



babies entered in the show have still to recover from their bewilderment.

"When George Simeral, principal of the Bishop Indian School and president of the Festival Association, first conferred with the Piutes regarding the papoose exhibition the full bloods were loath to enter their babies. They argued that the judges would be white and that the prizes would, as a matter of course, go to the youngsters showing the greatest percentage of white blood. When assured that such would not be the case and that only those babies whose blood was pure Indian could pass the examination they reluctantly agreed to the plan, but were in no way convinced.

"Drs. G. P. Doyle, C. E. Turner and Helen Doyle were selected by Indian Agent Dal Reed to make the physical examination for the best baby, physically. The mothers with their papooses were brought into a tent and seated in a circle around the walls. One by one the babies were undressed and passed to the judges. Some of them showed marked traces of white blood and those were passed back to the stolid mothers by the wall with the brief explanation "Too much white." Others required a more careful examination to determine their lineage, but one by one every child in whose blood flowed a drop of any but pure Piute blood was weeded out. One handsome little chap was handed up by a mother who smiled confidently. He was perhaps the prettiest and most perfect baby in the lot, straight, red and without a blemish, but the experienced eyes of one of the judges detected the "taint" and he was handed back with the usual explanation. In the pause which followed a dark red Piute stepped into the circle. He was a "full blood," there could be no doubt of that. "Doctor" he said, "that baby my baby, that waman my woman," and his eyes flashed when he said it. The judges took the child again and made a perfunctory examination. The father was mollified, but

the baby did not get the prize.

"The purpose of the Government in conducting the baby show, as stated by Mr. Reed, was to promote sanitation and proper living among the Piutes and to instruct the mothers in the care of their babies.

Harry Brown, was awarded the first prize for the healthiest baby under one year. He is 28 inches tall, with a perfectly formed body, sound white teeth and hair of the required Piute texture. The second prize went to Boby Chadovich. The healthiest baby between one and two years was Julia Harrison with Hazel Johnson a close second.

"In the contest for the prettiest baby the racial lines were not quite as closely drawn, nevertheless those showing the most marked Piute characteristics were the winners. Sally Jackson won the first prize for the prettiest baby, under one year with Harry Brown second. The prize for the prettiest baby, one to three years, was given to Carrie Westervelt, Charles Horton being second in this class. The best dressed baby was Leona Thomas and the second best Wallace Kane. Special prizes were awarded to Clyde Sam for the best native Indian costume and to Dwain Foster for the best native Indian basket with baby. Mrs. C. E. Turner, Mrs. J. S. McQueen and Dr. Helen Doyle were the judges. There were 33 contestants entered in the show. Moving pictures were by the Pathe exchange and the Hearst Pictorial Review."

The show is said to have been the largest and most successful one of its kind ever carried on by the Indian Department. President George Simeral of the Festival Association, on account of his connection with the Indian Department, took special interest in the show and it was largely due to his efforts that the Indians were induced to show their babies, and that the whole affair was such a complete success.