

REPORT

OF

Agricultural Society.

Salt Lake City, January 31, 1872.

To the Honorable, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah:

Gentlemen:—The accompanying exhibit of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society shows its financial condition at the present date.

The Society, through its agents, has imported about \$12,000 of blooded stock, mostly short horn Durham cattle, which have been purchased by the citizens of the Territory, the largest share of them has been retained in Salt Lake County. From Col. Peter Saxe were bought 24 full blooded Cotswold sheep which cost \$2,530.

The amount invested by the Agricultural Society in Durham stock, viz: \$550, although a blessing to the country, yet to the Society will probably accrue no financial profit, perhaps a loss.

The investment in the Fish Association is also a public benefit and the friends of the same are sanguine that it will result in much good to the Territory. In connection with this department the report of the Superintendent of the Fish Association is herewith submitted.

The Society deem it advisable to hold a Fair the coming season, and for this purpose ask your honorable body to appropriate one thousand dollars to be awarded in premiums, and five hundred dollars to assist in holding such an exhibition as will reflect credit on our thriving Territory.

A report pertaining to the introduction of the Cachemere or Angora Goat is also herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted by

WILFORD WOODRUFF,

President of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society.

ROBERT L. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

*FINANCIAL EXHIBIT, Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society,
January, 1872.*

Amount of receipts for Sheep, etc.,.....		\$3,500
Sheep on hand, estimated at.....		300
		\$3,800
Paid Premiums and expenses,.....	\$ 488,50	
“ Investment (made by Stock and Bee Association) in Durham Stock.....	550,00	
“ In Fish Association,.....	400,00	
On hand,.....	2,331,50	\$3,800

ROBT. L. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

Salt Lake City, January 28d, 1872.

Hon. W. Woodruff, President, and Directors of Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society:

Gentlemen:—Pursuant to your request, I herewith submit a brief report of the preliminary preparations for the artificial propagation and cultivation of fish.

In March, 1871, a co-operative association was organized by electing W. Woodruff President, G. Q. Cannon Vice-President, A. M. Mauser Secretary; these formed the Board of Directors, who appointed A. P. Rockwood Superintendent. Shares were taken to the amount of several hundred dollars. The City Council appropriated one hundred dollars to aid the experiment, and material aid was rendered by the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society to the amount of four hundred dollars.

In April, a location was designated in Farmer's Precinct, in Salt Lake County, for the excavation of several ponds, building, dwelling and hatching houses, also other appendages.

Spawners were procured on the head waters of Weber river, most of which are now in good condition. In June, spawners were obtained from Utah Lake, most of which died in transit, or soon after being placed in the ponds.

In July, I made a trip to the Eastern States, with a view of learning the practicable mode of fish culture, and obtaining small fry for cultivation; and succeeded in bringing through several thousand, losing in transportation about one-fifth of the amount purchased. The spawners brought through are doing well. The spawning season was too far advanced before the ponds were in readiness, and spawners were procured for successful experiments last season; but all things will be ready, so far as ponds, hatching houses, etc.; also a few spawners are ready, but much time and careful attention will be required to make this business a success.

Some legislation is also necessary for the protection of imported fish, especially the oyster, shad, and black bass. And now that fish culture comes forward as a well defined and true art, I believe it one of the first duties of our Legislature to pass such enactments of general application, as shall ensure the rapid development of this art, without forcing its followers to go through long, uncertain and tedious forms of special legislation, to gain the protection that is necessary to success.

Respectfully submitted, by A. P. Rockwood,
Superintendent.

Salt Lake City, February 6th, 1872.

Hon. W. Woodruff, President of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society:

Encouraged by the general action of the Deseret Manufacturing and Agricultural Society, a company was organized in Salt Lake City, for the purpose of introducing pure blooded Cashmere goats, having for its object, on one hand, to raise the pure blooded goats, and again, by crossing with the common goat, to raise the grade of goats now in the country, by numerous crosses, nearly to the grade of the pure blood, thus enhancing their value.

A company was organized, of which John Taylor is President, Erastus Snow Vice-President, Walter E. Dodge Treasurer, Joseph E. Johnson Secretary, and Benjamin Johnson, sen., Superintendent.

Arrangements were made through Dr. George B. Graff, of Omaha, who is a stockholder, to purchase a flock of a Mr. Furnas, in Nebraska. The flock, then one hundred and twenty in number, were half pure bloods and full blood; the other half variously graded; after losing a few en route, the balance are now in good condition at Kanab, Kane County.

Some of these goats are from Thibet, the interior of China, and others from Asia Minor, varying a little in style and breed, but very similar in size, wool, or hair; they are well known as the Cashmere or Angora goats.

Mr. George Nebeker, who has charge of the Sandwich Island Mission, was written to by Mr. Harris, Secretary of State in those Islands, to make inquiries for, and obtain if possible, a few Cashmere goats for the benefit of those Islands, to elevate their common breed. Mr. Taylor being applied to, organized a small company, in which himself, George Q. Cannon, George Nebeker, and Joseph E. Johnson, were interested. A small number of goats were purchased, and Mr. Nebeker takes them in the spring to the Sandwich Islands.

Very respectfully, etc., JOHN TAYLOR,
President of the Company.

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