

ANGORA GOATS AND BRUSH.

We are constantly reminded that Angora goats are great brush killers, and our observation has been that a great many people at present who are investing money in goats do so almost for the purpose of clearing some piece of undergrowth or brush lands on their premises. With these people a goat is a goat, and if brush-killing is the main profit to be derived, the roughest old "mustang" that has greatest capacity for breaking down trees, eating thistles and scrambling through briars, with least fleece to impede him would logically be the best goat. This does not apply to owners of large flocks, as a rule, for these people have long since learned that the main profit lies in the fleece and increase. But locally, and with the masses, the idea of quality in goats has not had much to do in the case. Even when selling the fleece, he sees no difference in quality and sells his best and poorest for the same price.

But with the advent of the high grade, or thoroughbred, that obtain for such, goat-breeding should be regarded as an industry on a par with that of any other stock. True, goats will kill brush, but the object of this communication is to exalt the goat industry above the mere level of "killing brush." In other words, the man possession an abundance of brush land, with some grass for variety, should be more admirably situated for embarking into the Angora goat business than for going into the "brush-killing" business; i. e., the killing or destroying of briars, shrubs, etc., should be considered the incidental profit of goat husbandry. While it is true that goats with thrive on lands where sheep will deteriorate or perish, they surely enjoy good pasture for a change as well as sheep. If a man has high-class goats and rough pasture lands that would never be fit for farming, it would be quite as advisable to conserve a certain amount of brush as of the pasture. For goats naturally require some roughness, and this is more conveniently afforded by means of weeds, briars and brush as in any other way. Mr. Harris remarked to me when we were closing our goat deal, "If you take our goat down to Oregon, you must cultivate your brush rather than destroy it all." This might not be the thing for every man to do, but for the breeding of first class thoroughbreds it would be justifiable. My pasture contains about an equal amount of brush and grass. Watching the goats feed I notice them all grazing on the tender grass, as though they desired nothing else. The next minute every head of them will be standing on their hind legs reaching for the frosted and withered oak-leaves—a walking paradox. Some say they will even eat tin cans, but I have never discovered them doing more than making an attempt, or eating off the paper wrapping.

Surely no country in the United States offers more advantage for raising high-class goats, all things considered, than Oregon. The very fact that we have an immense amount of brush lands should encourage us to go into the goat industry in earnest. The man who is simply keeping goats as "grubbers" had better change his tactics. Good goats will grub effectively, but the man

who grubs with goats soon finds to his joy there is more profit in his goats than there is in the grubbing of the land. Is it not time for us to improve the general quality of our flocks and convert the vast herbage of our country into mohair that will make garments for queens and pluses for palaces. The silkworm, loathsome as it is, converts the mulberry into silk, but it remains for the jolly, frolicsome Angora to convert the weed, briars, thistles, fern, flag, brush, etc., into mohairs.

J. B. EARLY.
Salem, Oregon.

Real Estate Transfers.

Geo. A. Barton to W. W. Fenelon, W 1/2 of Sw 1/4, Ne 1/4 of Sw 1/4 and Sw 1/4 of Sw 1/4, Nw 1/4 of sec 32, tp 1 S, R 7 W.
John D. Edwards to W. W. Fenelon, S 1/2 of Nw 1/4 and W 1/2 of Ne 1/4 of sec 12, tp 2 S, R 8 W.
Fred C. Skomp to W. W. Fenelon, W 1/2 of Nw 1/4 and W 1/2 of Sw 1/4 of sec 20, tp 1 S, R 7 W.
D. C. Bowers to Magnus Monson, block 9 in Thayer's add to Tillamook.
Malkom Wistrom to Peter Brant, tract in Sw corner of G. W. Blackwell land claim, about one acre.
Nelson Wheeler to Mrs. C. E. Amburn, et al, Nw 1/4 of Se 1/4, Ne 1/4 of Sw 1/4, Sw 1/4, Se 1/4 of Nw 1/4 and Sw 1/4 of Ne 1/4 of sec 3 tp 1 N, R 6 W.
J. H. Jackson to F. M. Jackson, all of sec. 25, tp. 2 S, R. 11 W.
William Curtiss to H. F. Hill, deed of correction.
Viola D. Snyder, et al to John A Hawk, lots 1 and 2, in block 10, Stillwell's addition to town of Lincoln.
Chas. H. Canfield to George Batdorf, S 1/2 of Se 1/4 of sec. 17 and N 1/2 of Ne 1/4 of sec. 20, in tp. 3 N, R. 8 W.
Geo. Baldor to The Astoria Co., S 1/2 of Se 1/4 of sec. 17, N 1/2 of Ne 1/4 of sec. 20, in tp. 3 N, R. 8 W.
Wm. N. Bays to David Martiny, lots 3, 4, 5 and 9, in sec. 6, tp. 3 S, R. 9 W.
Cora E. and C. H. Wheeler to Aug. C. Kinney, Se 1/4 of Se 1/2 of sec. 9, tp. 3 N, R. 10 W.
Ella S. Croisan, et al, to A. A. McNary, E 1/2 of Ne 1/4 and E 1/2 of Se 1/4 of sec. 12, tp. 6 S, R. 9 W.

The Khalifa Killed.

CARO, Nov. 25.—Lord Cromer, the British minister at Cairo, has received the following dispatch from General Kitchener:
"Wingate's forces caught up with the khalifa's force 77 miles southeast of Godid, and attacked it. After a sharp fight he took the position. The khalifa, who was surrounded by a body guard of Emirs, was killed, and all the principal Emirs were killed or captured except Osman Digna, who escaped. The Derivishes were utterly defeated, their whole camp was taken and thousands surrendered. A large number of women, children and cattle also fell into the hands of the Anglo-Egyptian force."

"Bobbie," said the teacher to a small pupil, "what is the meaning of the word 'lazy'?"
"Lazy," answered Bobbie, "means what a fellow ought to do himself, but coaxes another fellow to do for him."

NEARING THE END.

Downfall of So-Called Filipino Republic.

MANILA, Nov. 25, 4-50 A. M.—The news that the steamship Brutus brings from Dagupan dispels all doubts that the so-called Filipino republic is crumbling like a house of cards. Aguinaldo is deserted and the army, which, a fortnight ago, was entrenched at Tarlac and exercised a de facto government over nine-tenths of the people of Luzon, is a fugitive in the mountains, with small hope of re-establishing the machine. The army is scattered in the hills on both sides of the railroad, and widely separated detachments are within the cordon which General Lawton and General Wheaton have cemented.

The ruling spirit of the cabinet is a prisoner in Manila—a white elephant on the hands of the authorities—and the small fry are tumbling over one another to get to Manila.

Three provisional governors have arrived in Manila to request General Otis to install them in their old office under the new regime. Dr. Luna, a brother of General Luna, and a prominent insurrectionist, has arrived here, and his friends and many others are applying to General Otis for permission to enjoy the luxuries of Manila after months of civilization.

There were no demonstrations over the victory here. The flags are flying at half-mast out of respect for Vice-President Hobart. The natives appear to be unmoved and business is unruffled.

Last night parties of insurgents made feeble attacks on Imus and the Zopote bridge. The only large forces of insurgents known to remain are those in the Cavite province, at San Mateo, and in the Zambales mountains, though several seaports have large garrisons.

Aguinaldo began his retreat with 2000 men, under General Gregorio del Pilar. That force was probably brought to its present condition by desertion.

Wheaton Has Captured Aguinaldo's Baby and the Insurgent Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The adjutant-general has received the following cablegram from General Otis:

"Manila—A vessel from Lingayen gulf with dispatches from Weaton to the 23d inst., brought in Buencamino, the insurgent secretary of state, captured on the 21st inst. He says Aguinaldo and his party left Tarlac on the 13th to be escorted north by 2000 troops from Bayombong and Dagupan. These troops Weaton struck at San Jacinto, and Young eastward."

"Aguinaldo, with part of his family, escaped north with 200 men, passing between Young and Weaton. Young is still in pursuit at last accounts, and has been rationed at San Fernando. Aguinaldo's mother and oldest child, with Buencamino, became separated from the rest of the party, the mother getting lost in the woods and the child, 4 years old, is now with Weaton's troops. Two thousand dollars in gold, belonging to the mother, was captured and is now in the Manila treasury."

"A heavy storm in Lyngayen gulf has prevented the loading of troops there for the north. MacArthur has captured the insurgent director of the railroad, who endeavored to destroy the railroad at Dagupan; also Captain Lawrence, an Englishman, who served in Aguinaldo's artillery."

"The telegraph is not working north of Tarlac today."

"Lawton is believed to be on the military road to Bayombong. The roads are now practicable for wagons and supplies for him, and they are being forwarded. The troops have liberated 300 Spanish prisoners recently."

To Get Rid of Roberts.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—One of the plans which it is said is being considered to get rid of Roberts of Utah, is: When the new members of the house are being sworn in, objection is to be offered to Roberts' taking the oath of office. Then, if the speaker overrules the objection, to appeal from the decision in an endeavor to get a majority to overrule the speaker. This, it is contended, would effectually prevent Roberts taking his seat, and obviate the necessity of obtaining a two-thirds majority, which would be required to expel him. Roberts does not think that this plan will be attempted.

New York politicians say that Senator Platt is anxious to have the vice-presidential candidate taken from New York next year. The choice now is Secretary Root. If anything should occur to prevent Root taking the nomination, Timothy Woodruff, now lieutenant-governor of New York, is to be put forward. Of the New Yorkers, Root is believed to be the choice of the president. Roosevelt has determined to be a candidate for reelection.

"Some of our names may be a trifle fierce," the Boer general admitted, "but, at least, we are addicted to the hyphen habit."

The utter incompatibility of the two civilizations was thus once more made manifest to the most unalter.

"He cuts quite a figure in sporting circles, doesn't he?"

"Yes, he does. He belongs to a baseball nine, a football eleven and the Upper Ten."

FUNERAL OF HOBART.

Impressive Religious Services at Paterson.

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 25.—With the impressive religious services of the Presbyterian church, and with the dignity due to his high office, all that was mortal of the vice-president, Garret A. Hobart, was committed to the earth this afternoon. The president, Secretary of State John Hay, Chief Justice Fuller, ex-Vice-President Levi P. Morton, ex-Secretary of War Alger, Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, the supreme court judges, members of the senate, members of congress and the vice-president's personal friends filled the beautiful Church of the Redeemer, and with moistened eye and bowed head testified silently and eloquently to his worth as a statesman, friend and neighbor.

Through the west window from the center of the stained glass Maltese cross pierced a shaft of crimson light that shed its light around the catafalque and bathed the orchids, narcissus blossoms and white roses in bright tints. The eye of the clergyman traveled along the shaft of light to the cross as he repeated the words: "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

The chief magistrate of the country bowed his head in his hands. He was visibly agitated. There was scarcely a dry cheek in the crowded edifice, and the widow was apparently the most composed. All the pomp of an official pageant, which was omitted in deference to the wishes of the deceased, could never have caused the impressiveness of this scene. The imposing and solemn strains of Chopin's funeral march filled the edifice with its solemn melody as the casket was brought up the aisle on the shoulders of the stalwart members of the capitol police and placed on the bier prepared for it in front of the pulpit. Following it came the pallbearers, members of the senate. Following them came the family, the widow and her son, the president, the cabinet dignitaries and intimate friends. They all sat close around the casket. On every side of it the floral offerings were banked in the wealth of beauty and color.

ARMY OF PICKPOCKETS.

An Observant Policeman Discovers their Rank and Methods.

Some men operate on the "single-handed" basis; they travel alone, arrange their own "frame-ups" (personally corner their victims) and keep all the profits, says a writer in the Independent. There are a few well known successful pickpockets of this order, and they are rated high among their fellows, but the more general custom is for what is called a "mob" of men to travel together, one known as the "tool" doing the actual picking and others attending to the "stalling."

A stall is the confederate of the pickpocket who bumps up against people or arranges them in such a way that the pickpocket can get at their pockets. Practically any one who will take a short course of instruction can learn how to stall, but there are naturally some who are more expert than others. A tool who hires his stalls and makes no division of spoils will sometimes have to pay as much as \$5 a day for skilled men. When he divides what he gets each man in the mob may get an equal share or not, according to a prearranged agreement, but the tool is the man who does the most work.

Of first-class tools, men who are known to be successful, there are probably not 1,500 in the United States. Practically every professional offender has a "go" at pocket-picking some time in his career, but there are comparatively few who make a success of it as actual pickpockets; the stalls are numberless. Among the 1500 there are some women, and a fair proportion of young boys, but the majority are men anywhere from 20 to 60 years old. The total number of the successful or unsuccessful is 30,000, 40,000 or 50,000, as one likes. All that is actually known is that there is an army of them, and one can only make guesses as to their real strength.

Only three of polygamist Farnsworth's forty-two wives are making any effort to punish him. The other thirty-nine may be out hunting for new marital timber.

Miss Nellie Clark, living at New Liberty, in the southern part of Illinois, some months ago placed a note in a bottle, threw it in the river and requested the finder to answer. It journeyed nearly down to New Orleans before being discovered. Mr. C. T. Anderson, a wealthy bachelor planter, found it and at once answered the missive. A correspondence ensued and Tuesday last a marriage occurred. They never saw each other until they met to be married.

A short time ago R. C. Hathaway, a Paris (Tex.) shoemaker, saw an advertisement in a matrimonial bureau by Mrs. Eva Gray of Yonkers, N. Y., soliciting correspondence with the view to matrimony. He answered it. After exchanging photographs and letters they agreed to marry. She arrived at Paris last week and after meeting him refused to marry him. She claims that he misrepresented his circumstances and that she was grossly deceived. She is in the city prison, with two little children.

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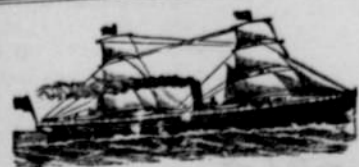
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