

grapes were exhibited by a lady of Scranton, and Mrs. Clay of Clarksville. Grains and vegetables were also abundant, the larger contribution coming from Pennsylvania Agricultural College farm.

The *West* thus reports for Illinois and Wisconsin:

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR.

The Illinois State Fair, held at Decatur last week, as an exhibition in its various departments, eclipsed by far anything of the kind heretofore held in the State. The arrangements and appointments for a large display were very much better and more complete in some particulars, than last year, and the wisdom of the management in this direction, as well as in the increased value of the premiums in important divisions and classes, was prominently evident in the increased number of entries this year and greatly enhanced interest manifested by exhibitors. Many stalls had been added to the quarters assigned to horse, cattle, and hog stock, and yet there was not adequate room, and up to the latest moment at which entries were received and provided for, the sound of hammers and saws was heard day and night, in the effort to provide stalls, sheds, and pens for the stock. In the sheep department it was impossible to provide for the number exhibited, and they were herded in the open ground at different points. The quality of the stock exhibited was, in point of excellence, in keeping with the quantity. On all hands it was admitted that no finer exhibition of live stock was ever seen in the West, or anywhere in the country.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR.

The Wisconsin State Fair, held at Milwaukee Sept. 26-30, was a very successful exhibition, and all things considered, the best ever held in the State. The weather was very favorable throughout, and the attendance from day to day was good. There were more entries than were ever before made at previous exhibitions of the Society, footing up in the aggregate 2,100. The receipts were upward of \$23,000, an excess of several thousand over the highest amount taken at any previous Wisconsin State Fair.

In every department the display was excellent, and the wisdom of selecting the principal city of the State as the place of holding the Fair, as well as opening the doors to competition from all points, was apparent.

The *Prize Farmer* is responsible for the following account, which opens with a very common, but as it always appears to us, most irreverent allusion to some fictitious power facetiously styled the "Clerk of the Weather." By no delegated authority, but direct from his own hand does God send on earth, rain, fruitful seasons, and as the Shepherd of Salisbury Plain beautifully puts it; "just such weather as pleases him."

THE ST. LOUIS FAIR.

The St. Louis Agricultural and Mechanical Association seems to have a permanent arrangement with the "Clerk of the Weather," by which good weather is to be furnished during the week of the St. Louis Fair. At any rate it is the good fortune of the Association to be blessed with sunshine on such occasions, and sunshine is a great element to

success. But beyond this, this association controls other and equally important elements. It always furnishes the people something to see that is worth while, and it does this by offering large inducements to exhibitors. There is no mistake about it, a large premium list draws from a distance and from the best.

The fair at St. Louis is the great fair of the country; it has been so for several years, and it was so this year. In attendance it far surpasses that of any other society or association. Here are the gate receipts on the different days last year and this year, as reported in the Missouri Republican:

Monday	\$ 1,837.00	\$4,000.00
Tuesday	4,652.00	6,750.00
Wednesday	11,106.00	13,500.00
Thursday	21,150.00	25,700.00
Friday	9,545.00	9,718.00
Saturday	3,044.00	4,000.00
Total	\$51,299.00	\$62,668.00
1870		62,668.00
1869		51,299.00
Excess		\$11,369.00

EDITORIAL GLEANINGS.

The name of this journal figures along with several others in the last issue of the *Canadian Poultry Chronicle*, under the suggestive head of "Exchanges never received." We are sorry to be found on the disgrace bench, even in good company, and can only say that our short-coming has been unintentional, and that we are only too happy to exchange with our contemporary, with which we hope to be always on good terms, notwithstanding a peck or two on our first association in the poultry-yard, a very common and proper occurrence, especially among game birds.

The West Northumberland County Society held their show at Cobourg on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 18th and 19th Oct. The weather was favorable, though the severe storm of the night of the 17th doubtless prevented some from being present. The indoor departments of the show were held as usual in the Victoria Hall, while the cattle and implements were shown in a field adjoining the Drill Shed. The total number of entries exceeded 1,000.

The Haldimand Township Agricultural Society held their annual exhibition at Grafton on Wednesday, the 12th October. The show was on the whole good, though not quite equal to some former ones. The close of the show was diversified by the presentation by the members of the society of a beautiful silver inkstand and gold pen to their worthy secretary and treasurer, Josias Gillard, Esq., who for the last twenty-one years has discharged the rather onerous duties of these offices to the satisfaction of the society. A well deserved present, alike honorable to them and him.