

## The State Fair.

The time for holding the annual Fair of the State Agricultural Society is at hand. Ample arrangements have been made at Alton for the accommodation of the articles, animals, and people who are expected to be in attendance.

It is feared that the political excitement which exists in our State will have tendency to withdraw attention, interest and attraction from the Fair. Every farmer, therefore, should feel that he is wanted; that without him there may be something lacking to make up the completeness of the great exhibition.

The political affairs of the country are of more than ordinary interest. It is the duty of every citizen to exercise the right of suffrage, and use his influence to secure the triumph of correct principle. But this should not interfere to prevent proper attention being paid to other great interests.

The managers of the State Society have been indefatigable in making arrangements for the Fair. The citizens of Alton have displayed unusual public spirit, and the railroads have extended facilities with their accustomed liberality. Now it remains for the farmers and mechanics of the State to do their part, and the exhibition will be one alike creditable to the State and to the West. But a single week remains for preparations. During this brief period everything connected with the Fair is to be perfected. We hope that there will be no falling off from last year. It is important to the farmers of Illinois that the interest and usefulness of these exhibitions should be kept up, and increase from year to year.

The office of the Recording Secretary is already opened in Alton, and entries can be made. The mechanical and machinery departments should be filled up at once.