

## THE NANAIMO SHOW.

EDITOR B. C. FANCIER:—

I would like to make a few remarks on our recent Poultry Show and if you will make room for them in your valuable paper I shall be obliged.

All who visited our Show were untiring in their praise of the grand display of poultry of all classes and varieties, and of the completeness of the arrangements of the show, and visitors could hardly believe that this was only the second Show of its kind, ever held in Nanaimo.

There were about 850 entries, as against 450 of the preceding Show, which augurs well, for a very brilliant future for the Society. There were numerous exhibits from the outside, and they carried off a goodly number of the premiums and specials. To speak of the classes individually would occupy too much of your space I am afraid, so I will only allude to a few of the conspicuous ones. Single Comb White Leghorns were the strongest class, and Judge Butterfield remarked that the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize Cockerels could have won "hand down" in either the New York or Ontario Shows—said he, when I score birds 94½ and 95, they are "away up in G" they are "climbers"—and if you happen to be the lucky possessor of such birds, you may rest assured you have got something out of the ordinary. Barred Plymouth Rocks and Light Brahmas were large classes, some magnificent specimens were exhibited. Black Minorcas were in full force, and a pullet scored 95½ (J. Leonard), which is good enough to win anywhere. The highest scoring bird in the show was a Silver Spangled Hamburg hen, 97, belonging to F. Sturdy, Plumpers Pass. Judge Butterfield scored her mother 97—3 years ago. Mr. Sturdy's Black and Spangled Hamburgs were all "away up in G." A White Game hen 95½ and White Plymouth Rock pullet 95½ were exhibited by Messrs. Wallis & Taggart. W. Pollock's Rose Comb Blk. Bantams, were again high scorers, and Jonathan Thompson's Pile Bantam cock and hen (Crystal Palace Cup winners) were to the fore and scored 95½; so you see, Judge Butterfield who has the reputation of being a hard hitter; evidently found some good birds. He (Judge Butterfield) remarked that leaving out the New York and Ontario Shows, the Nanaimo Show could compare favorably with any he had officiated at this season.

I will conclude with a few remarks

relative to scoring. If judges were all Sharp Butterfields, I think scoring would live and flourish, but with so many incompetent judges going around it cannot last long. I maintain that an amateur learns absolutely nothing from a poor judge. Take for instance J. Thompson's Crystal Palace Pile Bantam hen, in Vancouver under Ball she scored 94½, as also did a Pile Bantam Cock 94½. In Nanaimo the hen scored 95½ and Thompson refused \$25 for her, and the same Cock scored 90½, the one bird worth \$25 and the other 25 cents; yet both birds scored equal in Vancouver. It shows one judge at least knew his work, and I must uphold Butterfield, for had he not been "away up in G," he could not have satisfied the New Yorker's for 15 or 16 years, as he has done. Then again, Messrs. Wallis & Taggart's White Game hen scored in the same show 94½, she was cut ½ in shape of body and 5 off for colour, total defects 5½=94½; Butterfield scored the same bird (which is a "White" bird throughout) ½ in colour off back and 4 off for shape, total defects 4½=95½, and several more of the like instances I could recite between the two judges. Now I say—what could an amateur learn by those score cards? Absolutely nothing, if he did think he knew a little he would be more "at sea" than ever. These are the sort of things that will "knock out" the scoring system. Judging by *Comparison* has got to come; let it come quickly, and put an end to all this humbug, one more word, We cannot all secure Butterfields, or afford to pay Butterfields. It is more than likely that he will judge at our next show. You, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and California Societies want to "wake up" and work up a circuit for him, securing at the same time a good judge at a moderate figure if we combine. Remember he is "The Judge," and greatly in demand, and as the early bird catches the worm, so those first in the field will be the most likely to secure as their judge, Sharp Butterfield.

Yours faithfully,

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The more I see of poultry and fruit culture combined, the more I think they are a good combination. I have heard several men say, "We make more off the five acres where our house stands than we do off all the rest of the farm." It is there, always, where the chickens are; and there the garden may be found.—*Midland Poultry Journal.*

## WASHINGTON STATE POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

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The great success of the show held by the California State Poultry Association has had a tendency to wake the Washington breeders up to the fact that it is time to be up and doing, as the poultry industry is certainly on the verge of a great boom in this State. They realized that it was time to assemble together for the purpose of formulating plans to emulate the example set us by our sister State, and with the overwhelming success of the shows held in Tacoma and Seattle to stimulate us to action.

At our meeting held on March 9th, we were amazed at the interest manifested, and were fain to wonder where it all came from, as it is less than a year since the Washington State Poultry Association was organized with but five members. But by our determined efforts we have advanced little by little, never faltering, and after a thorough call throughout the State we were more than gratified to see so many strangers present at this meeting, as it was evident that we had succeeded in stirring them up.

President H. D. Cook called the meeting to order and after a few words of welcome to all strangers present, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and the proposition and election of members was taken up, in order to give everyone an opportunity to express an interest in the subject. Twenty-seven members were added, many of them being ladies, and all were enthusiastic in the cause.

Mr. F. L. Van Dusen, a veteran breeder and our Vice-President, made one of his characteristic speeches and portrayed the great future that is in store for our State in the breeding of thoroughbred poultry, and suggested many new ideas to those whose experience is still limited. As he is at home in the show room or in the poultry yard, you may rest assured he knows a good bird when he sees it.

J. Berg, late of Michigan and now of Yakima County, poultry breeder and bee raiser, also made an enthusiastic address, as well as many others, all with the one aim and a grand hurrah for the death knell that has been sounded to scrub poultry.

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