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THE ANGORA GOAT.

Hon. A. P. Butler, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Dear Sir:—In compliance with your request, I send you the following crude thoughts on the subject of the Angora goat as a factor in South Carolina farming. It has been one of the studies of my life how we can do the most effectively and economically recuperate the worn out lands of South Carolina; and for years it has been my settled conviction that it is to be done by sheep, each farmer keeping on his farm sheep enough to utilize the waste places, old fields and wood land; but to do this successfully, the sheep must be protected from dogs, so that the small farmer, who can't afford the help nor spare the time himself to look after the sheep, can leave them to graze at will and to rest where they choose. And when left to choose for themselves they almost invariably select the most barren place in the field, which they will soon enrich and restore to fertility. But there is such a morbid propensity in all dogs, without an exception as to race, so far as I know, to worry and kill sheep that but few farmers can be induced to raise sheep in this State; and this will be the case until the case until the farming interest is represented by men who are entirely identified with it, and who have the courage to face ridicule in the Legislature and the cur at home, for there are few things that the average legislator dreads more than a cur with a voter behind him. I speak from experience upon this delicate subject; for I labored for four years in the Legislature, in season and out of season, as an individual, and as Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture made the only speech of my life, urging the Legislature to do something to encourage sheep husbandry, without avail. And the dog stands to-day, before the law, higher than all other creatures. This being the situation, what can we do to remedy the dilemma? For we must have stock or we can't make manure. There is very little profit in raising horses, cows and hogs—their feed is too expensive for them to be kept for making manure. My experience is, that the Angora goat comes nearer filling the place than any known animal—in some respects they are to be preferred to the sheep. In the first place a dog has but little inclination to meddle with the goat. I never had one injured by a dog, unless the dog had been set on by some person. They are remarkably healthy and prolific, mature early, begin to breed at one year old, are about prolific as sheep, and yield a valuable fleece; their flesh is equal to venison, mutton, beef or pig; they weigh about as much as a sheep, and consume about as much food; their manure is very much like and quite as good as the sheep. They had rather browse than graze—eating bushes, briars, weeds, and sometimes grass; hence do well on the same pasture with sheep without interfering with each other's food, as the sheep confine themselves almost entirely to grass. They should supplement, and not supplant, the sheep. They are careful nurses, and return at night to their quarters with great regularity—thus saving the trouble of going for them; and when well fenced, give less trouble than any stock I have ever raised; but unless they are surrounded by a good fence, they become very troublesome, which is the only drawback on them. A good ten-rail, well put up, fence will keep them in bounds—which every one ought to have. They are, in appearance, much handsomer than the common goat, are very stylish and graceful in their movements, and appear to be covered with ringlets of silk. Their fleeces are the mohair of commerce, and is extensively used as a substitute for raw silk in the manufacture of dress goods. Some doubts have been expressed in regard to their standing our climate; but the experience of many persons go to prove that they really can be improved here by judicious breeding and management. The first importation of these goats, was made in 1849, by Dr.

James B. Davis, of Monticello, Fairfield County, who brought over at the same time the Brahmin cattle, now so common in our State.

About the year 1855, Dr. Davis sold his entire herd to Col. Richard Peters, of Atlanta, Ga., who put them on his farm in Gordon County, where they have been ever since—except during Sherman's occupation of that portion of Georgia—and have been as healthy and prolific as could be desired, many having been sold to all parts of the United States, especially to Texas and California, where they seem to do as well as natives. Hon. Wm. H. Stiles, of Cass County, Ga., also made an importation about 1859; but he died soon afterwards, and his herd was scattered. Several other importations have been made since: the last by Col. Peters through Col. Jenks, of Boston. He ordered and received a trio from Geredeh, a province of Asia Minor near Angora, which has heretofore been closed to the Christians. Nor would they let their goats go at any price; but war and necessity have liberalized them. These goats are a branch of the same family, having heavier fleeces with more grease. They are being crossed on the Davis goats. I mention these things in detail to show that these goats are doing well in our climate, and that a limited number can be procured for breeders, where persons desire to try them. Dr. Davis was under the impression, when he owned these goats, that they were the Cashmere goat; but subsequent investigation proved beyond a doubt that they were the Angora, a more valuable animal than the Cashmere. I have been raising these goats very successfully for about ten years—began with a Peters billy, and a pair of females of the Stiles stock, brought from Georgia by the Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken. These I have kept up by several new crosses from Col. Peters. Then I had a lot of large milk goats of the Maltese and South American varieties. On these I have crossed the Angoras, which produced a large and beautiful goat, partaking very much of the good traits of both breeds. We now have an old female, with one side of her udder spoiled by neglect during my absence, that raises a pair of fine kids every year; and before her injury, on good feed, would give her four quarts of milk daily. The first cross shows but little fleece; the second is about three inches long and very fine; and they improve in the same ratio, until five or six crosses have been made, when the fleece is about equal to the full-bloods or imported goats; and by continuing the use of pure bred males a herd may soon be grown, equal in every way to the imported goats. They have kids but once a year, and usually but one at a time, which generally comes in March or April. They must be shorn in April, or they shed their fleeces, leaving it hanging about the pasture in great rolls. Until recently there was no machinery for its manufacture in the United States; but now there are several that use great quantities, most of which is imported from Asia Minor. But I hope the time is near at hand when we will meet the demand with pure production, which we can afford to do much cheaper than it can be imported. I have no fear of the climate on them, for I feel confident they will do well from Maryland to Mexico; farther north, I don't think they will. Give them plenty of range, woods, old fields, swamps and briar patches, and a more healthy animal can't be found. They ought to have some sort of shelter, to protect them from rain, connected with the pasture, and some slab benches should be made for them to lie on, as they are very clean and have a great aversion to lying on the ground or floor; and they will return to this shelter every night before dark. I think I have spun this article long enough for once. I am always ready and willing to impart what little I know for the benefit of the farmer. Truly yours, J. WASHINGTON WATTS.

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