

GOATS WILL CLEAR EAGLE ISLAND

C. F. Garfield Hits Upon Novel Scheme to Prepare Land for Ideal Summer Home To Be Built There.

Charles F. Garfield of the Garfield Real Estate Company has hit upon a plan to clear Eagle Island, which he purchased during the last week, that will be a novelty here in the East. He proposes to turn 200 Angora goats loose upon the land and let them do in two years what it would require 100 men to accomplish in one year. By the end of the two years he believes the island will be free from underbrush and an ideal place for the summer home he is to build there.

For several years farmers of the West have employed the Angora to clear land of underbrush and berry bushes but it has never been tried in the East. The claim is made that these animals will not only eat off the brush but will trim the low hanging limbs of trees, thereby giving a uniform distance between the ground and the limbs which the goats are not able to reach.

E. B. Reid, writing in the Farm and Fireside, says that the Angora goat is not indigenous to America but were introduced into this country in 1848 by Dr. James B. Davis of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Davis had served the Sultan of Turkey in a pleasing manner and to repay him the Sultan gave him nine pure bred Angora goats—seven does and two bucks. This was an exceptionally high tribute, as prior to this time there had been no goats shipped from that country, for it was against the law. The goat seems to have a special affinity for browsing and this is what makes him valuable to the farmer and the man who wishes, like Mr. Garfield, to clear land of underbrush.

The goats raised by those brought to this country found their way West and apparently have done well. Mr. Garfield will buy his from a flock in Montana. The experience of those who have raised these goats have found that they are a hardy animal and will thrive where other animals cannot pick up a living. Mr. Garfield figures that when the goats have cleared the island he will be able to sell them outright or practically get his money back by selling their wool which brings fancy prices in this country. It is possible that he may be the means of introducing them into this part of the country as there is much land that might be cleared in this way and there are other points about the animals that much appeal to farmers and stock raisers.

It is well known that the wool is valuable. To keep it in the best condition the goats must not be allowed to remain in the rain to any great extent. They will seek shelter when they can find it and a very inexpensive shed will provide them with sufficient shelter winter and summer. In the winter they live on the shoots and ends of brush that appear above the snow. The eating away of these kills the brush or plant and therefore the work of the goats is

even more effective in winter than in summer. It is also said that their meat is of finer grain and quality than that of the American sheep and accordingly brings higher prices. At any rate, Mr. Garfield's experiment will be watched with interest.

Mr. Garfield now has a summer home at Holley which it is understood he will sell as soon as he builds his new home on Eagle Island.

BLOCKS SOLD.

The C. F. Garfield Real Estate Company last week made several important sales of real estate in Rochester. Among the more important sales were two blocks on West Avenue, opposite Prospect Street, for \$25,000. They were owned by the Plant System of Railroads.

This agency also disposed of a block at the corner of Oak and Allen Streets for \$9,000.

CONTRACTS LET.

The C. F. Garfield Real Estate Company yesterday awarded to Fenno & Striker, contractors, the contract for building ten houses in Woodbine Avenue. The houses when completed will sell for \$3,000 to \$3,200 and will rent for \$22 to \$25 a month.

TO BUILD FLATS

Negotiations were closed yesterday whereby the C. F. Garfield Real Estate Company secures the property at the northeast corner of Plymouth Avenue and Edinburgh Street. The property has a frontage of 200 feet on Plymouth Avenue and 120 on Edinburgh Street. The company will tear down the three houses now there and next winter or early in the spring will begin the erection of fourteen Boston flats.

TWELVE NEW HOUSES.

W. B. Tuxill of the German Insurance Building has twelve houses in course of construction at the corner of Flint and Seward Streets. These houses are seven room buildings and will be completed by fall. It has not been decided whether they will be placed on the market for sale on the easy term plan or rented.

NEARING COMPLETION.

The additions to the Edwards store in Main Street East are being pushed and it is expected that the company will be able to occupy the additional space by early fall. The improvements will cost about \$20,000.

The Honeymoon.

He—So they got married and went off in their new motor car.

She—And where did they spend their honeymoon?

He—In the hospital.—Tit-Bits.