

West Virginia State Tournament.

The tenth annual meeting of the West Virginia Trap Shooters' Association, held at McMechen, W. Va., during the past week, came to a very successful close, having had good weather and as smoothly a running shoot as has ever been held by the association. This being the first year of a closed shoot the attendance was not as large as was expected. Three traps were used, and on the first two days "cast iron" target were thrown. Many targets were hit and turned over without being broken. Many targets were found with six more holes through them which had to be scored lost. This accounts for the scores on the early days of the shoot. The light was also a little deceptive, as one set of traps threw them into the light and the other two into a black tipple and smoke. The McMechen Gun Club deserve a lot of credit for the way the shoot was pulled off and from the way Dr. H. S. West was kept going, the majority belongs to him.

The trade was represented by John R. Taylor, Guy Ward, D. D. Gross, W. S. Hearne, Charlie Young, H. S. Welles, Ed H. Taylor, J. C. Williams.

The high professional averages went to John R. Taylor, 507 out of 540; Guy Ward, 447; H. S. Welles, 469. Long run of the shoot, John R. Taylor, 138.

The amateur averages were J. M. Speary, 498; W. A. Wiedebusch, 472; F. E. Mallory, 462.

The next shoot of the association will be held at Jacksonburg, in 1908, and will be open to all shooters. There will be a bunch of added money and a club that will live up to its reputation for handling a good big shoot. Dr. B. Keifer, who is president of the club, is an old hand at the shooting game and will leave no stone unturned for the success of the tournament of 1908.

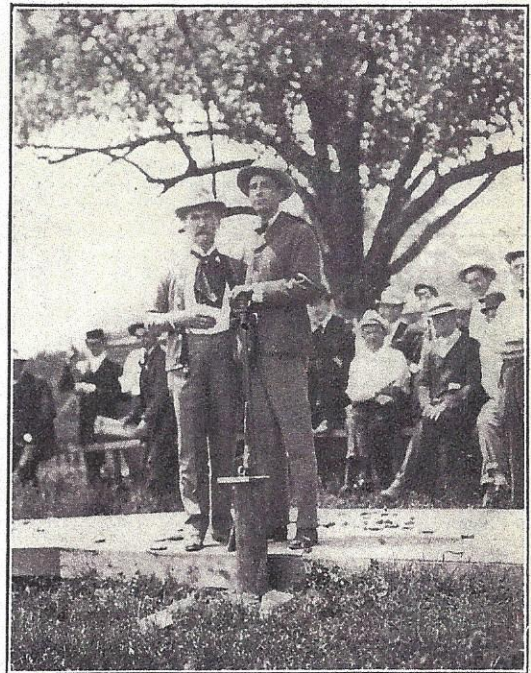
The scores:	1	2	3	Sh at	Bk
* J. R. Taylor.....	165	165	177	540	507
J. M. Speary.....	156	170	172	540	498
* Guy Ward.....	154	150	173	540	477
W. A. Wiedebusch.....	142	165	165	540	472
* H. S. Welles.....	155	156	158	540	469
* D. Gross.....	154	155	157	540	466
* C. Young.....	151	161	151	540	463
F. E. Mallory.....	149	152	161	540	462
S. T. Mallory.....	145	154	162	540	461
J. Phillips.....	136	154	164	540	454
* E. H. Taylor.....	140	150	150	540	440
J. Mallory.....	148	140	159	540	447
E. R. Smith.....	132	154	161	540	447
Dr. Semple.....	131	150	152	540	446
T. S. Bibbee.....	104	148	151	540	439
G. S. Lilley.....	134	149	152	540	435
C. P. Kinney.....	138	145	152	540	435
F. H. Merrick.....	111	129	134	540	433
J. D. Dinsmoor.....	137	140	147	540	424
W. B. Nichols.....	129	148	142	540	419
J. O. McNeely.....	119	145	154	540	418
Geo. Bayles.....	126	134	150	540	410
J. Merrifield.....	129	119	159	540	407
G. A. Long.....	119	140	154	540	403
F. M. Jones.....	105	132	150	540	387
T. M. McIntyre.....	111	129	134	540	374
R. L. Hibbs.....	101	122	145	540	368
W. C. Mawhinney.....	101	114	90	540	305
B. Keifer.....	...	147	158	380	305
P. Slicher.....	147	154	...	380	301
T. A. Neill.....	138	151	...	380	289
E. O. Bower.....	...	135	148	380	283
* Ross.....	...	137	146	380	283
* W. S. Hearne.....	154	88	...	285	192
* J. C. Williams.....	...	150	...	190	150
I. Ribb.....	...	146	...	190	146
D. Lefever.....	...	143	...	190	143
A. C. Hoy.....	...	142	...	190	142
G. A. Watson.....	...	140	...	190	140
W. L. Boal's.....	136	...	...	190	136
H. S. West.....	133	...	...	190	133
S. R. Wells.....	129	...	...	190	129
E. Dunnigan.....	129	...	...	190	129
F. Stewart.....	126	...	...	190	126
L. E. Dinsmoor.....	122	...	...	190	122
"Cole".....	115	...	...	190	115
A. A. Williams.....	111	...	...	190	111
C. H. Dowler.....	106	...	...	190	106
H. Heckman.....	87	...	...	190	87

State championship, individual—

Tl.		Tl.	
T. A. Neill.....	25 21-46	E. R. Smith.....	19 21-40
E. O. Bower.....	24 21-45	J. O. McNeely.....	18 23-41
R. L. Hibbs.....	22 22-44	G. A. Lilley.....	19 19-38
Wiedebusch.....	22 22-44	W. F. Nichols.....	19 19-38
F. E. Mallory.....	21 22-43	G. A. Long.....	18 20-38
S. T. Mallory.....	21 22-43	J. Merrifield.....	19 19-38
J. F. Mallory.....	20 23-43	B. Keifer.....	23 15-38
Jno. Williams.....	21 22-43	J. C. Williams.....	18 17-35
J. Phillips.....	20 23-43	W. L. Boals.....	17 17-34
E. H. Taylor.....	19 23-42	J. D. Dinsmoor.....	14 18-32
"Ross".....	23 18-41	T. M. McIntyre.....	14 16-30
J. Ellsworth.....	19 21-40		

Two-man team race, for championship of state—

Fairmont.		Fairmont.	
Wiedebusch.....	24 24	McNeely.....	22 23
Phillips.....	22 20-90	Lilley.....	18 22-85
McMechen.		Parkersburg.	
Bayles.....	24 23	J. Mallory.....	22 23
Kinney.....	23 20-90	S. Mallory.....	21 18-84
St. Marys.		St. Marys.	
Williams.....	24 23	Dinsmoor.....	25 23
Smith.....	23 20-90	"Cole".....	19 16-83
Huntington.		Jacksonburg.	
Merrick.....	24 23	Keifer.....	22 21
Semple.....	21 22-90	Ribb.....	19 19-81
Fairmont.		McMechen.	
Taylor.....	24 22	Doc Smith.....	21 18
Merrifield.....	20 21-87	Hibbs.....	20 18-77



TWO POPULAR KENTUCKIANS,
JUDGE KINKEAD AND MR. J. D. GAY.

Parkersburg.		Mannington.	
Bower.....	21 23	G. A. Long.....	24 21
F. Mallory.....	22 21-87	W. C. Mawhinney	17 11-73
Wheeling.			
W. B. Nichols.....	21 24		
C. H. Dowler.....	19 21-85		
Ties on '90—			
Fairmont.		Huntington.	
Wiedebusch.....	23	Semple.....	22
Phillips.....	22-45	Merrick.....	20-42
St. Marys.		McMechen.	
Smith.....	23	Bayles.....	21
Williams.....	19-42	Kenney.....	17-88

NOTES OF THE SHOOT.

Has anybody seen Nash?

Too high, Johnnie, too high.

Doc Smith served the lunch; therefore everybody had indigestion.

Charlie Young requested that lanterns be hung on targets at No. 3 set of traps.

Did anyone see the smile on Taylor when T. A. Neill landed the individual championship with du Pont?

Lefever, the son of Mr. Dan Lefever, shot the second day. We know what the Lefever family are on the gun line. Nuf sed!

John Taylor's run of 138 was the long one. He got one of the cast-iron kind which would not break. That's what stopped him.

Del Gross was busy telling how it happened, when he was not doing an operatic stunt. When it comes to warbling, Del is all to the good.

Guess the Fairmont Gun Club was picking plums. Individual state championship, two-man team championship, five-man team race. Next!

It's better to lose more money than to be lonesome. Next year the state shoot will be open to all shooters. Come on, boys, and show that you appreciate it.

Guy Ward, to prove that they were hard breakers, filled his gun full of Sparrows lead pencils and shot at one. He afterward found the pencil sticking through a target.

W. S. Hearne had the misfortune to break a spring in his gun, and shot only part of the program, but from the way he hustled around, he more than made up for the shooting.

Dr. Semple and Mr. Merrick, from far-away Huntington, put up a good race for the team championship. The Doctor is always on the spot for the state shoot, and he can still go some.

George Lilley was so busy telling how to protect the 85 per cent man and how to run a gold mine successfully, he could not get much sleep. George is all to the good along this line.

Mr. F. C. Percival ("Cole"), who has been ill for some time, was with us and shot part of the time. He has been the president of the association since its first shoot, and was unanimously elected to presidential office for the coming year. Always a perfect gentleman, working for the good of the association, we wish his a speedy recovery, and hope he may be able to shoot the program through next year.

McMechen, W. Va.

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