Nashville Show Greatest of All.

THE second annual exhibition of the Tennessee State Poultry Breeders' Association closed at Nashville the third week in January. the attendance for the week was most gratifying. The interest in thoroughbred fowls aroused by this show is certain to be demonstrated in a very practical fashion by an increase in the number of those who raise pure blooded chickens, geese turkeys, ducks, etc.

The collection of birds brought together was of the very highest class in every breed, and as to number, it is safe to say that nothing equalling it on that scored has ever been seen in the South. A very notable feature was the number of breeders from north of the Ohio river who were represented, and their success is sure to induce them to "come again." The competition in every class was of the redhot order, and the breeder who got first premium may well felicitate himself, while even he who got only fifths can rest satisfied in feeling that he beat some birds which would have won in a less strenuous contest.

It was unfortunate that the show had to be held in such cramped quarters. The large attendance and the great number of birds showed made things decidedly uncomfortable for both humans and fowls, and also made it an impossibility to give every exhibit a good position. The idea advanced by Secretary Murkin, of erecting a building especially for this sort of exhibition, as well as others of a like nature, is an excellent one. We hope to see it carried out before the next show is held.

Every one of the officers of the Tennessee State Poultry Breeders' Association is entitled to the highest credit for the success of the show, but by universal consent the laurel wreath for hard and unremitting work goes to Secretary Murkin. He has toiled early and late; been the target for a million questions, but he is still chipper and already talking about how the next show willl surpass this one. As an evidence of their appreciation of his labors, the members of the association presented a handsome gold watch to Mr. Murkin. Supt. Charles W. Longhurst, too, must be commended for his splendid handling of a thousand and one things connected with the show, and for his unfailing good humor and attention to exhibitors and visitors.

He proved himself indispensible at all times at all departments.

The next Nashville poultry show will be held the second week in January, 1908. America's foremost judges will be engaged at once. "Chicago, New York and Boston must take a back seat," says Secretary Murkin.

The Tennessee State Breeders' Association will begin an active campaign for 1,000 members at once. It proves to become the strongest single organization in the South.

Following is a list of awards made at the show as far as obtainable.

Buff Plymouth Rocks—C O Fowler, Spring Hill, Tenn., 2d ckl, 2d, 4th and 5th pul, 1st pen, W L Mellums, Spring Hill, Tenn., 1st ckl, 1st and 3d pul, 2d pen.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—J T Davis, Lewisburg, Tenn., first, fourth, fifth pul, fourth hen, first and second cock, first, second, third, fourth and fifth ckl, first, second and fifth pen; D H Whitmore, Brentwood, Tenn., fifth hen: J W Grigg, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., third cock: Cloverbloom Poultry Yards, Owensboro, Ky., first hen, third cock, third pen; Oscar E Miles, Columbus, O., second and third hen, third pul, fourth pen.

Cornish Indian Games—W J Burchard, Martin, Tenn., first and fourth cock: T D Moore, Hopkinsville, Ky., second and third cock, first, second, third and fourth ckl, first, second, third, fourth and fifth pul, first, second, third, fourth and fifth hen, first pen.

Black Orpingtons—J H McDanell, Warsaw, Ky., first ckl, first hen, first, second and fifth pul: W H Puryear, Glendale, Tenn., second and third ckl, third and fourth pul, first pen.

Partridge Wyandotte—M W Bunch, Petros, Tenn., second pul, fourth hen; H Allison, Webster, Columbus, Tenn., third and fourth pul, fifth hen, fourth ckl, Mat McMurry, Nashville, Tenn., fifth pul, second and third hen, second ckl, third pen, R E Jones, Paducah, Ky., first ckl, second third and fourth cock. No cock, hen or pul, score high enough to take first premium.

S C Brown Leghorns—H B Henry, Guntersville, Ala., first and third ckl, third and fourth hen, first and third pul, first pen; J T Davis, Lewisburg, Tenn., second ckl, second and fourth pul, second pen; J H Matthews, Franklin, Tenn., fourth and fifth ckl, fifth cock, fifth pul, fourth pen; Mrs Florence Forbes, New Decatur, Ala., first second and fourth cock, second and fifth hen, third pen: Cameron & Satterfield, Columbia, Tenn., first hen, fifth pen.

S C Buff Leghorns—Peter S Hurt, Thorntown, Ind., first cock, first hen, second and third pul, second pen; Mrs B E Young, Nashville, Tenn., second cock, second hen, third and fifth ckl, first pul, first pen; Wilson & McFall, Columbia Tenn., third and fourth cock, third hen, first and second ckl, first pul, first pen; E R Brandon, Normandy, Tenn., fourth and fifth hen, fourth pul, third pen.

Gold-Laced Wyandotte—Wm. Spalding, Cox's Creek, Ky. first cock, first and fourth ckl, fourth and fifth hen: second, fifth pul, first pen; R E Jones, Paducah, Ky., second, fourth and fifth cock, second, third and fifth ckl, third hen, third pul, second and fifth pen; T G Layhart, Nashville, Tenn., third cock, fourth pen; J H McDaniell, Warsaw, Ky., first and second hen, first and fourth pul, third pen.

Pekin Ducks—Fred Klooz, Nashville, 2d, cock, 2d and 3d ckl, 1st, 3d and 4th hen; Mrs W L Arnold, West Nashville, 3d pul; Mrs. J. Whitworth, Donelson, Tenn., 1st ckl; J J Ambrose, Jr., Nashville, Tenn., 2d hen, and 3d cock.

Indian Runner Ducks—J Laycock, Thompson Station, Tenn., 1st cock, 1st hen, 1st pul.

Muscovy Ducks—H D Nicholson, Donelson, Tenn., 1st cock, 1st hen.

Rouen Ducks—C H Tritschler, West Nashville, Tenn., 1st pul, 1st ckl: Mrs H A Utley, Goodlettsville, Tenn; 2d ckl.

Silver Spangled Hamburgs—J Donoho, Portland, Tenn., 1st ckl. 1st pul: A C Dale, Nashville, 1st and 2d hen, 2d and 3d pul, 1st pen.

Turkeys—W H Carpenter, New Middleton, Tenn., 3d, 4th and 5th cock, 3d ckl, 1st and 4th hen, 1st pul, 1st pen; John Barbee, Hartsville, 5th pul; M T Donoho, Gallatin, Tenn., 3d pul; Mrs Margaret C Taylor, Columba, Tenn., 1st and 2d ckl; Mrs J C Shofner, Mulberry, Tenn., 4th ckl; Mrs M J Landess, Fayetteville, Tenn., 1st and 5th ckl, 5th hen, 2d pul; Mrs Cambell Brown, Spring Hill, Tenn., 4th pen; Dr L J Harris, Hopkinsville, Ky., 2d hen, 3d pen: Mrs J J Holmam, Mulberry, Tenn., 2d pen: J M Gresham, 2d hen, 4th pul.

The Barred Plymouth Rock exhibit was an immense one, both as to the size and quality. A double row of coops, extending along one whole side of the building and overflowing into another row was necessary to accommodate the birds of the breed. Next in point of numbers were the White Plymouth Rocks and closely pushing them for second place were the White Wyandottes.

E. L. Wilson, of Columbia, Tenn., was there with his fine Buff Leghorns that have won honors everywhere shown.

Porter Bros., also, of Columbia, in the biggest White Rock class ever seen in the South, won 1st pen, 2d ck, 2d ckl, 5th pul and special by the American W. P. R. Club for 1st pen. His winning pen scored 189½.

R. E. Jones, Paducah, Ky., was there with all kinds of Wyandottes, as usual winning the lion's share.

James Brady, the millionaire horseman and poultry fancier, of New York, was among the visitors one day and expressed himself as delighted with what he saw.

Dr. L. J. Harris, of Hopkinsville, Ky., repeated his Columbia triumph on Bronze Turkeys, winning two good prizes, this time on females.

The universal declaration of those who have been at all large poultry shows in the country is that the Nashville exposition will take rank with the very best of them, being surpassed only by the great ones at New York and Boston. This refers not alone to the number of birds entered, but the quality of the exhibits as well. The show was fully twice as large as the much vaunted Chicago show.

Among the Nashville breeders who have accomplished so much under the leadership of Murkin, Davison Parrish, Mann and others are the following:

Reid Parrish, Chas. Longhurst, Mrs W L Arnold, Mrs W R Luke, Miss Alice Pelton, Shelton & Crockett, A P Helms, E L Doak, John W Boswell, J O Norton, Frank Langford, Mayor Morris, R A Bennett, Mrs John Henderson, Ben Cockrill, Matt McMurray, Fred Klooz, J W Neil, A C Dale, C. W Longhurst, J T Davis, Miss Corbitt, J C Handly, J C Tunnell, Mrs Charles Saunders, Mrs. Lou Lusky, Wm Warner, Ike Mitchell, Dudley Gale J J Conners, Mays Hume, Byrd Bros. Geo Finegan, Miss Lucy Eastman, Mrs. Campbell Brown, Powers & Powers, D Creighton, C T Moore, H Moore, J J Anderson and a lot more.

We are very sorry that we were unable to get a full report of the rewards, but we hope to have the rest next time.

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The high reputation and increasing international demand for the poultry known on continental markets as the "paulet de Bruxelles" (Brussels chicks) is the cause of this extending business. There are not official statistics recording the importance of the poultry industry in this country, but, according to an estimate made by breeders in this district 2,000,000 fat chickens representing a value of $1,351,000 to $1,544,000, are annually sold on the Brussels market alone.

Large quantities of fowls from this and other districts of Belgium are yearly exported to various large cities in Russia, Germany, Austria, France and England. The "poulet de Bruxelles." which is well covered with fat and flesh, is highly esteemed, and sells readily on the markets of continental cities at good prices. The breed par excellence for the tabel is the "Coucou de Malines."

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