

TEN CUPS FOR BETTER BABIES SHOW ON FRIDAY

The better baby contest, which will be held from 1 to 3, Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6, will undoubtedly be a great success. The one thing necessary, babies, have been enrolled to the number of 81, and are still coming. Besides, there are two more registration days, Wednesday and Thursday, at Wald's drug store, from 9:30 to 11:30 and 2:30 to 4:30. The chairman of the baby committee will register them by phone 376 L.

The second great essential for a successful contest, careful preparation for the reception and examination of the babies, has also been complied with, and it is expected that they will have a comfortable time. There is, however, something left for the mothers and fathers to do. First bring your babies; second, bring them in the right attitude of mind. In a contest of this kind the winning of a prize is a very secondary matter. The name itself names the great object of the whole affair. Please bear that in mind.

However, mothers and fathers are also human, if not more so, and can't help feeling a keen interest in the fact that many beautiful prizes have been given by the people of Medford for their babies. But whether your child wins one of them or not, it will be a satisfaction and help to have entered him among the other jolly little contestants.

There is still time for you to do so. Following is the list of those who have so generously given either prizes or money for this contest:

Medford Mail Tribune, cup; Wednesday Study club, cup; Colony club, cup; Country club, cash for second prize; Commercial club, cup; Greater Medford club, cup; University club, cup; College club, knife, fork and spoon; Leon R. Haskins, cup; Jonas Wold, cup; Martin J. Reddy, cup; Miss M. J. Linard, cash; Joseph Nohlt, cash; W. I. Vawter, cash. The prizes are on exhibition at Reddy's jewelry store.

E. M. Andrews and associates will expend \$100,000 boring test wells for oil in the Coos Bay coal fields.

The Forestry department will construct a bridge across the Breitenbush between Detroit and Niagara.

MOLE SKINS FIND READY MARKET

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 2.—Owing to the gradually decreasing number of wild fur-bearing animals, moleskins have found a ready market and are valuable commercially, according to Farmers' Bulletin 583, department of agriculture. It is significant to the lack of attention to small business matters, however, that American moleskins are not quoted or offered on the market. All the skins used by American furriers are imported from Europe.

Auction lists of fur dealers in London show that more than 3,000,000 moleskins were sold in 1911, 1912 and 1913. A small lot of American moleskins secured by the biological survey, U. S. department of agriculture, was prepared and made up by an expert furrier, who pronounced them in every respect equal or superior to European skins. It seems likely, therefore, that a new industry amounting to many thousands of dollars annually might be developed in this country.

In this country there are five recognized groups of true moles, two of which are confined to the Pacific coast and the other three are distributed over the section east of the 100th meridian extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. In the latter districts and in the greater part of Pennsylvania, New York and New England the common mole occurs with the star-nosed mole and Brewer's mole.

The mole is so seldom seen, even by those who are familiar with its work, that it is often confused with other small creatures, particularly the shrew, the mole or meadow mouse and the pocket gopher. However, it can be readily distinguished by its stout, short front limbs, ending in broad, rounded hands with palms turned outward. It has a rather elongated body, close, plushlike fur, a pointed snout and a short tail. Neither eyes nor ears are in evidence. It is a creature of strictly subterranean habits.

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BAKERY BLAZE DAMAGES STORE AND PAINT SHOP

Fire at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, caused by the igniting of a pot of grease left standing behind a stove in the A. Jorgenson bakery on South Central avenue, gutted the bakery and caused damage by water and smoke to the Fouts Grocery company stock, the Palace rooming house and the Blaine Klum sign and paint shop, estimated at between \$2000 and \$2500. The insurance on the buildings damaged aggregates \$12,000, held in a dozen companies. Dr. E. B. Pickel is the owner of the premises.

The damages are listed as follows: Fouts Grocery company, \$500, by water-soaking flour and sugar, and heat on canned goods; protected by \$3500 insurance.

Jorgenson Bakery, loss to equipment and stock by flames, \$1000, protected by \$2000 insurance.

Palace Rooming house, damage by water, \$100, covered by \$1500 insurance on furniture.

Blaine Klum's shop damage, \$50. Insurance on the Klum shop and Jorgenson bakery, owned by Dr. E. B. Pickel and Blaine Klum, \$5000; loss, \$750.

The flames had gained considerable headway when they were discovered by Sergeant Pat Mego, and great clouds of black smoke and steam poured heavenward. Three or four men ran up and down Main street crying "Fire," not knowing the location of the fire alarm plug. Sergeant Mego gave hurried orders to pull the alarm and ran to the fire hall, awakening the department, who were on the road to the blaze before the alarm mechanism was solved.

The center of the fire was in the rear of the bakery. On the north is the two-story brick wall of the Halley building and to the west lies the frame buildings of Front street. The two-story wall penned the fire in on the one-story roof and kept the blaze from advancing towards Main street. The front-street buildings were in no great danger.

The fire burned fiercely and every now and then bolts of blue flames shot upward. After some delay the firemen turned two streams of hose into this cauldron and extinguished the blaze. The report of the fire department says 1650 feet

of hose was laid. A general alarm was turned in.

Confusion marked the early minutes of the fire for some reason, the firemen being hampered by volunteers, who nearly pulled the hose off the roof in their excitement. There was much loud yelling and swearing. Scores of rats were burned and their death squeals could be heard. Dozens scurried away from the fire.

A hundred kimono-clad and sleeping-cap garbed women and girls viewed the scene.

The blaze was the third spectacular fire in three weeks.

CARRANZA AND VILLA REPUDIATE MEDIATORS

EL PASO, Mex., June 2.—A semi-official statement from General Carranza's headquarters at Durango criticizing the actions of the A. B. C. mediators at Niagara Falls, and an announcement from General Villa reiterating his allegiance as military leader to Carranza, were the developments today of the Mexican situation here. Villa arrived today at Chihuahua City from Torreon on his way for a visit to Juarez on the border here. Carranza was reported as having begun preparations to move by way of Torreon to Saitillo where he will perfect his provisional government.

The statement from Durango, where Carranza's provisional government has been established, was addressed to the American press with a note to the effect that it had official sanction although it was not a formal declaration. The telegram arrived here over the National telegraph wires in English, a copy of which follows.

"The dominant sentiment of the constitutionalists regarding the proceedings of the mediation commission at Niagara Falls is one of astonishment that there should be such an apparent lack of understanding on the part of that body not only with regard to conditions in Mexico, but as to the attitude of the constitutionalists regarding the mediators. This lack of understanding is not confined to the commissioners themselves but seems to be shared by a large portion of the American press as well as by the Washington government.

Carranza Feels Slighted
"Judging from what has been published from day to day, the mediators appear to consider General Carranza and his followers as a negligible quantity, scarcely worthy of attention, and who must perforce agree to whatever conclusion the commission may reach. They do not seem to be

TALK FILIBUSTER TO FORCE ACTION ON GRAZING LAND

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Senator Borah made a plea today in the senate for public land legislation for the west before the adjournment of congress. The senator said the west needed a grazing land law and a power law, but he conceded they would require much time. Only a few hours was needed, he urged, to pass a bill for the retention by settlers of the early payments on reclamation projects.

"Four or five years may be a short time for us to pass legislation, but it is a long time to the settler who is being closed out," he said. "If this session closes without the passage of this law, it will be an act of injustice and inhumanity to thousands on the projects."

Senator Jones favors a filibuster to get the reclamation legislation. To that Senator Borah added there probably would be no river and harbor bill unless the reclamation bill was added to it.

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