State Fair Again—At Alton Ill., Sept. 30th.

Something more on this subject may not be amiss.

Each Fair of the Illinois State Agricultural Society, has been better than the one preceding it. Chicago last year, got up for the while the society was under the presidency of Mr. J. A. Miller, with an empty treasury, was equal to any State Fair ever held, while it far exceeded, those of many other and wealthier societies.

This year it is determined that there shall be no going backward in the coming Fair at Alton, which is intended to be a grand exposition of the labor and art, not only of Illinois, but the whole Mississippi valley.

For our liberal premium lists of over $7,000, is open to all, and we may expect the competition of the farmers, stock growers, mechanics and manufacturers, of this and the neighboring counties.

The manufacturers of the two great cities, Chicago and St. Louis, will here be pitted against each other, and all will do their best, to carry off the extensive prize lists, and to support their well-earned reputation for beauty and strength.

Preparations are made on a grand scale for the proper exhibition of everything. The Fair Grounds, situated only one mile from the city of Alton, on the river, and are composed of twenty-five acres of land, grove and open soil, all of which is by good spring and six wells. These grounds have been laid out, and the structures erected, under the direction of MR. J. A. Miller, with arrangement of plants, with great taste and judgment.

The buildings are larger and more commodious than usual, consisting first of an immense Palace of Industry, built in the form of a cross, with glazed sky-lights, (the Artists will like this) and tasteful arrangements throughout, for the exhibition of the Arts. The main body of the building is 300 by 200 feet, including the rotundas, and the building is long enough, from north to south, to be the equivalent of a large order of the kind. Besides this there are a number of buildings, each 100 feet long, for the accommodation of the artists, and another portion for the accommodation of the cattle, and dairy products. There are 250 stalls, for cattle, horses etc. of all kinds, and rooms for the accommodation of the persons attending the Fair.

Amply provision has been made for the lodging of visitors to the Fair. The好吗 of the city, besides the two excellent accommodations, have provided several large steamboats, for the convenience of the visitors.

Highly satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Railroads of Illinois. Visitors to the Fair will be able to visit the Fairgrounds by boat from the train, and then have the charge of all fixed by the Railroad, and the Fair.

And then the people of Alton will throw open their doors, while St. Louis is close at hand, and boats and Railroads will take visitors directly to the Fair. As the time of opening is getting near, prices which will make them moderate.

It is also understood that steamboats on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers will carry at greatly reduced rates; though, I am not informed of the details of this arrangement, but shall be glad to hear from them, by our Vice President, Col. Ross.

Let it come to the jubilee of industry. Few things, that do, will ever regret. More can be learned here in four days, than the productions of the whole United States, and it is to be hoped, that several of her sisters, than could be in a month spent in traveling.

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