

ANGORA GOATS.

Messrs. Landrum & Butterfield—who have a ranch about eight miles from Watsonville, and another on the San Bonito, about twenty miles east of San Juan, both in Monterey county—have some of the finest specimens of the Angora or Cashmere goats in the State. They have upward of a thousand Angoras of mixed blood, but at present have only two pairs of pure breeds. They have also one pair of pure blood Texel, and two pairs of the Cotswold breed of sheep, which are the only ones of the kind in the State.

This firm intend soon to import ten or fifteen more of Cotswold sheep and Angora goats. The Cotswolds are a very valuable breed, their fleece, it is said, being worth three times that of a merino sheep. They grow very large, and the pair which we saw in town a few days since, weighed each over two hundred pounds, with wool thirteen inches in length, and of a very fine texture.

But the attention of these gentlemen is confined mostly to Angora goats, of which they probably have the largest stock of high grades in the State.

The Angora goat is the very best variety of this wool-bearing animal, producing the finest and most lustrous mohair and fur, or down, used in Europe or the eastern world; is a native of Angora—a province of Natolia, in Central Asia Minor. Its coat is mainly long silky hair with an undergrowth of pure white down or fur. The hair hangs down in beautiful spiral curls, and is ten or twelve inches long, often sweeping the ground. The two pair owned by the above firm, are very valuable, probably worth four thousand dollars.

The Massachusetts Ploughman, from which we get our facts, says the flesh of the half-bred is superior to mutton, and it takes a long time for the quality of the fleece to run out, the grades in the fourth generation bearing a coat but little inferior to the pure breeds. These goats are often herded with sheep, as they make a common fight against dogs and other animals.

Considering the great variety of rich goods which can be manufactured from the fleece of the Angora goat, cashmere shawls, finest mohair fabrics, &c., and the superior quality of the more common goods, their general and rapid introduction is only a matter of time. There has been quite a controversy existing in regard to these animals, but all objections have been met and their great superiority established beyond a doubt by men who are learned in the wool business all over the United States. They claim that the Angoras are longer lived, more prolific, and thrive in places where other breeds could hardly subsist. They yield from four to ten pounds of fleece, ranging in price from \$15.16 to \$15 per pound.

The importation of the Angora goat is probably one of the most important wool movements which has ever been attempted in America, and we suppose all our large wool growers are feeling great interest in this breed. Messrs. Landrum & Butterfield, among the pioneers in the business of importing these animals, seem to be confident of perfect success.

We intend to give such facts in regard to the Angora and of wool growing generally, as may come before us, deeming the introduction of superior breeds a subject of great importance to the whole State.—Watsonville Pajaronian.

DISCOVERIES IN NORTH AUSTRALIA.

A new empire has been discovered, thanks to the skill and perseverance of Captain Cadell, of the Australian exploring steamer *Engle*. The lucky Captain has sailed all round the coasts of that unknown "Anehem Land," which was visited by Stuart in 1862, and gives a magnificent report of this newly discovered country. If what we hear be true, we may soon hope to commence the history of another grand Anglo-Saxon nation in the Austral world. The explorers who first saw this country gave a very flattering account of it. It lies on the north of Australia, between the Gulf of Carpentaria and Cambridge Gulf, and being in about the latitude of fifteen degrees south, of course it is a sub-tropical land. But it is not arid or riverless. Captain Cadell discovered the mouth of the Roper, and describes it as "a noble river," with a capital pastoral country along its banks. He also found magnificent harbors, one of them with an area of fifty square miles, and a bay to the northward of "Probable Island," into which three fine streams disembogued. There were five fathoms on the bar of the two rivers, and the *Engle* entered without any difficulty.

The explorer pronounces the estuary of the Liverpool river to be the best place for a capital city, and hopes to survey 300,000 acres of good country round it during the fair season of 1888. Here, then, is a tropical estate for Englishmen, far larger and richer than Algeria. It looks right across the Straits to Timor and India on one hand, and China and America on the other; and the commerce which, with judicious cultivation, may grow up is boundless. The few natives found are described as a very quiet race, with such extraordinary notions of honesty that they had touched nothing whatever of the property left at Escape Cliffs, and had even let the fruit of bananas which had been planted rot on the trees, rather than pluck and eat them. This newly-acquired territory will form an admirable opening for some of the enterprising gentlemen at Liverpool, who have lately been expressing their views on "commercial morality." They would find everything congenial to their tastes, judging from the extraordinary proofs given of the honesty of the natives. We think it probable, however, that the happy inhabitants of these regions would soon become enlightened by the introduction of a few British traders among them, and it is not unlikely that the advantages of civilization would soon be apparent.—[E.]

Wags went to the depot of one of our railways the other evening, and finding the best car full, said in a loud tone: "This car isn't going!" Of course these words caused a general stampede, and Wags took the best seat. The car soon moved off. In the midst of indignation, Wags was questioned: "You said this car wasn't going?" "Well, it wasn't then; it is now."

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15th Inst., Buck & Wright have borne off the
highest premium in the stove line at the
New Orleans Fair. Six entries were made with
Buck's "Brilliant," away ahead of the heap.

The great stove trial was resumed yesterday
at 12 o'clock, before a large increased crowd
over the day. The stoves were again
subjected to prevail, both among the exhibi-
tors and spectators, all of whom seemed thor-
oughly imbued with the good old P. B. principle
of "may the best stove win." Promptly to the
time the committee appeared on the judges'
stand. Rehearsal, glowing with enthusi-
asment and responsibility. The entries were
the same as at the previous trial, and there-
fore not to be repeated.

At ten minutes to one the drum tapped, and
all lighted up. Norton's Furnace, run by Mr.
E. Wood Perry, led off in smoke, amid the
cheers of the crowd and loud cry of "Go, old
one." Charter Oak followed, and the rest gave
vaporously after. In four minutes, just
as they were to begin, Mr. Perry's Furnace
started fire with bread already in the stove.
Then came the tug; the coals commenced
glowing like the stoves, a perpetual war of
opening and shutting doors resounded over the
arena. Stoves were patted, coaxed and petted
as though they were human beings, and the
confident of winning, and the crowd witnessed
the scene with numerous and encouraging
comments from time to time. Mr. Perry's
efforts seemed to be the greatest favored.

At twenty minutes past one "Charter Oak"
threw off its smoke, and Mr. Perry announced
that it wanted no more fuel. All the others
"shut up" and "keeping durn." As the time
for the bread to be baked approached, excite-
ment had increased to a boiling heat, both
within and without the arena. At last Perry's
Furnace followed suit, in 2 1/2 minutes, the
next, in 4, then Charter Oak, in 4 1/2, then Good
Glow, 4 1/2, and lastly Buck's Brilliant, in
4 1/2. The grand result being as follows:

Norton's Furnace, E. Wood Perry, bread
weighed 7 lbs 3 oz burned fuel 7 1/2 lbs.
Charter Oak, E. Wood Perry, bread weighed 7
lbs 3 oz burned fuel 7 1/2 lbs.
Good Samaritan, E. Wood Perry, bread weighed 7 lbs 3
oz burned fuel 7 1/2 lbs.
Cotton Plant, E. Wood Perry, bread weighed 7 lbs 3
oz burned fuel 7 1/2 lbs.
Buck's Brilliant, Buck & Wright, bread weighed 7
lbs 3 oz burned fuel 7 1/2 lbs.

At the conclusion of the trial, the bread was
taken charge of by the judging Committee
and locked up for an hour, at the expiration of
which it was all eaten by them, in accordance
with their duty, and the gold medal awarded for
honorable mention being made of the Furnace,
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