

TOO MUCH RAIN IN MARCH
First Weekly Crop Bulletin Tells of Big Cotton Preparations.

The first of the Weekly Crop Bulletins was out yesterday, issued by Section Director C. F. von Herrmann, for the North Carolina section of the Climatic and Crop Service of the United States Weather Bureau.

"In some respects the opening of the crop season of 1904 must be considered unfavorable, chiefly on account of the severe winter weather and the frequency of rains during March which delayed plowing to some extent.

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A prominent club woman, Mrs. Danforth, of St. Joseph, Mich., tells how she was cured of falling of the womb and its accompanying pains and misery by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Life looks dark indeed when a woman feels that her strength is fading away and she has no hopes of ever being restored. Such was my feeling a few months ago when I was advised that my poor health was caused by weakness or falling of the womb.

"I took the medicine daily, and each dose added health and strength. I am so thankful for the help I obtained through its use."

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RING FEARS PEOPLE
Raleigh "Big Eight" Opposed a Reference to Fourth Ward Voters

"Ring rule" and petty bossism fears the voice of the people.

Never has that been better shown than in the caucus of the Board of Aldermen Friday night when "might made right."

Precedent was disregarded in the selection of an alderman for the Fourth Ward to fill the vacancy created by the death of Alderman R. C. Redford.

Always it has been the custom to allow the remaining members from a ward to name the man from the ward who is to fill a vacancy that has been made in a ward.

In the caucus on Friday night this was disregarded and in their blind partisanship the majority went even further than this.

The minority, representing the wishes of the three remaining aldermen from the Fourth Ward named Col. Alfred Williams. They found that their wishes would not be respected. Then they proposed to refer the matter to the people.

A motion was made to refer the selection of a successor to the late Alderman Redford to the Democratic voters of the Fourth Ward, and a motion to do this was made.

It was voted down in the caucus, the vote being 8 to 8, as Alderman Hicks said that as he viewed the matter he could not vote for another primary, but would not vote against it.

The eight "A," but in their winning they showed that they feared to have the people speak. They refused to allow the voters of the Fourth Ward to say who should be the alderman from that ward.

Here is the case against the petty bosses of the city: (1) They broke all precedent by refusing to allow the three remaining aldermen in the Fourth Ward from voicing the wishes of the people of the ward in naming the successor of Alderman Redford.

(2) They refused to refer the matter to the people of the ward. "The people be do—" we'll do to suit ourselves, is the motto of the "Big Eight."

(3) To accomplish their purpose it was necessary for them to have the vote of an alderman who for months has lived in another town, and who being away from the city can not know its needs.

Neither precedent nor the wishes of the people stand in the way, and the power behind the "Big Eight" which moves them, and with them "Little Aleck" as it is chosen, decries that Raleigh must be "ring-ruled" for a season.

But there will again come a time when the people can speak. The day of the ballot box is again to be met.

"THE MOUSE TRAP."
Young Ladies of Wiley School to Present a Laughable Farce.

A laughable farce, "The Mouse Trap," by William Dean Howells, is to be presented by the girls of the Philo Society of the Wiley school Saturday afternoon.

The young ladies who are arranging for the entertainment, are Misses Emily Smith, Margaret McKimmon, Annie and Fannie Young, Mary Moses, Ruth Ivey and May Habel, assisted by Mr. Wilber Royster. Miss Emily Smith and Mr. Wilber Royster will take the leading parts in the play.

The cast is being trained by Miss Waitt and the proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the improvement of their room at the Wiley school.

A small admission fee will be charged, and as the play is for a highly commendable purpose it should be liberally patronized.

Miss Mattie Holt Improves.
The friends of Miss Mattie Holt, of Graham, will be glad to hear that she is improving.

Her father, Mr. L. Banks Holt, was in the city yesterday, and he says that the fracture of the limb will not prove a permanent injury. Every precaution has been taken and the limb was set by experienced physicians who expect an early and complete cure, as there are no complications.

HIGH CLASS DRUGGISTS AND - OTHERS.

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Burwell-Watson.
Warrenton, N. C., April 9.—(Special.)—The marriage of Miss Mamie Watson and Mr. W. A. Burwell, was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Watson, near Antel, in this county.

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The Faithful and the Hopeful.
There was a gathering of the faithful in town yesterday, in the shape of a meeting of the Republican County Executive Committee at 12 o'clock in the court house, Chairman J. P. H. Adams presided and Secretary "Jeems" Young recorded the minutes.

Republicans Chose Harriman.
Middleton, N. Y., April 9.—The Republican convention of the twentieth Congressional district today chose E. M. Harriman, of Orange county, and John P. Rossa, Jr., of Sullivan county, delegates to the national convention.

New York Republican Convention.
(New York City, April 9.)—At Republican headquarters today arrangements were completed for the State convention which will be held in this city on Tuesday next.

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