.

Residents in Rome have abandoned all hope of the pope's recovery and everywhere preparations are being made which tend to confirm the general belief that the pope will not live the night through.

Early in the day bulletins were issued saying the pontiff passed a good night but immediately after noon there was a sudden call of physicians and friends.

The pope called all his servants, with him since he left Venice, and bade goodbye and gave apostolic blessings to each one of them—cooks, gardeners and grooms.

STUDENTS HEAR LECTURE.

University of Oregon zoology Professor Heard in Local School.

Birds formed the theme of an address heard by grade and high school students at the high school auditorium. The speaker was John F. Howard, department of zoology at the University of Oregon at Eugene. The various grades assembled in auditorium to hear the university speaker tell of birds, bird life and kindred subjects.

Convention Profitable.

Senator E. E. Kiddle returned today from Pendleton where he attended the Columbia-Snake Rivers Waterways convention yesterday. The business and speeches all took a decided turn of optimism. "If the conventions thus held can gain up-river navigation Union county will profit thereby in dollars and cents" said Mr. Kiddle this morning. "It will reduce transportation charges, giving us water rates as soon as we reach Umatilla."

C. F. Richardson of Kennewick, R. O. Beach of Lewiston, and W. R. Struble of Lewiston were elected president, vice president and secretary.

BAKERS TO HAVE BANKERS

Group Six Convention Invitations Received Here by Local Fans.

Local banks today received warm invitations to have representatives at the Group Six convention of bankers in Baker May 10. All bankers in Grant, Malheur, Harney, Union, Wallowa and Baker counties are to be represented.

At the last meeting of the state association the banks of the state were divided into groups. These groups will meet and discuss matters which will eventually be taken up at the state meeting. This district, which is group six, comprises 25 banking cities and towns and has 35 banks. It is believed that practically all of these will send one or two representatives. The meeting being the first it is expected that the principal to be accomplished will be that of organization and election of officers.

'LOVE FEAST' CHARMS MANY OF TWO CITIES

JUNKET TO BAKER MARKED
WITH SPLENDID SUCCESS
FROM EVERY VIEWPOINT

BAKER WELCOME IS WARM

La Grander Feast and Frolic as
Guests of Baker's Hospitality—Evening Replete With Top-Notch Entertainment—Locals Loudly Praise Friendship Displayed at Baker Gathering.

"Baker, Baker, how we love you; Baker, Baker, how we love you—"

Thus sang the delegation of La Grande business men early this morning as they departed on train No. 5 from one of the most pleasant visits they have ever had. The occasion was a "get acquainted" and "get together" meeting of La Grande and Baker citizens arranged by Secretary Humphreys of the La Grande Commercial club and Secretary Harry O'Gorman of the Baker organization.

Leaving here yesterday afternoon on the "pony" about forty business men invaded Baker to renew old friendships and see how the capital of Baker county is getting along. The delegation was met at the train by almost the entire business element of Baker, who with automobiles and loud sounding horns, began the moment the train whistled into the city, to show the men from here a "Baker time," which is translated now as a first class time filled with earnest friendship and loyalty of neighbor to neighbor.

The afternoon was spent in visiting Baker's business enterprises and new buildings including the handsome Y. M. C. A. structure and the Catholic hospital, each of which is a magnificent improvement.

At 7:30 o'clock in the evening the Geiser Grand grill room was thrown open and Proprietor Mittauer, better known as "Mitt" seated his guests comfortably for an evening's feasting. Toastmaster Billy Levens, with his never failing supply of humor and his alertness for points of interest, presided in a most able manner. Following an elaborate dinner Mayor Palmer of Baker extended the golden keys of the city to the La Grande crowd, and in a neat speech reviewed his early career in the Grande Ronde when cayuse and papoose were still citizens of this valley. Responses from a number of La Grande men followed and throughout the evening speeches full of enthusiasm for the Eastern Oregon country were delivered in rapid succession. In the orchestra balcony Prof. Dade Haines and his artists not only enlivened the occasion, but through out the evening music burst forth as the occasion demanded. The orchestra needed no cue and no prompting but found the right chord at the right time. When Charles A. Johns, a former Baker citizen who happened to be there for the evening, finished speaking Prof. Haines' orchestra rendered "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot," when F. L. Meyers of La

Grande in his talk urged harmony and earnest co-operation through Eastern Oregon the Haines orchestra caught up his last words with the strains of "Everybody's Doin' It," and when Tom Montgomery, cashier of the First National bank of Baker, delivered his heart-to-heart talk on taxes and business the orchestra followed him immediately with a few strains of "Texas Tommy."

And so, throughout the entire evening goodfellowship was pronounced. From the time "Bill" Ellis and Chas. Breck, as advance guard, met the people from here on the depot platform, until the last goodbye had been said, and the strains of "Baker, Baker, how we love you" had died away on the crisp morning air, there was that pronounced and discernible ambition in the heart of everyone to unite and stand shoulder to shoulder for the advancement and welfare of the great country "east of the mountains."

The object of the meeting was two fold. First, it was to renew the friendships between the two cities, and second, it was for the purpose of starting a movement whereby the Eastern Oregon country may be able to unite in a political and commercial manner and thus obtain the recognition that she is entitled to have in state affairs.

It was, according to everyone who attended from here, one of the greatest occasions ever held in this part of the state.

ANDERSON AN EASY WINNER

DECISION AWARDED IN THE 15TH
ROUND.

Brown Knocked Down a Dozen Times
During Fight's Progress.

Vernon, April 16.—Bud Anderson of Vancouver, Wn., so far outdistanced K. O. Brown here last night that he was given the decision in the 15th round. Brown was given a terrible beating. He was knocked down a dozen times and to prevent further punishment, it having been clearly demonstrated that the Vancouver lad was the master of the bout, the referee awarded the decision to Anderson in the 15th round.

Birth Record.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baum, April 14, a daughter.

"THE WORLD IS MINE."



—Macaulay in New York World.

DIXIE FARMS LOSING MONEY BY BILLIONS

GREAT CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT GRASPS SOUTHERN FARM LEADERS.

PRODUCTION METHOD BAD

Marketing System in the South Also Held to Be Improper and Conference Commencing Day With Attempt to Right Fault—Wrong Borrowing of Money Another Source of Heavy Losses.

Richmond, Va., April 16.—On the theory that the farmers of Dixie annually lose six billion dollars which they might receive for their crops under proper systems of production and marketing, a great co-operative movement was launched here today at a farmer's conference, the sixteenth educational meeting of its kind to be held in the south. In the two-day program will appear two score authorities on agriculture, finance and general organization, many of them successful farmers themselves.

It was pointed out that the virtual waste of six billion dollars is caused by poor farming methods, unwise borrowing of money and the purchase of supplies the farmers themselves can produce. It is proposed that the farmer market his crop co-operatively; buy goods in the same manner, and borrow money from co-operative societies. This plan, those behind the movement claim, will add to the farmer's income; he will be able to spend more on the pleasant as well as the useful things of life, to build better roads, to maintain better schools, and to make country life better in every way.

This would also have the effect of checking the exodus from the farm to the cities, promoters of the idea declare. With this increase in the rural population, when the young people find life the gay, will come in time an increase in the amount of

foodstuffs raised and a corresponding decrease in the cost of living.

Prof. John Lee Coulter, expert special agent for the Census Bureau, has estimated that the value of all southern farm products is \$2,500,000,000 a year, but that they cost consumers twice that amount. Southern farmers, he estimates, spend most of their two and a half billions for farm supplies, food, clothing and the like, and of this one billion goes to the middlemen of all classes. Southern agriculturists, Coulter also figures, lose an additional two and a half billions each year because of poor farming methods. They could double their yield by crop diversification and other improvements, if it were not for the "advance system" under which the creditor forces the farmer to plant "cash crops" year in and year out.

This financing of the Southern farm is one of the biggest questions to be considered by the conference. It is estimated that the farmers south of Mason and Dixon's line lose \$163,000,000 yearly because of excessive interest rates—much of which they might retain if they controlled their own credit systems and agencies for marketing and buying.

Among the experts who will start

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ALICE-IMBLER TEAM WINNER

LOCAL CHECKER PLAYERS FIND
MATCH AT LAST.

Victors Take Thirteen Victories, and
Swamp Local Adepts.

Alice and Imbler checker players combined under one head proved too much for the La Grande Y. M. C. A. Checker club last night and carried off the honors of the match with 13 games won, as to nine won for La Grande and three draws. The playing was very keen throughout. The result of the playing was:

- 1—Clever lost to Jenkins.
- 2—Chenault beat Berger.
- 3—Walsinger lost to Connor.
- 4—Hill beat Laufman.
- 5—Huron beat Love.
- 6—Clever lost to Love.
- 7—Chenault lost to Jenkins.
- 8—Walsinger beat Berger.
- 9—Hill beat Connor.
- 10—Huron beat Laufman.
- 11—Clever lost to Laufman.
- 12—Chenault beat Love.
- 13—Walsinger draws Jenkins.
- 14—Hill beat Berger.
- 15—Huron draws Connor.
- 16—Clever beat Connor.
- 17—Chenault beat Laufman.
- 18—Walsinger lost to Love.
- 19—Hill lost to Jenkins.
- 20—Huron beat Berger.
- 21—Chenault beat Berger.
- 22—Chenault lost to Connor.
- 23—Walsinger lost to Laufman.
- 24—Hill beat Love.
- 25—Huron draws Jenkins.

Kelly Funeral Held.

The funeral of the late G. W. Kelly, who died on Monday was held this afternoon from the Carr chapel. Geo. W. Kelly was born Sept. 29, 1832, in Union county, Penn., where he spent his early life, later coming to Constantine, Michigan, in 1880, to Farbank, Minn. where he made his home until 1904. The family came to La Grande where they have since resided.

Those remaining to mourn the loss of a father are George W. Jr., Mrs. E. E. Myers of La Grande, Mrs. C. R. Fox of Des Moines, Iowa, also four stepchildren, B. A. and W. A. Benham of La Grande, G. B. of Portland, Mrs. Frank Terry of Orlando, Fla.; also two sisters, Mrs. Turner of Milton, Pa., and Mrs. Ann Young of Perry, Iowa.

BIG SUM SPENT FOR NEW HOMES EARLY IN 1913

OVER \$36,000 IN PERMITS ISSUED FOR WINTER AND SPRING MONTHS.

REPAIRS ARE BIG ITEMS

Numerous New Homes Contracted For and Repairs are Extensive—Big Projects Yet to Come—Wide Area of the City Represented in Building Activity—Total to Date \$36,150.00

Up to date, considerably over \$36,000 have been spent in repairs for residences and erection of buildings for dwelling purposes in La Grande. The city's building permits records show that building activities up to date and in sight for the immediate year is eight—several big building projects are not listed yet including the West-Jacobs and M. E. church buildings. During the present month and the month of March, numerous residences in a wide area of the city were commenced, and there are at least a dozen residences to be commenced the latter part of the month. On the whole this year has kept pace with last year's banner first four months. The repairs and new dwellings under project in 1912 up to this date, follow:

January.	
E. O. Maris, frame dwelling	
Cedar bet'n M. and N st.	\$150.00
W. T. Patten frame dwelling	
O bet'n Cherry & Willow	\$1000.00
B. E. Webb, shop, N Second	\$75.00
E. Monsell residence on W. bet'n N 1st and N Depot	\$100.00
Dr. R. E. L. Holt, res. Adams and Hospital st.	2000.00
John Adkin, res. between L and Cedar on F	350.00
Emma Williams, repairs dwelling	350.00
Total for January	\$5,250.00

February.	
John Fee dwelling Cove ave	\$150.00
Chas. F. Becker dwelling A. avenue	1600.00
Wm. Rollings, dwelling N. Cherry	600.00
J. H. McClachlin, repair dwelling Third street	265.00
Edna Rohan dwell 4th st.	900.00
Total	\$3,455.00

March.	
Al Good, repair res Monroe	\$ 250.00
Bruce Dennis res Wash ave	3000.00
L. Pennwell, rep res N Depot	400.00
W. H. Scull new res L ave	1800.00
W. S. Landry, new barn Cove avenue	50.00
Wm. Anderson rep res Y av	25.00
Lars Johnson new res Bird avenue	1600.00
H. W. Nibley new res Cove avenue	1300.00
J. A. Denning, new res	800.00
C. M. St. Cor new res Oak	1200.00
W. S. Snook rep res Z ave	30.00
West-Jacobs (basement) Adams and Elm	2500.00
E. Daniels, res Cedar st.	350.00
Geo. T. Cochran rep res Wash Wash and First	900.00
E. C. Davis shop on S ave.	200.00
Geo. L. Bussey new shop Penn avenue	150.00

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