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Yellow pinodeals have moved away very rapidly and are held at firm rates, from £16 to £16 10s. per standards being current prices for 2nds.

During the last month pitch pine timber has increased a little in price, and still shows an upward tendency. The weather being favorable there is still a good deal of housebuilding going forward, and several contracts are being rapidly pushed forward.

EXPLOSION IN A PLANING MILL.

DETROIT, Dec. 20 .- Last evening the boiler in .C. H. Plummer's planing mill, at Jackson, Mich., exploded, blowing the entire structure into fragments. At the time ten men were engaged about the place, six of whom were either killed or wounded. Albert Keypert, teamster, was instantly killed, his head being nearly severed from his body, which was badly mangled. He was from Three Rivers, and 21 years old. Geo. Vanbrunt, en ineer, aged 48, was scalded about the body and nurt about the head, and was also struck on the eide but not dangerously. Fred. Vanbrunt, son of George, had his right leg broken, the left badly burned, and hurt about the head and shoulders. wounds are dangerous. Fred. Miller, aged 35, was struck on the head, and a sliver the size of a cigar was forced into his skull just above the temple. He will probably die. Charles Davenport was wound up in the helts, which had to be cut to release him. His left arm was broken, but he sustained no serious injury. N. B. Breckenridge was burt about the head and side. but not seriously. A flue was driven through the side of a house thirty rods away. Panghurn and Will Nell were up stairs with Fred Miller, but eacaped unhurt. The force of the explosion shook the entire city, rattling doors and windows two miles from the scene. Bricks were hurled through the sides of houses forty rods away. Charley Palmer was walking the street 150 rods distant, and was struck in the face by part of a brick and knocked down. Not a stick of the mill was left in its original Wm. Armstrong, assistant superintendent of the Cleveland mine at Ishueming, Mich. while assisting the workmen, was struck on the back by a falling plece of rock and instantly He was a young man, 28 years old, and very highly esteemed.

WINTER CARE OF WORK HORSES. For a winter diet there is nothing better or chesper than corn fodder, with a ration of grain, generally oats, varying according to circumstances. For many years I have never fed hay to horses during the winter until the corn fodder was entirely gone. Horses are very fond of corn fodder, and thrive upon it better than on hay; it has no tendency to produce trouble with the wind, as hay is liable to do if fed in excess, as it frequently is. The fodder is alightly constipating, but this should be remedied by a ration of wet bran now and then, Corn stalks furnish both food and bedding. The simplost way of feeding them is to stand a bundle in the manger, and the horse will cat it down closely, the hard butts of the stalks being left The horse seems to know, what many farmors do not seem to be able to learn, that corn butts are of little value as food. At the next feed throw the butts under the horse, and he will require no other litter and keep cleaner on this hed than on straw. The manure is difficult to take out, but if it accumiates for a few days the stalks will be broken and easier to remove. The actual cost of feeding horses, of course, varies widley in accordance with the locality; near the large cities, with high-priced pasture land, hay, and grain, of course, are much higher than in mere remote districts, so that an estimate expressed in figures would not be of any value for the locality for which it was made. The course of feeding above laid down, is as well adanted as any to the circumstances of the ordinary farmer. The stable should be well ventilated, cool, not cold; and draughts avoided if possible. The feet of horses, not at work, should be carefully examined every few days, at least twice a week. The ordinary diseases of the stable, "thrush" and "scratches," can be prevented in most, I was about to vy in all cases Should any disease become established, consult a competent veterinary surgeon at onco. - Stock-Breeder.

How to Preserve Posts.

A writer in the Western Rural furnishes the following information regarding the preservation of posts for fences, etc. : "I discovered many years ago that wood can be made to last longer than iron in the ground, but thought the process so simple and inexpensive that it was not worth while to make any stir about it. I would as soon have polar or ash as any otherkind of tim-ber for posts. I have taken out basswood posts, after having been set seven years, that were sound as when put in the ground. Time and weather seem to have had no effect on The posts can be prepared for less than two cents. Take up, polish with linseed oil and stir in pulverized charcoal to the consistency of paint. Put a coat of this over the timber, and there is not a man that will live long enough to see it rotten."

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