

Farm and Fireside.

Kansas Yields.

The Kansas Farmer states that Mr. J. A. Bent, well known in this State and in Illinois as an intelligent citizen and a close observer, made a pleasant call at the office of the Farmer and reported the following extraordinary yields of wheat.

"I met at Wichita an Illinois farmer, J. Wilday, Esq., from Morgan county, Ill., who gave me so wonderful an account of his crops that I felt inclined to accept his invitation and go to Augusta, in Butler county, and see if there was exaggeration. He resides at the fork of the Walnut and Whitewater, and has a noble bottom farm of some 500 acres. He thinks his crop generally as good as he ever saw in Illinois. He has already gathered corn from different fields and he finds that the yield is from sixty to eighty bushels per acre. He is obtaining some 'Gold Drop' variety of seed wheat last fall and drilled it in on a small patch which he called six and a half acre. It was land that had been cropped to wheat for several years; had not manured or fertilized. The yield was 365 bushels of machine or rounded measure. This was so much greater than ordinary large yields that I was inclined to be very particular in order to see if any mistake had been made. I went to the barn to see the wheat and have a bushel weighed. He had sold a part at \$1.25 per bushel for seed; had saved a large part of it himself. The hired man, who measured it at the threshing, at my request measured a bushel as he did before, and it, rounded a little, weighed sixty-four and one-fourth pounds. We then measured a struck bushel, and it weighed sixty-two and one-fourth pounds. I then went to the field, and with a two rod line measured the ground and found it to be 6.21 acres. In short, the yield was 50.6 bushels of sixty pounds per acre. This crop stood perfectly uniform as to height, some 4 feet, and was so thick and firm that a hat hung upon it would be upheld. Several others report forty-five bushels per acre. Capt. D. A. Lee, of Rock, in Cowley county, had 1,110 bushels from twenty acres. His wheat of the early May variety, weighed sixty-three and a half pounds per bushel. Wm. Kellison, at Marion Center, had 150 bushels yield from two and one-half acres."

Domestic Economy.

Mrs. Kate Hannabee, in the New York Tribune, says: "It seems to me we Americans spend too much money on our stomachs and too little for intellectual and moral enjoyments. When there is any economizing to be done in the family, it generally falls to the women. They must wear their old clothes, give up the magazines, do with less help, but no one ever suggests that the family should eat more stewed meat and less roasted, more bread and butter and less dessert; yet it is just here that economy can be most effectively practiced with no material diminution of enjoyments. I have been very much interested lately in small economies, for pin money has grown so scarce that I am obliged to squeeze mine out of the butcher. Not literally, of course; but I buy the cheap pieces, and cook them so deliciously that the family do not know the difference. They only think the oven is out of order and will not roast."

MAXIMS FOR FARMERS.—It is worth while for all farmers everywhere to remember that thorough culture is better than three mortgages on their farms.

That good fences always pay better than lawsuits with neighbors.

That hay is a great deal cheaper made in summer than purchased in winter.

That more stock perish from famine than founder.

That a horse who lays his ears back and looks lightning when any one approaches him is vicious. Don't buy him.

That scurrying the feed of fattening hogs is a waste of grain.

That overfed fowls won't lay eggs.

That educating children properly is money lent at one hundred per cent.

That one evening spent at home in study is more profitable than ten lounging around country taverns.

That cows should always be milked regularly and clean.

That it is the duty of every man to take a good, reliable, entertaining paper, and pay for it promptly, of course.

WARM FEET.—Life-long discomfort, disease and sudden death often come to children through the inattention or carelessness of the parents. A child should never be allowed to go to sleep with cold feet; the thing to be last attended to is to see that the feet are dry and warm; neglect of this has often resulted in a dangerous attack of croup, diphtheria, or fatal sore throat. Always on coming from school, on entering the house from a visit or errand, in rainy, muddy weather, the child should remove its shoes, and the mother should herself ascertain whether the stockings are the least damp. If they are they should be taken off, the feet held before the fire and rubbed with the hand until perfectly dry, and another pair of stockings and another pair of shoes put on. The reverse shoes and stockings should be kept where they are warm and dry, so as to be ready for use on a moment's notice.

A certain New York dry goods merchant, in want of a boy, lately displayed the following suggestive notice: "Boy wanted that has fully rested himself, and is not too intellectual."

Statement Showing the Population of the State of Kansas for 1875.

Table with columns for County, Pop., and Total. Lists counties like Allen, Anderson, Atchison, etc., with their respective populations.

"It appears from the record in the office of the Secretary of State that the counties of Comanche, Harper and Ness polled 812 votes at the general election of 1875. The counties of Kingman, Pratt and Wallace polled 422 votes in 1874. There have been no returns from these counties for 1875.

The census returns of Howard township, Elk county, were transmitted to the County Clerk for transmission and copy on the 15th day of August last, at his request. Although repeatedly requested to return the same, he has neglected to do so. The population of Howard township in 1874 was 712, which is included in the population of Elk county, as given above.

The unorganized counties contain a population of about 300. The population in 1860 was 107,206; in 1870, 364,399; increase in ten years, 257,193, or 23.9 per cent. per annum. Population in 1875, 523,437; increase in five years, 159,038, or six per cent. per annum. The average annual increase in the United States from 1860 to 1875 was 2.22 per cent.

On the first of March, 1874, the population of the State, as returned by the assessors was 529,367. This included an estimated population of 1,950, as follows: Comanche, 250; Harper, 300; Kingman, 300; Ness, 200; Pratt, 300; Wallace, 600. These counties are not included in the official returns in the foregoing table. Deducing this estimated population of 1,950 from the official returns of 1874, we have 527,417. The official returns of this year, 523,437, show an actual increase of twenty, from 1874 to 1875. Owing to the latest visitation of last fall, there was quite an emigration to other States to spend the winter. The census was taken on the first day of March, before our people had returned to any great extent. If the census had been taken on the first of May, instead of the first of March, several thousand would have been added to the population returns of the State.

Potatoes for Horses.

L. T. Scott writes in the Country Gentleman: Nearly every winter when I have my horses up in stables, I think that I will call the attention of your readers to the practice of feeding potatoes to their horses. I once came very near losing a very valuable horse from feeding him dry hay and oats with nothing loosening. I have never believed in dosing a horse with medicine, but something is actually necessary to keep a horse in the right condition. Many use powders, but potatoes are better and safer, and cheaper, if fed judiciously.

Efficiency of the United States Signal Service.

The efficiency of the United States Signal Service department has been clearly displayed on a great number of occasions, and one particularly on this coast, where no doubt much damage and disaster was saved to shipping in this harbor. The last, and perhaps one of the most notable instances of its efficiency, was evinced on the occasion of the late cyclone, which burst with such terrific violence on the coast of Texas. This storm originated, probably in the Caribbean sea, or to the eastward thereof and thus mostly outside the stations of observation, either under the direction of the Bureau or connected with it. But certain marked atmospheric disturbances were noted upon its northern margin in Georgia and Florida, from which it was inferred, three days before it reached Texas, that a cyclone was raging somewhere in the neighborhood of Cuba. The indications grew quite decided on the 13th ult., and danger signals were ordered up along the Atlantic coast from southern Florida to Cape Hatteras. On the 14th the indications were still more decided, but it was evident that the cyclone was moving more directly west than was at first supposed, and it was ordered that the signals on the Atlantic coast should be lowered, and those on the Gulf from Monroe to Texas should be raised. Had there been stations at Galveston and Indianola, danger signals could have been ordered up there. The next day, Sept. 15th, the storm burst with the most intense fury on the coast of Texas, where it wrought the terrible destruction, the full particulars of which are now reaching us by mail.—Pacific States Industrial Guide.

One Scotchman complained to another that he had got a ringing in his head.

"Do you know the reason of that?" asked the worthy cory. "No," "I'll tell ye—it's because it's empty." "And he's yo never a ringing in your head?" quoth the other. "No, never." "And do ye ken the reason?"—because it is cracked.

A Word to Farmers.

We desire to say a single word to the farmers of the northwest. I time of peace prepare for war, in time of plenty prepare for the days when famine threatens. The soil of this country is rich enough for any purpose; but there are seasons when the dews of heaven do not descend upon the just or the unjust, and thousands are called upon to mourn one year what they squandered the previous one. Granaries, filled in one month, have been found empty the next, and pitiful starvation has existed where plenty once abounded.

Think not of what you raise but of what you can save. If a man makes \$5,000 a year, and spends double that amount, he isn't a bit richer when the 31st of December comes; only left to tell the world what he might have been, and the world don't care a picayune about hearing the story.

Every good farmer should keep on hand in bounteous years, at least enough to anticipate those seasons so apt to occur when there may be partial or total failure of crops. Good barns and good cribs and bins are far more profitable than big houses. The old Pennsylvania Dutchman believes that a house in no time, and his prosperity has been proverbial. He always keeps three year's crops ahead instead of one.

The past two seasons should teach our farmers a lesson. If they do not profit by it, it will be their own fault. Save what you have.—St. Joe Gazette.

A Hint Worth Remembering.

A simple and usually successful mode of extracting a needle or any piece of steel or iron broken off in the flesh is accomplished by the application of a simple pocket magnet. An acquaintance of ours had a little daughter who recently broke a needle off in her hand. A surgeon called who made several attempts to find the needle by probing and incision, but without success. After the surgeon had left the mother conceived the idea of trying a magnet; one was procured and after one or two applications of it the broken fragment of the needle was discovered attached to the magnet. The idea will be of especial utility to workers in iron. Machine shop surgery is not the least delicate or least painful, though men heroically undergo it rather than stand the loss of time due to an indolent eye or fostered finger. Iron filings have a way of imbedding themselves in the eye which defies almost every ordinary means for their removal, a small, blunt, pointed bar of steel, well magnetized, will be found excellent, and we should recommend that workmen liable to such accidents keep such an instrument about them. It would be a good plan to insert such a bar in a penknife, in a manner similar to a blade.

Sulphuric Acid for Weeds.

An English writer says: One drop of sulphuric acid in the heart of the plantain is sufficient to cause death. If the acid is good, the work of death can both be seen and heard. For the vitriol hisses and burns up the plant in a moment. A row of plantains a foot wide, sprang up on a lawn where an iron fence had stood, and the owner killed them all in an hour, and they have never reappeared. It completely burns the roots out. I have tried it, with the same result on large dandelions. It is equally efficacious on thistles, eating out the roots; one drop is sufficient. Care must be taken that the acid does not touch hands, clothing or person, as it is dangerous material. Use a bottle with wire around it to carry it by, and a stick to dip with. If the stick is notched at the lower end, it will hold the liquid better.

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And whereas, Freeman Martin, Isaac Martin and J. M. House, petitioners, and G. DeWitt, deputy county surveyor, of said county, have been ordered by said County Commissioners to view, survey, and locate said road.

Therefore, you are hereby notified that said survey and location will proceed, on the 18th day of December, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the place of beginning of said road, to view, survey and locate said road, and perform whatever other duties are required of them by law; and unless you then file a written application with said surveyors, giving a description of the premises on which you claim damages or compensation, your application for the same will be barred.

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