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**Loyal Moose Say the Bull Moose Progressive Party Deliberately Imitated
Their Lapel Insignia**

INTENDED AS A DECEPTION

**Even Initials on Button Are Closely Followed, Supreme Lodge Official
Declares**

Grip to be Changed

Members of the Loyal Order of Moose are aroused over what they term a deliberate attempt by the Progressive, or Bull Moose, Party to make political capital out of their organization. This order comprises more than 250 lodges from coast to coast, and has an enrollment of nearly 250,000 members.

It is charged that because of the similarity of names between the fraternal order and the third term party leaders of the latter adopted emblem buttons exactly like the one of the emblems worn in the lapels of the coats of Loyal Moose members. The Bull Moose button is worn in exactly the same manner.

This move of the Bull Moosers is attributed to a shrewd endeavor to make the layman believe that the wearer of the emblem of the Loyal Order of Moose is a supporter of Roosevelt. Instead of accomplishing their purpose, however, the Bull Moosers succeeded only in creating havoc in the lodges of the Loyal Order of Moose all over the United States, it is said.

As a result the "Howdy, Pap" and the secret grip of the lodge will go by the wayside, and it will be another year, when the supreme lodge meets in July, 1913, before a new grip can be devised. Then it will be nearly another year before all the members will have fallen into the new order of things. All this, it is explained, because members of the organization, deceived by the

similarity in the buttons, have innocently exposed to outsiders one of its secrets by giving the hand of fellowship to a supposed brother. A supreme lodge official yesterday said: "I believe that the trick of the imitation of one of the buttons recognized, though not the official emblem, by all lodges, should get full publicity that the layman may learn not to confound a moose with a third-term. In some cases I have noted on my trip East the imitation was carried to a most reprehensible degree. The unofficial button of the Loyal Order of Moose is that of a moose head, and on the neck are the letters P.A.P., standing for purity, aid, progress.

"The third termers in some cases went so far as to have inscribed on the necks of the mooseheads they have distributed in many sections the letters P.P., implying, of course, Progressive Party.

"With the double imitation, it is any wonder that even lodge members have been deceived and have unwittingly 'given the grip' to non-members? But do you think that bit of trickery will in any wise aid the third-term cause, even with outsiders, when they, like the Moose, see into it?

"As individuals, many of our lodge members in every city have endeavored to dissuade outsiders from wearing these buttons and are beginning themselves to discard the unofficial button.

"Two months ago several prominent Moose lodge men sent individual protests to the Progressive Party leaders against further issuance of the moosehead buttons. It was promised in each case that no more would be issued.

"Then came the worst action of all undertaken to confound Moose with Bull Moose. Less than two months ago the third-term party had stricken off thousands of round lapel buttons with a blue background and a gilded moosehead in the centre. These were distributed all over the East in every City except Baltimore. About the same time a subsidiary Moose lodge was formed in Highland-town, a suburb of Baltimore. As the newly made 'Paps' filed out of the hall two individuals, later proved not to be members of any Moose lodge, passed out these buttons, calling out, 'Get your Moose buttons here; they are free.' The same day similar buttons had been scattered over Baltimore proper.

"Well, of course these new members 'fell,' and proudly wore the third-term buttons as symbols of sacred vows taken in lodge assembled.