

The exhibition of horses was very large. All the notabilities of the turf were there, as well as the most celebrated roadsters and draft horses. The premium of \$1,000 for roadster went to "Stockbridge Chief," owned by Messrs. Cooper and Green, of Jefferson county, Ky. The \$1,000 premium for thorough-bred stallions was carried off by "Revenue," owned by A. Buford, of Woodford county, Ky., against 31 competitors among which were "Lexington" and "Dubloon." The sweepstakes of \$300 for the best stallion on the ground, went to "Dubloon," owned by H. E. Moore, of Cooper county, Mo.; and that of \$200 for the best mare, went to "Belle Sheridan," owned by R. S. Morrison, of Lexington, Ky.

In the cattle department, the show was remarkably good, J. N. Brown and J. D. Smith, of Ill., and R. A. Alexander, of Ky., being the principal exhibitors. The \$1,000 premium for the best aged bull, was awarded to "Second Duke of Airdire," owned by R. A. Alexander, of Ky. The sweepstakes of \$300 for the best bull of any kind or age on the ground went to "King Alfred," owned by J. N. Brown, of Ill.; the \$200 sweepstakes for the best cow, to "Tulip," owned by the same breeder.

In every other department, the show was very superior.

The attendance was very large, considering that the weather was rather wet and stormy during the first week, which necessitated a continuance of the Fair into the second week, and it closed on Oct. 4, with the usual lady equestrianism.

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR.

This Fair, held at Freeport, Ill., September 5-9, appears to have been very successful. The grounds were finely located, the arrangements very good, and the weather throughout proved propitious. The fact of the United States National Fair being held so shortly afterward at Chicago, prevented many of the best breeders of stock in that State from sending their choicest animals to the State Fair. This was most particularly the case with horses, the animals in this class not coming up in numbers or quality to some former years.

The show of cattle was very fair, but not up to that of last year. Among the Short-horns were the fine herds of J. N. Brown, of Sangamon county, and N. M. Chamberlin, of Ohio, the latter of whom carried off the premium for the best bull in this class, and the former the first premium for the best herd on the ground. The Devons were well represented; the herds of Johathan Perrin, of Hope county, and C. D. Bent, of Iowa, ranking first in this class. Herefords and Alderneys were not numerous, but the herds of Thomas Aston, of Ohio, and a few choice animals from Maryland were of a quality hard to beat.

Of Sheep, the show was first rate; some very superior Long-wools appearing among them from the flock of J. McGlashen, of Pelham, C. W., who took several prizes. Of South-downs, the flock of Samuel Toms, of Ohio, containing many choice imported animals, carried off the ribbons. Fine-wools appeared in large numbers, and of fair quality. C. Rosensteil, of Freeport, E. F. McConnell, of Chatham, and Hammond and Barnes, of Wheaton, taking the first premiums in this class.

SWINE.—In this class the Essexes and Suffolks were well represented. The Hon. John Wentworth, of Chicago, and S. K. Ruble, of Wisconsin, and W. Peveril, of Rockford, taking the best prizes.

FARM PRODUCTS AND FRUITS, &c.—In this department the show was better than in any former year. The samples of grain shown were first rate, and the fruit, of which many of the best specimens were from "Egypt," were such as only the rich warm soil of Southern Illinois can produce.

Of implements generally, the number on exhibition was very large, among which corn shellers and sugar-cane mills showed the most novelties. The great attraction of the Fair was Fawkes' steam plow, and to it the State Society owe much of the success of the exhibition this year, in a pecuniary point of view. A trial was had of this plow, which performed all that was anticipated from it, and it was awarded the premium of \$3,000, and covered with garlands and ribbons by the ladies, and its merits duly set forth by the speech-makers of the occasion.

OHIO STATE FAIR

Was held at Zanesville, Sept. 20-23. Great preparations were made for this Fair, and the material for a good show in several of the departments came to the ground, the entries numbering up to 2,506. But the weather proved inauspicious, and considerably lessened the attendance of visitors and live stock. The receipts only reached \$9,500.