



### Bishop Fair.

Instead of having a regular Indian Fair, Bishop, California has practiced for some time a plan of having the Indians make exhibits in connection with the white man's annual Harvest Festival at Bishop. There they come into contact with the white man's ways and in direct competition with his products. The result is that the Indian gets his just share of the awarded prizes.

The Piute Indian has been especially favored.

He has never been pampered by the government. Nation have never been given him. He has not been confined to a reservation. In fact he has had just the training necessary for success, he has had to get out and fight his battle in competition with the white man and that he has more than made good is attested by the fact that his services are everywhere in demand among the white farmers. To inaugurate a policy of segregation, a policy calling for a distinctively Indian fair at Bishop would be a step backward. Better far let him compete with his white neighbor. He has a lot to learn yet but he is on the right road. We have just received copies of the Inyo Register and the Owens Valley Herald, papers published in Bishop giving a description of the Annual Harvest Festival just held there and note with satisfaction that the good work still continues.

The President of the Harvest Festival Association is George Simeral the Indian Day School Teacher at Bishop and well known on Pine Ridge where he was stationed for a time. The papers give Mr. Simeral full credit for the interest taken in the affair by the Indians and if hard, conscientious work is accountable for this we are sure that their praise is not misplaced. The Inyo Register says in this connection:

"President George Simeral, of the Harvest Festival Association, was

active in securing Indian interest in the baby show and Indian exhibits. But for his personal work it is probable that the infant feature would have been either extremely slim or omitted entirely, instead of being one of the conspicuous items of the three days"

Among prizes awarded in the Indian department of the Festival we notice those given for the best draft team, draft colt, saddle horse, turkeys, chickens, home made dress, home made apron, canned fruit, dress made by Indian girl, corset cover, loaf of bread, apple pie, glass of jelly, day school collective exhibit, metal work, eggs, baskets, collection of vegetables, bead work, etc.

In open competition with the white the Indians won first on the following things:

- Best article of wood with drawing made by manual training pupil,
- Best three jars of canned rhubarb,
- Nightgown.

The Indian Service was represented in the annual parade having two bands and over two hundred Indians in line. The benefit of contests of this sort lie in the fact that the Indians see that by a proper amount of effort they can beat the white man at his own game and this knowledge gives him the self confidence and the ambition that he needs to be successful.

At the same time there was held an Indian baby show. The following report of this taken from the Owens Valley Herald:

"Time worn, but still retaining all of its tragic possibilities, the old story of the intermingling of the blood of two nations played an important part in the Indian Baby Show, held at the Festival grounds Saturday.

"Uncle Sam, the Great White Father, refused to recognize as virtue a taint of white blood in his tiny Piute wards and the mothers and fathers of the