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that price the owners can sell at a profit, despite the freight, as well as labor on the banks of the Nile is pitifully low in price. In addition to this, another inducement is offered for buying Egyptian bales. The manufacturer purchasing a quantity of the American product has to pay for it on the presentation of the bills of lading, which come promptly to hand long before the bales arrive. On the other hand, the buyer of "Egyptian," according to the custom of the trade now established, does not pay for his purchase until the goods actually arrive, and after he has had time to examine them. This means, in the course of the year, some saving of interest, and it is well appreciated by owners of the large Eastern mills.

What has given Egyptian cotton its present success and created the price it now commands, is the fact that the only system of irrigation that has transformed the Delta of the Nile. The peculiar quality of this soil, a stem only one tenth as long as that of the American cotton, and its growth habit, which is to grow in a bushy form, and to produce a cotton of long staple. The quality of any cotton is determined by the length of its staple. Ordinary cotton has a staple of an inch to an inch and a quarter, while the Egyptian staple is over 7 eights a pound. The new Egyptian has a staple a half inch and three eights in length. In the Delta, the climate is such as the cotton from the swamps. These districts of Mississippi, there are not many sections of the South that can produce such a quality of cotton.

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The Weather Reports.
 Fruit-trees, except late apples, are in full bloom in all portions of Western Oregon; the bloom is reported to be much fuller than was ever known before. The current weather is exceedingly favorable to pollenization, hence the fruit prospects are considered to be unusually flattering.

The rains in the fore part of the week were timely and beneficial; the ground was becoming hard and the rains put it in good condition again to be worked. Plowing and seeding continue to be active. The spring acreage will be larger than ever known before, and the fall-sown is less. Grain sown the fore part of the month is already two and three inches high; fall-sown is high enough to shade the ground. Rye and barley have commenced to joint. The grain conditions are most favorable. The seeding will be about all done by May 1st.

Garden planting continues, and vegetables are making a rapid growth. Asparagus is being cut; onions, radishes, and lettuce are becoming very plentiful. Potatoes are growing finely, those planted in March have well-formed tops. Hops are growing rapidly; they are about three feet high, and work in the yards is being pushed. The hop outlook is very encouraging. The grass is growing rapidly and pasturage is excellent. Stock has regained what it lost during March.

The Crops.
 FROM THE WEATHER BUREAU.
 The weather conditions have been most favorable to crop growth and to farm-work. The frosts have been light. There are a few localities where they are reported as being heavy enough to nip potato vines and strawberries, but these localities are the exception, and not the rule. The fruit-growers are anxious for a heavy frost to thin out the fruit, for the trees are now too full. Injurious frosts after May 1st seldom occur. Apple trees are coming into full bloom. Cherry, prune, plum, almond, and apricot trees have dropped their bloom and the fruit is set. Unless a good frost occurs, a large amount of thinning out by hand will be required; it is seldom, even in prolific Oregon, that the fruit trees are as heavily laden as they are this year. With few exceptions, the correspondents report, "Fruit prospects never so good as at present." Equally as good reports are made concerning the grain crop. The dry, northerly winds have dried out the ground, and more rain would be beneficial. Fall and winter sown wheat and oats have excellent color and fine growth. Early-sown spring grain is growing finely. Late plowing and seeding continue; except on the lower lands, seeding will be finished this week. The rain of last Friday night was very beneficial.

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MASTER'S SALE.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON.

John F. F. Brewster, Complainant,
 vs.
 Joseph Gaston, Narcissa J. Gaston, John Harrison, James K. Kelly, H. P. Ford, Receiver; J. P. Aplin & Sons, a partnership composed of J. P. Aplin, Sr., S. Aplin, and J. P. Aplin Jr., doing business under the firm name of J. P. Aplin & Sons, F. J. Baty, A. C. Brown, Wilbur Sikes and Chris Bolden, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the directions of a decree made and entered in the above entitled court and cause on the 31st day of March, 1897, the undersigned as Master in Chancery in the said Court will, on the 15th day of May, 1897, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., at the door of the County Court House for Washington County, Oregon, at Hillsboro, in said County and State, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash all of the right, title and interest had by Joseph Gaston and Narcissa J. Gaston on the 24th day of June, 1892, together with all title by them since acquired in and to the following described real property situated in the County of Washington, and State of Oregon, to-wit:

Lots one (1) two (2) three (3) and four (4) of section thirty-five (35) in township one (1) south range four (4) west of the Willamette Meridian, containing one hundred and fifty-six and 10/100 (156.10) acres according to U. S. Government survey, excepting therefrom the following tracts: 1st. Ten (10) acres embraced in the town plat of the town of Gaston as shown of record in Book "F" page 354 of the Records of Washington County. 2d. One tract of five (5) acres adjoining said town plat conveyed to George Brock as per deed recorded in Book "N" page 425 of Records of said County. 3d. One tract of ten (10) acres adjoining said town plat conveyed to Mrs. N. J. Gaston as per deed recorded in Book "N" page 397 of records of said County. 4th. So much of the twenty acres adjoining said town plat conveyed to Mary W. Gaston as per deed recorded in Book "N" page 398 of Records of said County as lies in said Washington County. 5th. One tract of 8 1/2 acres conveyed to Thomas Best as per deed recorded in Book 26 page 77 of Records of said County.

Also the following lots: Three (3) four (4) five (5) six (6) and seven (7) and the fractional north half of south-west quarter of section 30 in township one south and range four (4) west containing 171.32 acres according to U. S. Government Survey, excepting therefrom, 1st. About four (4) acres of the east end of the 171.32 acres conveyed to John W. Baxter by deed recorded in Book 25, page 123 of Records of said County, which four acres laps over into the northwest quarter of south-west quarter of said section 30. 2d. All of the twenty acres more or less, conveyed by Joseph Gaston to George Brock as per deed recorded in Book "K" page 532 of records of said County, less 9 1/2 acres, more or less, conveyed by said Brock to said Gaston, as per deed recorded in Book "L" page 449 of Records of said County.

All of the following: All of lots nine (9) ten (10) eleven (11) and twelve (12) and of the north-west quarter of section one (1) and of the east half of the south-west quarter of section one (1) and of lots six (6) seven (7) eight (8) and nine (9) and of the north-west quarter of north-east quarter of section 12, all in township one (1) south range four (4) west of Willamette Meridian as lies in said Washington County, containing 35.50 acres, more or less. Containing in all 322.08 acres, more or less. Together with all water, water rights, irrigating ditches, aqueducts, canals, appropriations, franchises and privileges upon, leading to, connected with, now or hereafter owned, used or enjoyed in connection with said premises and every part and parcel thereof.

The said sale will be made for the purpose of realizing, first: The expenses of the said sale and the accruing costs in the said sale. Second: The sums decreed to be owing from the defendants Joseph Gaston and Narcissa J. Gaston to the complainant above named, to-wit: Eleven thousand two hundred and six and 55/100 dollars (\$11,206.55) with interest thereon from the date of the said decree, and the further sum of the costs and disbursements of the said suit.

Third: The sum of five thousand five hundred and twenty-one and 55/100 dollars decreed to be due and owing from the defendant Joseph Gaston to the defendant John Harrison, with interest thereon from July 16, 1895.

Fourth: The sum decreed to be owing from the defendant Joseph Gaston to the defendant Wilbur Sikes, to-wit: One hundred and thirty-three and 55/100 dollars (\$133.55) with interest thereon from July 27, 1895.

Fifth: The sum decreed to be owing to the defendants, J. P. Aplin & Sons, to-wit: the sum of five hundred and six and 50/100 dollars (\$506.50) with interest thereon from the 30th day of July, 1895.

Sixth: The sum decreed to be owing from the defendants Joseph Gaston and Narcissa J. Gaston to the defendant, James K. Kelly, to-wit: Sixteen hundred and twenty dollars (\$1,600) with interest thereon from the date of the said decree.

The said sale will be made subject to confirmation of the above entitled court and subject to the redemption provided by law.
 Dated April 15, 1897.
 WALTER McCAMMANT,
 Master in Chancery in United States Circuit Court for the District of Oregon. 37

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution, decree and order of sale, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, in favor of George Kirkwood and against Wills N. Vail, Maggie M. Vail and C. A. Raymond, for the sum of \$1000, costs, and for the further sum of \$137.75, U. S. gold coin, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from the 15th day of March, 1897, and for the costs and expenses of said sale and said writ.

Now, therefore, by virtue and in pursuance of said judgment, decree and order of sale, I will, on Monday, the 17th day of May, 1897, at the south door of the Court House, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property, to-wit:

The Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter and Lot No. 4 of section 30, T14 S of R4 W of the Willamette Meridian, containing 72 99.10 acres all situate in Washington County, Oregon, to satisfy the hereinbefore named sums, and for the costs and expenses of said sale. Said property will be sold subject to redemption as per statute of Oregon.
 Witness my hand this 15th day of April, 1897.
 W. D. BRADFORD,
 Sheriff of Washington County, State of Oregon.
 S. B. HUYBEX, Atty. for Plf. 37

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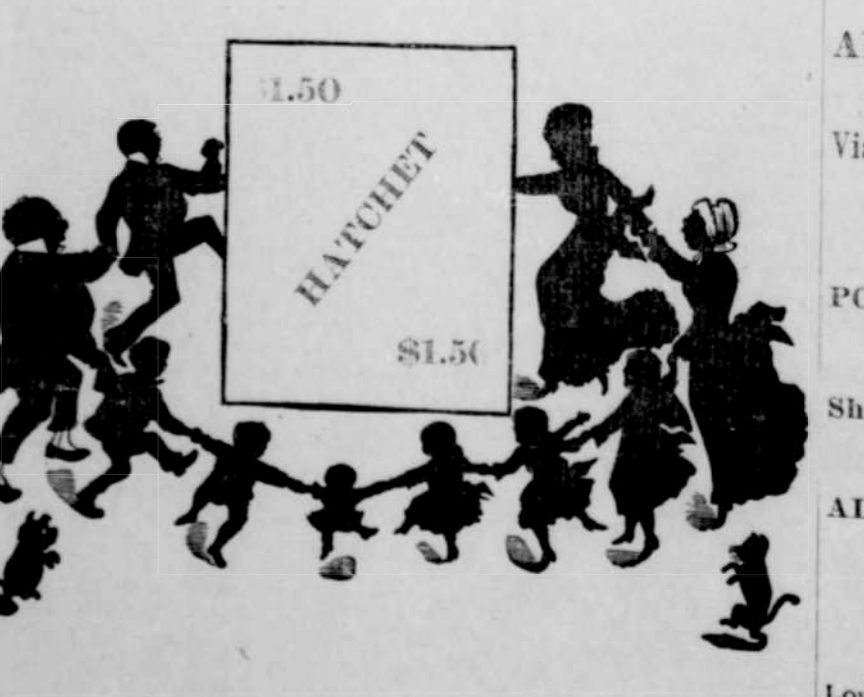
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