BREEDING ANGORA GOATS.

Profitable Industry Recently Inaugurated in Several Southern States.

The raising of Angora goats is an industry which may soon be established in the nearby State of North Carolina. A tract of land was recently purchased in Cumberland County by a Northern man who proposes to breed and keep such animals for the fine fleece of valuable fleece which they annually produce.

In Texas Angora goats have been cultivated for some years, and Farm and Ranch, an agricultural paper published in the Lone Star State, says there are 75,000 of the animals within its borders, while nearly fifty tons of their fleece, commercially known as mohair, was shipped last year from Uvalde alone. It now sells at prices ranging from 25 to 35 cents a pound for average grades, while some of the very finest quality not yet marketed is expected to command 40 cents. Not only is the fleece of considerable value, but the hides and flesh are also said to be in active demand.

Apparently there is an excellent opportunity for many American farmers in the raising of Angora goats. It is asserted that these animals can be kept at much less expense than sheep, while their fleece is of far greater value than wool. It requires a dry climate and short grass, while a country of broken and hilly nature, with scrubby tree growths, is well adapted to its requirements. The statement is also made that breeding the Angora with the common goat produces an animal of greater size than the latter, while the fleece is soon graded up to a profit-yielding quality.

Mohair, as is well known, is a long and silky product which is employed in the manufacture of many costly fabrics. There are at present nearly 250,000 of the pure Angoras in the United States, but if their value is hereafter generally appreciated by agriculturists there is no doubt that this number will be largely increased. Animals which are easier to raise than sheep and which at the same time yield greater returns are sure to become more numerous on our farms wherever climatic and other conditions are conducive to their culture.—Baltimore Herald.

RECENT JUDICIAL DECISIONS.

Where an action is brought on a book account, and the books offered in evidence are shown to have been kept by plaintiff's intestate, the defendant may show that the mental condition of intestate made him incapable of keeping the books correctly. 38 S. E. Rep. (Va.) 183.

Statute overriding the rules of court respecting admission of attorneys, by requiring the admission of any person who began to study law before a specified date provided he had obtained a diploma from a law school in the State after a specified period of attendance or passed a satisfactory examination after a prescribed course of study, is held, in re Day (Ill.), 50 L. R. A. 519, to be an unconstitutional assumption by the Legislature of power properly belonging to the courts.

A forfeiting clause in a note given by the insured for premium on a life policy payable to his wife in case of death, if it is more onerous than the provisions of the original contract, is held, in Union Cent. L. Ins. Co. vs. Buxer (Ohio), 49 L. R. A. 737, to be ineffectual as against the wife, unless she assents thereto, and this decision is in accord with the general weight of authority shown by the annotation to the case, to the effect that the beneficiary's rights cannot be destroyed or affected by the insured in any other way than by allowing a lapse of the policy.

A man having a wife and children, with whom he permanently resides in a given county, did not, by accepting a contract in another county, renting a furnished house therein, and occupying the same with his family during the period covered by the performance of such contract, acquire a domicile in the latter county, when he did not intend to abandon his domicile in the county first referred to, or that he or his family should permanently reside elsewhere, but did intend that his and their stay in the county wherein the contract was to be performed should be temporary only, and terminate upon the completion thereof. 38 S. E. Rep. (Ga.) 206.

MONTANA LODGES.

PRIDE OF MONTANA LODGE, 4, K. of P. Meets every second and fourth Monday at 8:30 p.m., G. A. R. Hall. All visiting Knights, in good standing, made welcome.
DAVID GORDON, C. C.
W. J. WHEATON, K. of R. & S.

R. J. FLETCHER LODGE, 101, A. F. & A. M. Meets every first and second Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at Odd Fellows Hall, Rodney St.
DAVID GORDON, W. M.
GEO. W. ALEXANDER, SR., Sec'y.

BIRD LODGE, 11, A. F. & A. M. Meets every first and Second Monday at Masonic Hall, Main street, foot of Broadway.
HENRY BAKER, Act'g W. M.
GEO. M. LEE, Sec'y.

GOLDEN CITY LODGE, G. U. O. of O. F. Meets every first and second Tuesday at their Hall on Rodney street.
THOS. KELLUM, P. S. W. C. IRWIN, N. G.

BATH-SHEBA CHAPTER, 5, O. E. S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday at Odd Fellows Hall, Rodney street.
FANNIE WARFIELD, Worthy Matron.
CLARINDA CRUMP, Sec'y.

MOUNT HEBRON COURT, H. of J. Meets every second and fourth Monday at Masonic Hall, foot of Broadway.
FANNIE WARFIELD, W. M.
POLLIE LEE, Sec'y.

ST. JAMES A. M. E. CHURCH, Corner 5th and Hoback streets. Services 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday School, 2 p.m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday evening 8 p.m. All are welcome.
J. COOK TAYLOR, Pastor.

HELENA, MONTANA, NEWS.

Subscribe for The New Age.

J. S. Montgomery is in the retail liquor business. His resort is well kept and orderly and a favorite resort for the young men about town. Genial John is quite a favorite among the boys, and has gained and kept numerous friends.

The shoe shining establishment of T. J. Hanner, in connection with the tonsorial department of David Gordon is doing a thriving business. They give employment to several young men and tend in no small measure to solve the industrual problem.

No lady ever passes the show window of the New York store without turning her head to gaze with longing upon the pretty patterns and costumes that adorn their show windows. Helena is noted for its well dressed ladies and the New York store materially contributes to that end.

Wherever one goes, he hears of Kesslers' famous beer. A considerable amount of Helena's popularity is due to the excellence of the output of its celebrated brewery. Mr. Kessler himself is a public spirited citizen, who believes in the future of the Queen of the Rockies, and is more than zealous in advocating every feature that tends to make Helena an ideal city.

It makes no difference how homely one may be, there comes a time when he or she wishes to be reproduced the shadow of themselves. Keller, the successor to the studio of J. P. Ball, corner Main and Sixth streets, has an enviable reputation among photographic fraternity. The artistic finish of his works, coupled with the attention ot the little details that go to make up a presentable picture, make the production of Mr. Keers studio gems of the photographic art. Our readers will do well by giving Mr. Keller a call. His card will be found in our advertising columns.

Although starting but a few years ago, Mr. W. R. Dorsey has demonstrated to the community that the Afro-American is capable of engaging successfully in mercantile pursuits. His grocery business on Eighth avenue is a monument to his zeal and push. Possessed of a good foresight, he has gained the implicit confidence of his customers and every day adds to the long list of his patronage. His store is well stock with staple and fancy groceries and his delivery wagon is constantly on the go. As merit will always win, we bespeak for him the patronage of all, irrespective of color or rationality.

In opening up the Montana department in The New Age, it is with the belief that our colored people of the state should have some means whereby their opinins concerning public events might be expressed. We believe that they will appreciate an organ whereby they may air their grievances, and have a champion through which they can voice their approval or disapproval of any of the various public questions that affect them, whether they be of a nature political, religious, social or what not. It is the same here in Montana as anywhere else in these United States, conditions are scarcely better, numerous avocations, numbers of avenues are closed against us from prejudice. The industrial question is one of great importance to us throughout the state. Individual agitation does not avail. But should the thousands of colored people scattered throughout the towns and hamlets of the state concentrate their efforts for rectifying these grievances no doubt but what conditions will have a decided change.

It is to this end that The New Age places its columns at the disposal of the colored people of the state trusting that the loyalty of the race will uphold it in every rightful endeavor. All questions of any moment can be thoroughly discussed through the medium of our columns, by our readers and we trust they will avail themselves of the opportunity.

We have received substantial encouragement from some of the leading business firms of Helena. Firms who believe in the idea of reciprocity, knowing that they receive a goodly share of the colored patrongae, they say that being good paying customers they wish not only to retain those they have, but to gain more. The readers of these columns will confer a pleasurable favor upon The New Age by patronizing those who advertise with us. The colored people of Helena place into the coffers of its merchants thousands of dollars monthly, and this fact is appreciated by a number of them, whilst others take it as a matter of course.

The clothing firm of Gans & Klein, one of the oldest in the state, whose brand upon their clothing in prima facie evidence of its reliability, number among his customers some of our best dressers. The firm believing that advertising is money judiciously invested have placed their card with us, believing that it will attract the attention of the numerous readers of the columns of The Age throughout the state.

Curiosities of Tropical Plant Life.

In the cocoanut palms of the Philippine Islands pearls are occasionally found. Like those of the ocean, they are composed of carbonate of lime. The bamboo also yields another precious product, in the shape of true opals, which are found in its joints.

"I am going to tell my troubles to the next friend I meet," said a man on the streets to-day, "in order that I may get some more advice about being patient."

CITY NEWS

C. A. Ritter, Society Editor.

We shall know no favorites, and shall be absolutely impartial. To insure publication, all local news must reach us not later than Thursday morning of each week.

Mr. A. Meredith is still at St. Vincent hospital. He is improving.

Mr. H. C. Reeves, of Seattle, spent a few days in the city the first of the week.

Miss Georgia Edwards, of Couch school was honorably promoted to Sixth B.

Mrs. M. Edwards and daughter leave for a visit of several months to friends ina Wshington this week.

Rev. J. W. Wright, having decided to remain in our midst, intends to bring his family here at an early date.

Rev. Riley Vernon will preach at Mt. Olivet Baptist church Sunday at 8p.m. The public is cordially invited to be present

Mrs. Moore will open a restaurant at 104 North Seventh street about July 1. It is hardly necessary to state that it will be first class in every respect.

The Golden Link Society will hold their regular weekly social at Mt. Olivet Bapitst church on Tuesday evening. An excellent program has been arranged.

Wednesday afternoon and evening witnessed the birth of a new order in our midst— the Fraternal Order of Hawks. From all accounts it is a "hot one" and bids fair to become a popular institution.

Enterprise lodge A. F. & A. M. gave a banquet at Grand Army hall Tuesday evening. The hall was tastily decorated. A large crowd was present and enjoyed themselves immensely.

On Monday night the A. M. E. Zion church was crowded with an attentive audience assembled to listen to Rev. J. W. Wright in a sermon under the auspices of Enterprise lodge A. F. & A. M. Some excellent music was rendered.

Wednesday evening the committee from Seattle, who had attended to assist in giving the higher Masonic degrees to the members of Enterprise lodge, No. 47, left for their homes in Seattle. They made many warm friends during their brief stay in our midst.

H. C. Thompson and wife of Seventh and Couch entertained at dinner last Tuesday Hon. G. S. Bailey, E. Hawkins and J. P. Ball, all of Seattle, also Rev. and Mrs. C. Collins. The dining room was elegantly decorated with palms and cut flowers and the dinner served in courses.

Regular services will be held at the Bethel A. M.E. church on next Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m.; class meeting at 12 m.; Sunday school at 1 pm..; Evening services at 8 p. m. The public are cordially invited to any and all services. The meetings of the sewing circle have been discontinued for the present. An organization called the "Twelve Tribes of Israel" is working to raise money to pay off some of the indebtedness of the church.

To whom it may concern:

This will notify the public that Rev. T. F. Smith is not connected with the Mt. Olivet Baptist church and is not authorized to solicit funds for the benefit of said church. All persons desirous of aiding said church will please not contriubte anything to the aforesaid T. F. Smith as no monies receievd by him will benefit the church in any way. By order of the trustees.

J. C. Logan,
R. Crawford,
T. Bolden.

On Sunday night the A. M. E. Zion church was well filled to listen to the program prepared to celebrate Children's Day. The exercises by the little ones were very interesting, reflecting great credit on the committee, Mrs. K. Gray and Mrs. R. Williams, for their earnest and painstaking efforts in drilling the children. The church was handsomely decorated with palms, ferns, wild and cultivated flowers in profusion. At the close of the exercises the audience gave a very generous collection.

Mr. A. D. Griffin, editor and proprietor of The New Age, has returned from a hurried tour of the East and South. He visited the principal business points in New England, succeeded in his desire to be put off at Buffalo, met old friends in the departments at Washington, D. C., toured the South, where he tarried a few days at his old Louisiana home and finally hurried away for the reason that the best people on earth live in Oregon and that the happiest and most prosperous and most healthful country under the sun is that vast and fertile territory bounded on the north by the Columbia river, on the South by California, on the East by Idaho and other sagebrush domains and on the West by the grand old Pacific ocean which affords the cut rate highway to our new possessions among the islands of the far east. Editor Griffin has sufficiently recovered self-possession since his return to say that he's glad he is here and that no portion of the vast continent over which he has recently traveled begins to compare, in any respect, politically, physically or in the matter of future promise, with Webfoot land.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The ladies of the Eastern Star gave a supper to the members and visitors of the Chapter at their meeting of the 27th. The committee giving the supper were Mesdames Crump, Brown, Lucas and Gordon.

Two delightful outings have been given to the power dam at the Missouri river. A most enjoyable time was had each time. The one given the 20th of June was under the auspices of Sergeant and Mrs. Owens, of Fort Harrison. They fished and danced and enjoyed themselves in devious ways until time was called to return to the city.

R. J. Fletcher lodge, No. 101, A. F. & A. M., elected the following officers: David Gordon, M. W.; W. J. Wheaton, S. W.; F. D. Sampson, J. W.; Geo. W. Alexander, Secretary and W. R. Dorsey, Treasurer. After the installation the newly elected officers gave a supper to the members and guests. A good time, such as Masons only can have, was the climax of the evening.

The Pride of Mountain lodge, No. 4, K. of P., elected the following officers for the ensuing term: David Gordon, C. C.; James Crump, V. C.; Edward Johnson, P.; W. J. Wheaton, K. of R. & S.; F. D. Sampson, M. of F.; J. S. Montgomery, M. of E.; A. D. Green, M. of A., and L. L. Grissom, M. of W. After the election the lodge gave the chivalric degree to eight esquires and the whole was capped by a sumptuous repast. Speeches and song enlivened the occasion.

Misses Minnette Gatewood and Clarinda Crump gave what is called a sway party at the home of the latter, 1003 Ninth avenue. The lawn was strung with Japanese lights and the rooms were tastefully decorated with flowers, palms, beauty roses and potted plants of various descriptions formed a mass of brilliant colors most pleasing to the eye, whilst the ropes of smilax gave an artistic effect to the whole. Music, games and dancing served to while away an evening which all present voted a most enjoyable one.