

JACKSON CHILDREN BEAT OREGON IN CORN AND MELONS

The boy corn growers of Jackson county have fared well at the state fair, having carried off all the blue ribbons on this golden cereal. Claus Charley of Brownshiro, who won first last year at the Jackson county fair as well as at the state fair, was this year awarded first in the Boys' Agricultural club with an exhibit of corn. His brother Leland won first in the boys' corn-growing contest as well as first in the boys' open corn contest, class A. Vern Owens of Wellen carried off first in class B. Others of our boys winning in corn are Joe Collins of Table Rock, fourth; and Sidney Bentley of Talent, fifth. It will be recalled that seed corn from the Claus Charley field was distributed last spring to all boys in the county who applied for it. This was done through the school superintendent's office and was paid for by the Farmers' & Fruitgrowers' bank. About twenty-five of the boys made exhibits at the state fair.

Miss Esther Miller, Medford R. 4, was awarded first prize in the poultry raising contest, division 4. The first prize in these project contests are trips to the O. A. C. at Corvallis for a two weeks' course during the summer school in 1916.

Other boys and girls winning prizes at the state fair are the following: Joe Collins, Table Rock, first on watermelon, first on pie pumpkin, second on Hubbard squash. Ida Stearns, Gold Hill, fifth on sewing.

Harriet Howells, Medford, third on hand-made dress.

Maud Rice, Talent, fifth on pie pumpkin.

Louis Sweet, Beagle, fifth on bread. Merle Willets, Persist, second on potato growing.

Jake Cook, Gold Hill, fifth on potatoes.

Mildred Lynch, Talent, fourth on baking.

Harold Burnett, Talent, fifth on onions.

Robert Keller, Ashland, second on bird house.

Chester Nickleson of Portland was awarded first prize for the best individual exhibit in the agricultural section; D. M. Lowe of Ashland received second and Leonard Gilkey of Lebanon third.

MEDFORD COLLEGE NOTES

The regular monthly contests were held Friday with the following results: Grace Taylor again obtained first honors in spelling with a grade of 99 per cent. Vada Altimus and Medrin Altimus each secured third honors in spelling, and Walter Hess obtained third honors in rapid calculation. Especially good records were made in typewriting, Walter Hess writing 64 words per minute and Hazel Putney 51 words net per minute. The Underwood credential certificate for fast typewriting was presented to Walter Hess, and Order of Gregg Artists certificates were awarded to Hazel Putney and Sarah Henry. Gregg writer certificates were also presented to Gertrude Trautfeher and Hazel Putney. Following the presentation of awards, Mr. Latta of the Medford Commercial club talked to the students on the subject, "Why Some Stenographers Succeed and Others Fail." The program was concluded by Mrs. Lynette Hovious of the Medford conservatory, who gave a reading in the French dialect, which was enthusiastically received by the students and visitors.

We shall miss from our dictation classes Ben Forbes and Walter Hess, who have secured stenographic positions. Ben is employed in the law office of G. M. Roberts and Walter is working in the office of the Jackson County Creamery. They are both ambitious to become experts so will continue in our night school.

Ruth Manning and Hazel Putney, who have been absent from school for a few weeks, taking vacations, are with us again, doing good work in shorthand and typing.

Those who have entered school recently are: Louise Williamson, Vada Altimus, Clell McCredie, Ralph Balcom and Calvin Shearburn. The Misses Williamson and Altimus are taking the stenographic course and Messrs. McCredie, Shearburn and Balcom the commercial course.

The banner which was awarded the school by the Gregg Publishing Co. for highest results obtained in shorthand during the past year has been received and is now occupying the position of honor in the study hall.

Especially good results were secured in this week's blindfold typewriting test, the students being very much interested and determined to work hard to get still better results. Our beginners, those who have recently enrolled, are doing very good work, and we confidently believe that the high-water mark will be reached in results secured the coming year.

"GRANDPA" ROOT'S THE FELLOW WHO PUT REFORM AND REACTION INTO THE SAME POLITICAL PEW

Left the War Department in Better Shape Than He Found It—Voters Certain to Repudiate His Reactionary Draft for a State Constitution in New York.

(Note by Editor—This is the second in a series of articles by our political expert on the candidates for the presidency.)

Staff Special.
The second best bet for the republican presidential nomi-favorite. Until the New York constitution making job at Albany started a leak in the gas bag, no presidential boom was more beautifully inflated than that of Root. But this business of presiding over a reactionary convention is all to the bad for presidential ambitions.

Boss Tweed's Attorney.
"Grandpa" Root is a clever man. This fact was discovered when he was a young and comparatively unknown lawyer, and led to his retention as counsel to "Boss" Tweed when the latter was prosecuted for looting the city of New York. It will be remembered that Tweed died in jail, a poor man, but Historian Myers relates in the first volume of his "Great American fortunes" that real estate was decided by Tweed to Root in lieu of fees.

Root is a lawyer. His profession would be his answer to any criticism of his profiting by the "Tweed Ring" loot. He has had many clients—some good and some bad. At times he has appeared as counsel for "the people," as when he arose and spoke most eloquently against the seating of William Lorimer of Illinois, who had bribed his way into the United States senate.

And so it was for a good many years, whenever the city of New York got a spasm of vulgar political misrule, among the "prominent" and respectable citizens who would be named as a "reform" committee, was Elihu Root. Generally his name appeared not far below that of Seth Low. As an exponent of respectable reform, Root is habitually there in his best silk hat.

Reform Must be Slow.
But reform must not trot too fast—not if Grandpa Root is to stay in the line of march. Just before he left the United States senate he showed how fast a pace he could stand. Somebody was talking about a government owned steamship line, and Root held the senate in the grip of his matchless oratory for an hour while he told why not. The interstate commerce commission's creation, he said, was a step toward socialism. So was the construction of a government railroad in Alaska. He opposed the government's conservation activities, its federal trade commission and practically all the results of congressional enactment for the last 20 years. These, he declared, were all a dire menace to individual liberty—a liberty panopied only by the constitution (unamended) of the nation's fathers.

As a member of Col. Roosevelt's cabinet, Root served in his familiar role as lawyer. Roosevelt has sometimes said in more truth than jest that he found Root useful as the producer of excellent reasons for doing what he, Roosevelt, had decided not to do.

Age a Handicap.
As secretary of war Root showed himself an excellent administrative officer. He reorganized the war department and left the army in much better shape when he went than when he came.



He was a very competent secretary of state—with very little to try his real abilities. The time was peaceful and diplomacy at a low ebb when he was there.

Grandpa Root's age has proved a handicap in his race for the republican presidential nomination. He was born in Clinton, Oneida county, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1845. He would be 72 years of age when inaugurated, if elected president, and 76 when he finished his first term.

The stress of being president—just the physical strain of people to be seen and current work to be done, is a task for youth and strength. The ability to hold the party power for a second term is also a serious consideration in the minds of president makers. To be obliged to discard a man at the end of four years on account of age and groom a successor is an uninviting task.

Appointed by Arthur.
President Arthur gave Root his first boost into public life by appointing him, in 1882, as United States district attorney for the southern district of New York. He began making constitutional in 1894 when he was delegate at large to the state constitutional convention and he has served the country in other ways—as by membership on the Alaskan boundary commission in 1903, the North Atlantic Fisheries Arbitration at the Hague in 1910; and on the permanent board of arbitration at the Hague.

Grandpa Root is familiar with the job of presiding over republican conventions. He did it at Chicago in 1904, and again at Chicago in 1912, when Taft received his second nomination—that nomination which brought him the electoral votes of Vermont and Utah. On the second occasion the convention was kept in order with difficulty by 400 city policemen, and some firemen, and at Grandpa Root's right hand during all his presiding times, stood John Maynard Harlan, six foot six in his socks, and weighing many pounds of firm muscle, for the purpose of seeing that

Grandpa Root was not torn limb from limb.

But so potent were the tones of Grandpa's voice, and so commanding the glance of his eye, or so gentle were the assembled progressive delegates that John never had to strike a blow. The nomination of the beloved Taft was triumphantly put through—and enthusiastically—by Grandpa Root.

FIRST CARLOAD OF GRAPE IS SHIPPED

The first car load of grapes ever shipped from the Rogue River valley was shipped yesterday by the Producers association. The fruit is destined to New York. B. U. Young, manager of the association, stated last night that ten car loads will be shipped from the valley this season. The growers, according to Mr. Young will realize \$1.00 per crate net.

As the industry, from a commercial point of view, is so young in the valley, California packers have been employed to pack the grapes.

Yesterday's shipment were Tokays. The variety has long been a money maker for California growers and in some seasons has been the only variety that has sold at a profit. For color, size and flavor the local grapes according to Mr. Young, are superior to those grown in California.

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SEPTEMBER DRY AS OTHER MONTHS IN DRYEST YEAR

September, 1915, was the driest September in the history of the Rogue River valley since 1889, when no rain fell at all. The deficiency in moisture for the year past by months is as follows: November, 2.86 inches; December, 3.63; January, 3.12; February, 1.19; March, 1.51; May, .42; June, .97; August, .34, and September, .92 inch. The rainfall was in excess in April .56 inch; July .92, and October .56, a total of .70. The months that have been generally marked by heavy rainfalls were shy. Never was a community, considering the installation of irrigation, presented with more irrefutable arguments in its favor.

The rainfall for September was .03 inch, a deficiency of .92 inch. All the rain of the month fell upon one day—the 13th. There were traces of moisture on four other days. The average rainfall for the month is .95 inch.

The mean maximum temperature for the month was 80 degrees, and the mean minimum 43 degrees. The hottest days were on the 3d and 4th, when the mercury rose to 92, and on the 17th and 18th, when the temperature rose to the same point.

The unusual conditions recorded were a thunderstorm on the 11th and a light frost around Medford on the morning of the 28th.

The report for the month follows:

Date.	Max.	Min.	Prec.
1	79	48	
2	85	43	
3	92	45	
4	92	47	
5	90	49	
6	80	45	
7	81	40	
8	83	42	
9	78	42	
10	72	38	
11	76	38	
12	69	32	T.
13	61	45	.03
14	70	50	T.
15	80	39	
16	89	43	
17	92	45	
18	92	48	
19	91	48	
20	90	47	
21	79	45	
22	77	39	
23	65	46	T.
24	71	50	T.
25	77	38	
26	73	43	
27	79	46	
28	78	34	
29	86	37	
30	85	48	

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