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**OPAL ERSKINE IS PRIZE WINNER**

Opal Erskine, 11 months old, was adjudged the best developed baby in this section of the county at the baby show held at the fair grounds Wednesday afternoon. She won first prize in a close contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Erskine of this city. Margaret Thompson also eleven months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Thompson won second prize. Dr. Conroy acted as judge.

Other proud exhibitors of babies that were all superior to any other babies in the world, regardless of county fairs and baby judges, included Mr. and Mrs. George Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. Cave Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Obenchain, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. Duffy, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Lindley, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harvey.

Today the judges, who are Dr. Conroy, Mrs. John Root, Mrs. F. E. Merrick and Mrs. J. F. Mundy, will decide which is the handsomest baby in Jackson county. This is expected to result in tears, if not bloodshed, but anyone who cares anything for babes should not fail to get to the fair grounds early and see the best valuable crop that southern Oregon produces.

**TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IN ASHLAND NEXT WEDNESDAY**

Headquarters for teachers during the teachers' institute to be held at Ashland, September 25-27 will be at the Hotel Oregon. Other hotels expecting to accommodate teachers are the Columbia and East Side Inn.

Teachers are requested to make arrangements for hotel accommodations before arriving in Ashland, because the hotels will doubtless be crowded on account of the district fair.

A committee of Ashland teachers will meet incoming trains Tuesday evening. Those arriving Wednesday morning not having hotel accommodations will go to the high school building on Iowa street and there report to the entertainment committee.

**GERALD SOOY-SMITH IS ALLEY WINNER**

In a special match last night on the Nat alleys, Sooy-Smith took Champion Patton's measure in a series of five games. The high game of the series was rolled by Gerald Sooy-Smith, who started right after the title by capturing the two first games, but Patton annexed the next two and the spectators were treated to a battle royal in the last game, which "Jerry" finally captured by striking out from the seventh frame, winning 192 to 189. All hail to the new champion and long may he hold his title.

Patton's colts defeated Sooy-Smith's team three straight in the match game and are now ready to bowl the team of Company 7.

**SUFFRAGETTES WILL BE IN PARADE TONIGHT**

The anti-suffragettes of Medford are to be given a body blow tonight. Not only are the suffragettes to be in the "Made in Medford" parade, but they are to pack an auto full of suffrage babies, while the mothers who are working for the cause of votes for women will come up in the rear in eight autos.

At noon today all suffragettes in southern Oregon are requested to meet at the Hotel Holland at 12 o'clock for luncheon and a business meeting.

In their float tonight the ladies will stage a burlesque embodying the idea of the anti-suffragette of what home would be like if mother went to the polls. It is expected that C. E. Whisler will take the part of the head of the family.

**TO FAIR GROUNDS.**

25 cents will be charged each way per person to and from the fair grounds by the Hall & Meyers Taxi Co., from and to their stand at Hotel Nash. Take the brown cars. 154\*

**THE "BOOBS" CONVENTION**

THE Bull Moose state convention at Salem this week has not helped the cause in Oregon. Instead it comes dangerously near making the movement a joke.

Theodore Roosevelt received 22,000 votes in the republican primaries. There have been no primaries, not even the soap box variety, held since to legally organize a Roosevelt party in Oregon. Instead a few self-elected delegates have constituted an assembly of their own and by practicing all the political tricks of the discarded conventions, named a ticket that has no endorsement outside of their own number.

There were 125 delegates at the convention, mostly from Portland. Sixteen out of thirty-four counties were represented by small delegations. The other counties were not represented. Most of the nominees are Portland men.

Dan Kellaher, who was nominated by the republicans as presidential elector, but has since joined the Bull Moose, and announces that he will vote for Roosevelt, was named to head the Bull Moose ticket as presidential elector. He refuses to resign from the republican ticket. He is thus both on the Taft and Roosevelt tickets. By this action, the Bull Moose is stealing a Taft elector, thus repudiating its high moral pretensions.

A. E. Clark, who was nominated for United States senator is unknown outside of Portland, where he is rated as a mediocre lawyer. He recently got into the limelight by being shot and slightly wounded at Salem from behind a tree at the capitol grounds. He was then engaged as special prosecutor against Louis J. Wilde in Oregon Trust and Savings bank case. His assailant was never discovered, and it was hinted that he shot himself to help his cause.

The convention repudiated Senator Jonathan Bourne, the foremost progressive in the state, and the only one with a national reputation. It further demonstrated its ingratitude by repudiating former Senator F. W. Mulkey, who managed Roosevelt's primary campaign and put up most of the money, and who was the first republican in Oregon to follow Roosevelt out of the party fold. These men, either of whom would have lent strength and dignity to the new party, were relegated to the rear for a lightweight to fame unknown.

Talk about the rule of the bosses! Does anyone suppose for a fraction of a minute, that Clark would have been the choice of the rank and file against either Bourne or Mulkey? What has he ever done to win recognition as a progressive statesman? How many of the 22,000 Roosevelt voters would have voted for Clark, the choice of 51 of the self-elected delegates?

State Senator Joseph was named for supreme court justice, but he refuses to qualify. Bert E. Kennedy, of Portland was named for secretary of state because Bruce Dennis, who was paid press agent for Ben Selling in his primary campaign, didn't like Ben Olcott, and this raises the question as to whether or not Dennis did not force Clark's nomination to aid Selling. John W. Campbell of Roseburg, also unknown, was named for congressman against Hawley, probably materially aiding the latter.

As a whole the ticket is decidedly weak and will injure, rather than help, Roosevelt's chances. The entire affair was a mistake, from a Roosevelt point of view, but highly satisfactory from a Taft and Selling standpoint. No wonder a delegate pronounced the convention controlled by "boobs."

But what could anyone expect from a gathering of the self-appointed captained by such a "progressive" moss-back as L. H. McMahon who thinks Crater Lake a "local affair" and unworthy of being made accessible by the state of Oregon?

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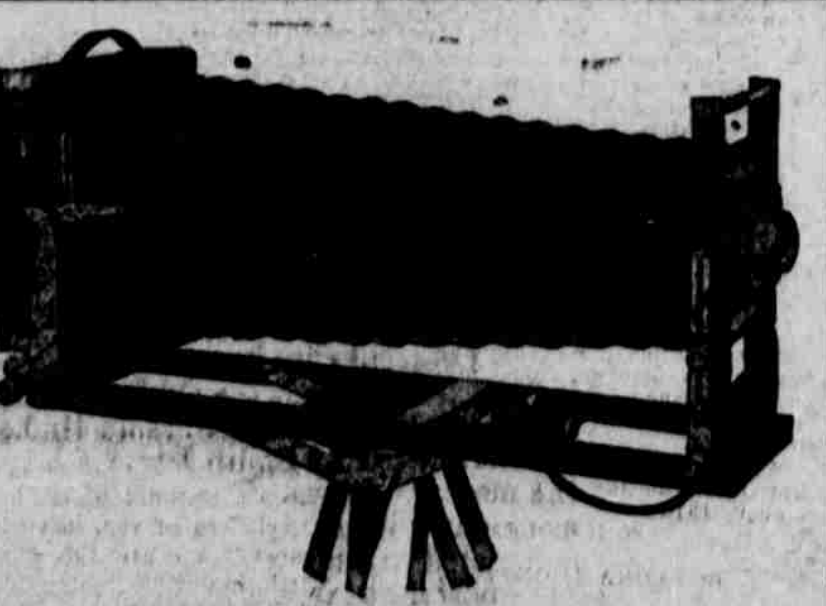
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