

311; mechanical and agricultural implements, \$1,016; scientific, 209; miscellaneous 72. The crowd through the grounds was so great, and all the halls so densely packed with people, that it was next to impossible to see anything to advantage.

Horses were a prominent feature. A race, or in agricultural phraseology, a "trial of speed," for \$1,000, between the celebrated trotting nags Flora Temple and Princess, being one of the attractions. Several of the most noted horses from Vermont and Kentucky were exhibited.

**CATTLE.**—Among these the Devons predominated, and made a good display, both as to numbers and quality. In Short-horns, some splendid herds were shown, among which those of F. W. Stone, of Guelph C. W., and J. N. Brown, of Sangamon county, Ill., attracted special attention.

**SHEEP.**—The show in this department was remarkably good, mostly fine-wools, in which class the Messrs. McConnells, of Sangamon county, Ill., and Gregory, of Vermont, exhibited some very choice French and Spanish Merinoes. In Cotswolds, the flock of F. W. Stone, C. W., attracted special attention. There were also some fine sheep in this class shown by Brodie and Converse, of Jefferson county, N. Y. Of Leicesters, the finest were shown by Messrs. McGlashen and Miller of C. W. In South-downs, the flocks of Messrs. Toms, of Ohio, and Carpenter and Gage, of Ill., were among the best.

**SWINE.**—The show of these was not large, but there were some fine Suffolks, Essexes, and Berkshires shown.

**FOWLS.**—There was less variety than might have been expected, and this department showed evidence that the "hen fever" had subsided.

**AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND MACHINERY.**—The show in this department was very large.

#### PENNSYLVANIA STATE FAIR.

The seventh exhibition of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society, took place at Philadelphia, Sept. 27—30, and proved entirely successful. The weather was fair and the attendance numerous—over \$23,000 having been received for admission fees.

An exciting attraction to this Fair was a trial of fire engines, both steam and hand-worked engines competing, 16 fire engines being on the ground.

**HORSES.**—Many of the animals were first class, and among them were some fine imported animals, as well as a good display of Morgans and Black Hawks.

**CATTLE.**—In Short-horns, James Gowen, of Mount Airy, exhibited a splendid herd. D. Kelly took the first premium in this class for his bull "Lord Barrington." Of Devons, the show was good, J. H. Strandberg, of Maryland, taking off the premium with his celebrated herd. Alderneys were also well represented, Dr. Twaddell taking several premiums.

**SHEEP.**—But few premiums were offered in this class, and there was not anything remarkable about those on the ground.

**SWINE.**—The display in this class was one of the finest on the ground, principally of the Suffolk, Berkshire and Chester county breeds. The small breeds are evidently gaining favor.

#### FAIR OF THE ST. LOUIS AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Fair Grounds of this Association are probably the handsomest and best fitted up of any in the Union. Near the centre stands an immense amphitheatre, capable of seating 20,000 spectators. In the centre of this is erected a beautiful pagoda, from which a band of music enlivens the scene with its stirring strains. Around the pagoda is the ring for the display of the stock, all the animals in a class being led round the ring together, and the judges examine them and make their awards. The prize animals are then decorated with ribbons and are led round the ring alone, a herald proclaiming in a loud voice the names of the owners.

The Fair was held Sept. 26—Oct. 1. The Premium List was larger than that of any other association in the Union, and brought exhibitors from a great distance. Last year we visited this Fair, and were much disappointed in the character of the exhibition. This year the show appears to have been vastly superior—one more commensurate with the great liberality of the Premium List.