

State Fair Items.

The Alton Courier says, the total number of entries to last Saturday was 457.

The officers report this to be the most auspicious opening ever known at the Illinois State Fair. Some entries have been made by citizens of Iowa.

A number of Omnibuses will be taken up from St. Louis to Alton, in order to carry passengers to the Fair Grounds.

The Packet Company have purchased the light draught stern wheel boat Cumberland Valley, to run between Alton and St. Louis. The company will have five boats in the line during the Fair, which together with the Railroad line, will offer every facility that could be desired for carrying passengers between the two cities.

REMEMBER.—All the Railroads will carry passengers to the State Fair *and return for one fare.* It is necessary, however, to take your tickets to the recording Secretary of the Fair, who will stamp them, to certify that you were present—otherwise you will be charged full price both ways.

Dr. KENNICOTT gives notice that the entry books for the Fair will close at noon on Tuesday, the 20th.