

General News.

THERE were sold at auction on Monday in the Central Park 67 Southdown sheep. They were mostly young animals, which, owing to the rapid increase of the flock, are quite frequently disposed of.

The bill granting homesteaders, in the grasshopper districts in Kansas and Nebraska, the right to leave their claims for one year has become a law.

The Cincinnati Price Current, a leading authority upon hog packing statistics, will publish to-morrow morning a very full preliminary report of pork packing in the West. Returns have been received from points which packed last season nine tenths of all packed at interior points.

The Commissioners of Agriculture, at the request of Senator Ingalls, has promised to ignore the middle States and other sections of the country in the distribution of seeds by his department in order to supply the destitute of the grasshopper districts of Kansas and Nebraska.

Mr. Phillips introduced a bill in the House of Representatives, Dec. 15, approving of the sale of the Kansas Indian lands, in the State of Kansas, to actual settlers, and for their disposition of the proceeds of the sale.

The lined oil factory at Omaha is a success, 50,000 bushels of flax-seed this season, and readily selling the raw oil at 80, and the boiled for 85-cents wholesale.

The Atchison Champion mentions the fact that Dr. W. L. Challis, of that city, has sold 1,000 head of fine sheep to the Mennonites, who have just settled in Marion County.

POST OFFICE CHANGES.—In Kansas during the week ending Dec. 19, 1874, furnished by Wm. Van Vleck, of the postoffice department.

Postmasters appointed—Boston Mills, Cherokee county, Marquen L. Smith; Calmer, McPherson Co., Bell Parker; Edwardsville, Wyandotte county, Dempsey S. Haines; Holton, Jackson county, Frank A. Root; Iowaville, Sedgewick county, Henry P. Silkintner; Seneca, Nemaha county, West E. Wilkinson.

THE CAUCUS FINANCE BILL.—The Leading features of the bill agreed upon by the Republican caucus of the Senate are, according to late dispatches, substantially as follows.

1. Free banking, to be open to all individuals and associations, without limitation of capital.

2. Retiring of the amount of greenbacks equal to eighty per cent. of the amount of new national notes issued, until the greenback circulation shall be reduced to \$300,000,000, after which no further reduction of greenbacks is to take place.

3. The withdrawal and destruction of fractional currency and the substitution of silver coin.

4. Removing the cost for coinage of gold at several mints.

5. Resumption of specie payments to commence on first day of January 1879.

Robert Bonner has purchased of Richard Peniston, of Lexington, Ky., his famous three-year-old mare, Lady Stout, paying \$25,000.

In the last full meeting at Lexington, the mare made the fastest time for a three-year-old on record.

THE bullion product of Nevada for 1875 is estimated at \$60,000,000.

SECRETARY Delano has written a letter to the secretary of war, in which he says: The Black Hills country is secured by treaty to the Sioux Indians, and I respectfully request that the most effective measures within the power of the war department may be adopted towards all persons making encroachments upon said territory, and that all intruders be pursued, overtaken and expelled from it.

The president has signed the act for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands, which make it lawful for homestead and preemption settlers whose crops were destroyed, or seriously injured by the grasshoppers to be absent from said lands until July 1876.

The following, from Governor McEnery is published: "New Orleans, Dec. 25, 1874.—The wrong just perpetrated by the retiring board against the people of Louisiana, and which vitally threatens the safety and integrity of Republican institutions in the U. S., is a more crowning infamy than the lynch returning board. It surpasses even the midnight Order of Buell, and would not be submitted to by any free people. Resistance to national authority is repressed here by a large portion of the army, and naval fleet sustaining the usurpation, and stifling the voice of the people."

THE total cost of maintaining our state Government for 1873 was \$444,902.95, and for 1874, \$468,003.70.

Entomology.

THE FLAT-HEADED APPLE-TREE BORER.

BY PROF. C. V. RILEY.

CAUSES AND REMEDIES.

In treating of the means to be employed against the flat-headed borer, one important fact should be borne in mind. The natural breeding place of the insect is undoubtedly in the decaying oaks of our woods, and I have known it to swarm in old jack oak stumps from which the tops have been felled for a number of years.

But there is yet one other predisposing cause which few people suspect, and that is reckless and careless pruning, especially of the larger branches. Many a fine orchard tree and many more city shade trees receive their death shock from the reckless sawing off of limbs, without effort being made to heal the wound by coating with grafting-wax, clay, or other protecting substance.

As a preventive against the insect's attacks there is nothing better than coating the trunks and larger limbs with soap, at least twice a year—one toward the end of May, and again in July or August.

In Chicago, since the great fire of 1871, a large business has been done in transplanting from the woods immense shade trees, some of them over a foot through. The flat-headed borer is playing havoc with many of these, and in despair some of my friends have been at the trouble and expense of wrapping the entire trunk and larger limbs with wire gauze, through which the beetle cannot penetrate.

A Man of a Thousand. A CONSUMPTIVE CURSED.—When death was hourly expected from Consumption, all remedies having failed, accident led to a discovery whereby Dr. H. James cured his only child with a preparation of Cannabis Indica.

Market Review.

OFFICE OF THE KANSAS FARMER, TOPEKA, KAN., Dec. 27, 1874.

Table of Topeka Money Market. Includes Kansas Pacific Gold Bonds, Kansas Pacific Gold Sixes, Kansas Pacific Gold Sevens, etc.

Table of Topeka Grain Market. Includes Wholesale cash prices from commission men, corrected weekly by Keever & Foucht. WHEAT—Per bu. Spring, Red No. 2, etc.

Table of Topeka Produce Market. Includes Grocers' retail price list, corrected weekly by Davies & Manaster. JEANS—Per bu.—White Navy, etc.

Table of Kansas City Market. Includes Corrected weekly by Hartsock & Gossett, Dealers in Hides, Furs, Tallow and Leather. HIDES—Green, etc.

Table of Kansas City Market. Includes The following are wholesale cash prices from commission men. WHEAT—Per bu.—Spring Red, etc.

Table of Kansas City Market. Includes PRODUCE. BUTTER—Per lb.—Choice, etc.

Table of Kansas City Market. Includes LIVE STOCK. CATTLE—Extra, av. 1,300 to 1,500, etc.

Table of St. Louis Market. Includes GRAIN—Per bu. Wheat, No. 3 Red, etc.

Table of Chicago Market. Includes GRAIN—Wheat, spring, No. 1, per bu., etc.

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THE STRAY LIST

BY AN ACT of the Legislature, approved Feb. 27, 1867, section 1, when the appraised value of a stray of wild life...

Stray List for the Week ending Dec. 30.

Atchison County—C. H. Krebs, Clerk. COLT—Taken up by J. Armstrong, Lancaster tp, a dark bay horse, about 3 years old, branded on left shoulder with letter C, appraised \$30.

Strays for the Week Ending Dec. 23, 1874.

Bourbon County—J. H. Brown, Clerk. MARE—Taken up by C. H. Brown, Drywood tp, one bay mare, about 1 1/2 years old, white spots in forehead, supposed to be 3 years old, appraised \$15.

Shawnee County—P. I. Bonebrake, Clerk.

MARE—Taken up by P. I. Bonebrake, Topoka tp, Nov 21, a mare 2 years old, black color, 15 hands high, no marks or brands, appraised \$40.

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