

Pulaski Horse Show Days Great Event

BEST HORSES IN STATE SHOWN AT THIS ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Account of 1913 Show Days Gives Interesting Facts

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Second annual Mt. Pulaski Horse Show and Corn Carnival, held Tuesday, Sept. 30, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 1 and 2, 1914, is now a matter of history, and will long be remembered by everybody who was fortunate enough to be in attendance. The weather was ideal all during the Horse Show, although Wednesday morning started out very threatening—but before time for the morning's program to begin, the fog had disappeared and the crowd commenced to assemble.

450 Entries

The show this year was a success from every view point. There were almost 450 entries of horses and mules made, and every one were fine specimens of their class. The show was managed to perfection, and each event was carried on scheduled time, and to the spectators seemed to be like clock-work. The city was in gala attire for the three days' events, everybody was happy, and all exhibitors and citizens interested did all they could to make it one grand success all the way through.

The streets around the public square, which had been heavily oiled during the summer, were in fine condition for the show, and the different classes had their particular side of the square and the time of day to show. The whole scene was a fine stage setting, and the elevation in the square gave the vast throng ample opportunity to view the judging of these fine horses. The heavy horses were judged by Edwin Hobson, of Clinton, Ill.; light horses, M. Biers, of Mendota, Ill., and mules by W. H. Odiorne of Springfield, Ill. Every one of the judges were profuse in their comment on the Horse Show, and pronounced it one of the finest events of its kind in the country. In their opinion, the farmers and stock raisers of this section of Illinois are making great progress in furthering the betterment of their breeds on horses and mules. It must be understood that Importers were not represented in the show, but only people living not more than 30 miles from Mt. Pulaski. This is all the more remarkable because the showing made would do credit to big affairs given in the large cities.

Praised Horse Show

Horace W. Truman of Bushnell, Ill., a member of the well known Importing firm of Trumans' Pioneer Stud Farm, was in the city during the entire Horse Show, and was very much pleased with it. He made special comment on the number of entries and improvement in quality of horses. Mr. Truman said you won't see some classes as good at the State Fair, and also remarked that the best class of Shire foals he had seen this year were shown at the Mt. Pulaski Horse Show. Mr. Truman was on his way to the State Fair at Springfield where the Trumans' Pioneer Stud Farm had 40 head of imported stallions and mares on exhibition.

The Officers and Assistants

One pronounced reason for the success of the Horse Show is found in the men behind the work, men who put their shoulders to the wheel and worked long and hard that the people of this part of the country could give an exhibition worthy of the fair state of Illinois. In the vast crowds were many strangers, and their expressions were enough to enthrall all the breeders and stock raisers to carry on the splendid work and make the Horse Show a grander event

each year. The first show was grand, and the second one showed a marked degree of improvement in the stock. The officers are as follows:

George J. Stoll, Chestnut, President.

John H. Tendick, Mt. Pulaski, Vice-President.

B. H. Keck, Mt. Pulaski, General Manager.

Charles Schmitz, Mt. Pulaski, Secretary.

T. A. Scroggin, Mt. Pulaski, Treasurer.

Superintendents—

Heavy Horses, Jacob Stoll, of Chestnut.

Light Horses, George F. Lachenmyer.

Mules, Amos Van Hook.

Chief Marshals were: Joseph Sallee and John Rupp. They were assisted by Leigh Lucas and Walter Hagenbuch.

Lee Waddell acted as clerk in the heavy horse department, and John Crane was clerk in the light horse section.

T. A. Gardner of Beason acted in the capacity of official announcer, and gave excellent satisfaction. J. B. Gordon ably assisted in the work on the south side of square during the driving and riding events, and other exhibits there.

Best Judge Ever Saw

Edwin Hobson of Clifton, Ill., was judge of the heavy horses. He is treasurer of the American Shire Association and is one of the best judges of America. This is what he says about the horses exhibited at Mt. Pulaski: "The heavy horses at this show are better than I ever saw at any such gathering. There are plenty here good enough to go to the state fair and many mares that

should go. There are three purebred Shire colts here that are the best that I ever judged. Both colts are stallions. The first prize is owned by Jake Stoll and the second by George J. Stoll.

Decorations Were Beautiful

The "old hill" looked at its best with the magnificent display of decorations. Decorators came here from Springfield a few days before the show and gave the city a gala appearance. It was on the same plan as the first year, and this method could hardly be improved upon. All around the square flags and other unique designs were stretched on wires from the business houses to the trees in the park, and one block south on Washington street was arranged in the same manner. The decorators also adorned the fronts of many stores with clever designs, while other decorating, using to good effect the Horse Show colors, purple and gold. The whole effect was unusually attractive and favorable comment was heard on every side.

Grand Parade Prize Winners

The grand parade of all prize

winners is always given on the last day of the show, and at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, the line was formed, with the parade headed by B. H. Keck, the general manager, riding on his fine white steed, followed by the Mt. Pulaski Band, and the prize-winners. The parade was a sight worth a good deal to the horse-men, and everybody else for that matter, and will long be remembered. There were about 75 horses and colts led by halter; 24 in harness; 16 mules; 3 jacks and 11 ponies, some of them ridden by children.

In 1912 a grand champion prize was given over all stallions and breeds, and Bon Tencer, owned by Amos E. Van Hook, had the honor of leading the grand parade the last day. This year no class was made in this section, Mr. Van Hook's horse headed the parade only since he happened to form in line that way.

Some Notes of Horse Show

Secretary Charles Schmitz had south of the band stand, and at a very convenient place for everybody. His wife, who had assisted him in all the prepar-

atory work before the show, was on duty at the tent, and handled the work in a manner that was of great credit to her. Here the spectators and exhibitors secured the catalogues, programs and badges and were given all information.

The crowd the first day was fairly good, and on Wednesday the number of people present assumed at least 4,000 while on Thursday, the last day, the top of the hill was a mass of humanity, perhaps 6,000 being here. The automobiles occupied places on all the side streets leading from the square, and perhaps more than 200 machines were in the city.

The city marshal, Samuel B. Fryer, was ably assisted during day by Elise Bredenstiner and James Anderson, while the Horse Show officials added to the force Roy and George Millard, Frank Edwards and Ferd Bobell. Night Police Herman Hahn, Sr., was assisted by Will Renner, and George Snyder.

The two Moving Picture Theaters were largely patronized, and added greatly in entertaining the crowds.

