

## AMERICAN STATE FAIRS.

We cull from our American Exchanges a few particulars respecting some of the State Fairs.

## NEW YORK STATE FAIR.

Of this the *American Farmer* speaks as follows:

The Thirteenth Annual Fair of the New York State Agricultural Society, recently held at Utica, was among the most successful of the series. The location was excellent, the weather auspicious, the entries quite numerous, and the daily attendance fully up to expectation. In the stock department there was, perhaps, a falling off in numbers as compared with some previous exhibitions of the society; but, in point of excellence, especially in the line of cattle, it was second to none, if not superior to any preceding one. The exhibit of horses was very full, and of marked excellence generally. The limited space at our command will not permit even a reference to the many fine animals in this department. Sheep had a limited representation. Swine did better—excelling many displays in this line. Poultry was out in force, and the show one of general excellence. Dairy products, considering the point of exhibition, did not make an imposing display, though the samples were individually good, and creditable to the producers.

In the floral department the exhibit was unprecedentedly large and good. The more prominent exhibitors were James Vick, Ellwanger & Barry, Briggs & Brother, Rochester; Henry Wager Utica, and Mrs. T. Van Namee. J. W. Alexander, of Utica, carried off the honors in greenhouse plants.

The fruit show was good, embracing the usual varieties grown by professionals and amateurs. E. W. Sylvester, of Lyons, was strong in apples and well up in pears. In respect to the latter, Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry made the best show, and were not behind in other fruits. Fine grapes were presented by F. L. Parr, Canandaigua; L. M. Ferris & Son, Poughkeepsie; Stephen Underhill, of Croton Point, and several others. Financially, the fair was quite up to the expectation, the receipts being about \$20,000.

## WESTERN NEW YORK FAIR.

Our New York neighbors have had a "Western Fair" as well as ourselves. The *American Farmer* says of it:

Although strictly, and perhaps legally speaking, we should call the Exhibition just closed on the fair grounds at Rochester, the Monroe County Fair, the great interest taken by people from abroad who took part, fully justifies us, we think, in using the heading given to this necessarily meagre sketch—made up, as it is, in a hurry, after the first side of our paper is in press, and the printers crowding us for copy.

To say that it was a great success, is but to repeat again what all the Rochester papers have said, as well as the oft-repeated exclamation of many thousands on the grounds.

The weather on the first—or entry day—was unfavorable, and undoubtedly kept many from entering who would have otherwise exhibited implements or stock. Notwithstanding this, the entries were larger and more varied than ever before, taking the word of those who had been connected with the previous fairs, and acquainted with the history of the society from its commencement.

The second day of the fair was all that could be desired for weather, and the crowds on the ground unprecedented.

The third day of the fair opened auspiciously. The report had gone out through the pleased thousands who visited the grounds on the previous day that there were new things to be seen there—something more than the old worn-out articles that had been carted to the county fair and back again, year after year; that there was to be a grand procession on the track, trials of speed, female equestrianism, trial of skill in playing between four first-class bands, &c. Another great crowd thronged the grounds to enjoy all these promised attractions—and none, we believe, went away dissatisfied. The procession, consisting of the town teams, premium stock, horses, &c., with four bands at regular intervals, reached entirely around the half-mile track, making a splendid show. Immediately after this the Annual Address was delivered by Prof. A. A. Hopkins, and listened to with marked attention by a large number. The address and its delivery were capital, meeting with the hearty approval of the audience.

We are indebted to the *Rural New Yorker* for the following notes:

## THE IOWA STATE FAIR,

At Keokuk, is pronounced a success this year—1,500 more entries having been made than last year. The Cattle exhibit embraced the best herds in the State, and some from Illinois and Missouri; Swine were largely represented; Sheep in not so large numbers, though a creditable exhibition was made; Horses—and good ones—were numerous; the Implements show rather meagre; fair Fruit exhibit, but not the usual good quality.

## THE MICHIGAN STATE FAIR

It is said to have embraced a larger exhibition than last year, the number of entries being 2,499—199 more than the last fair. The attendance was large, and especially from neighboring States. The show of Horses and Cattle was large and excellent; of Sheep and Swine comparatively meagre; Domestic Manufactures, Ladies' Contributions, Implements, Machinery, and Fruit, it is reported, were largely represented.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE FAIR.

This fair, at Scranton on the 27-30th ult., was in most respects creditable to the agricultural and other interests of the Keystone State. The contributions of stock were fair in number and excellent in quality. E. Cornell of Ithaca, N. Y., sent the flocks of his celebrated stock of Short-Horns, and the range from other exhibitors included Short-Horns, Devons, Alderneys, Jerseys and grades including some very fine cattle. The show of Horses was large, and of a superior quality. Swine were not very numerous, nearly the whole stock being Chester Whites, the property of one exhibitor. Of Sheep, there was one pen of American Spanish Merino, and several Cotswolds and South Downs. The exhibition of Fruit was very fair, including that of the Cumberland Co. Horticultural Society, mentioned elsewhere. John Walsh of Ithaca, N. Y., showed 60 varieties of very fine apples, and 30 of pears, the balance being made up of many minor contributors. Grapes were abundant, very many being from Naples, N. Y., and vicinity, as well as from home contributors. Very superior hot-house