

San Diego, Cal., Sept 10, 1926

To the Honorable, the Common Council, San Diego, Cal.

Gentlemen

The undersigned respectfully petitions:

For the repeal of the ordinance preventing  
the distribution of certain products of Job  
Printing offices, thereby limiting their  
Production

The recent petition against the  
pasturing of goats on the vacant lots  
of San Diego has failed up to date to  
have any effect upon your honorable  
body, notwithstanding the arguments were  
~~made~~ odoriferously plain. You know,

and all the world knows, that a goat will browse upon an improvement notice of intention, eat a freshly printed handbill, unwind and chew the red label of a tomato can, and perform other feats in gastronomy of common knowledge.

You must ~~be~~, or should be, aware of the versatile and cultured taste that San Diego goats display for printers' ink, and of the character of their table manners - whether d'hate or the opposite. And yet with these facts well known to you, your honorable <sup>body</sup> would take away their sustenance!

If we are not to abolish the goats then why prevent them from eating literature? The goats in San

Diego are more intelligent than some  
~~but~~ people would believe, but if you  
take away their mixed literary  
diet they would soon revert to  
the common herd.

As the proprietor of a job printing  
office I think the goats have as good  
a right to consume our folders and  
pamphlets as they have the advertisements  
in the newspapers. Goats that have fed  
on the products of the job printing offices  
are much fatter and sleeker than those  
that have had a strictly newspaper  
diet. I never knew of but one goat  
that had indigestion - and that goat  
would persist in eating not only

the advertisements but the editorials  
in the San Diego newspapers. To

force upon the goats an exclusive diet  
of newspaper ads and editorials would  
not be fair to either the job printers  
or the goats, and would <sup>appear large</sup> to the dis-  
interested part of the public as nothing  
less than cruelty to dumb animals.

But if your honorable body persists  
in partially closing the doors of the  
job printing offices I think some  
sort of a welfare society - or "Order of  
Goats" - should take the matter to the Board  
of Health in the interest of all the goats.  
Otherwise the aforesaid ordinance may <sup>eventually</sup>  
get many goats

Respectfully submitted

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