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AS TO CROPS.

First Bulletin of Season Issued By Weather Bureau.

Spring is Very Late. Fruit and Truck Backward. Planting Going On. Morton is Regular. Tyrrel Land Case. Pres. Alderman Undecided.

BALTIMORE, April 11.—The first State weather and crop bulletin of the year was issued by the United States weather Bureau yesterday. It is as follows: The beginning of the crop season of 1900 must be recorded as unfavorable, chiefly on account of the delay in farm work caused by continuous cold, wet disagreeable weather during February and March. Spring is unusually late and vegetation very backward; forest trees west of Raleigh hardly yet show signs of growth; the ground is cold and unfavorable for the germination of seeds. The lack of snow covering and alternate freezing and thawing during winter materially injured winter oats; on the other hand most of the wheat crop though small is thrifty and is progressing favorably. A relative small crop of spring oats has been seeded. As the value of truck crops grown in the east depends on their early maturity, the backwardness of the season is especially unfortunate in that section; early cabbage, peas and lettuce are not as good as last year; beans, peas and onions are up; Irish potatoes are late. Strawberries are so, though coming into bloom rapidly now, are a week or ten days behind the average. The timing of fruit trees has been greatly retarded by the late advent of spring, and so far the prospects of fruit must be considered exceptionally good.

The reports of crop correspondents for the week ending last night indicated a continuation of unfavorable conditions for growth to and including Thursday, 5th. Light rains occurred on several days early in the week averaging however less than half an inch for the State, and were followed by frosts. The cold weather culminated in a freeze on the morning of the fifth, which on account of the unusual dryness of the air and the prevailing high winds, did comparatively little damage, though truck crops were slightly injured and some peaches were killed.

On the whole the week was favorable for farm work which though very much behind, is now actively under way nearly everywhere except in the extreme west. The ground has dried out and is in excellent condition for working. Much corn has been planted in the south and east portions of the State. The large amounts of fertilizers purchased is an unfailing indication of a large acreage to be devoted to cotton. Tobacco plants are small but growing nicely, and are reported plentiful. Gardens are quite late, generally almost untouched; only a few of the usual vegetables are up, except in the east and south, where peas, onions, radishes, etc., have made some growth; Irish potatoes are very late. The warm weather of the 6th to 8th brought into full bloom many peach, pear, plum and cherry trees throughout the State. With a continuation of favorable weather the progress of growth and the activity of the farmer will soon bring the season up to an average one.

The Democratic State committee and central committee met to consider the contest between George L. Morton and Fred Meares regarding the senatorial nomination from New Hanover and Brunswick. Both gentlemen spoke and each presented his side of the question. The meeting of the committee was specially called to dispose of this contest. At 12:30 the committee decided in Morton's favor by a vote of 16 to 8. So Morton is the regular nominee for Senator.

Judge Purnell decided negatively in the case involving the ownership of 20,000 acres of land in Tyrrel county, also the case against Henry Greenleaf and Mark Makette, of Elizabeth City, for contempt.

Next time there will be an auditorium. The money is raised. It appears that the location will be between the capitol and the union passenger station.

"White supremacy" badges made their appearance on coats, quite numerous.

There is quite a lively war on between the morning papers here.

The Presbyterian church here will this week be turned over to the building committee. All the stained glass windows are not yet in place.

There is much grip here. Persons who came from many sections of the State, particularly the west, say it is quite widely prevalent.

The State charter the Calmichael Cotton Mill at Sanford, to both spin and weave; capital \$100,000, with an increase to \$300,000 authorized.

It is thought that the loss by the recent fire at the power house of the Agricultural and Mechanical College is \$200,000. As yet no reports have been made.

President Alderman, of the State University, arrived. He says he will go to New Orleans next week, and then decide whether he will accept or reject the call to Tulane University.

Judge Simonson makes an order that Standing Master James E. Shepherd take the evidence in the tax assessment cases without submitting to the court comment or conclusion. The original order imposed too much responsibility upon the standing master.

NEW BERN FAIR, APRIL 16-21.

PORTO RICO BILL.

Finally Passed by the House With Senate Amendments. Hawaii Cable Special to Journal.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The House this afternoon passed the Porto Rico bill with the Senate amendments. The bill passed by a majority of 8 votes, 1 vote being 161 to 153. Seven Republicans voted for free trade with the Island. The Louisiana Democrats did not vote on the bill. The Senate today passed the bill enacting a three million dollar appropriation for a cable to the Hawaiian Islands.

SOUTH AFRICA.

No Report From Roberts. Making Hold Out. Boers at St. Helena.

LONDON, April 10.—The London edition of tonight's war news is contained in the dispatches from Boer sources to the effect that a third serious defeat had been inflicted upon the British forces in the Free State.

The London War Office has not made public any dispatches indicating that such engagement took place, nor have any of the press telegrams received from correspondents with the British, many of which bear a later date than Saturday contained a hint of this disaster. But the British censorship is extremely active at present and could easily prevent such news from reaching England until after Lord Roberts reports on it.

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ONLY A RUMOR.

No Confirmation of the British Defeat. Bloemfontein Fortified. Portugal Drawn In.

LONDON, April 11.—Everybody here is unwilling to believe the story of a further British reverse at Meerkatsfontein, where the Boers are said to have captured 300 more men.

The effect of this report was akin to dismay in London today. The public, therefore, was ready to accept with joy the statement that the War Office does not credit the story. The relief felt was all the greater when Lord Roberts' dispatches arrived reporting the activity of the Boers in the Free State, but nothing of any disaster to British troops.

Still a feeling exists that London cannot be too sure until another day passed. It must be remembered that it has usually taken some time for the British versions of checks or reverses to reach this country. This is natural, when it is taken into consideration that detached columns in the Free State are operating at considerable distances from headquarters.

By many it is doubted if the report of Boer success was ever announced at Pretoria, as alleged in dispatches to some of the London papers.

Bloemfontein, April 11.—Lord Roberts' force is not likely to move for another week owing to the necessity of concentrating stores and supplies.

Bloemfontein has never been so full of troops as now. The weather keeps fine, the men are in splendid spirits.

The permanent defenses of the town are nearing completion, so that the place can be held by a relatively small garrison. A large cavalry camp is being formed.

One of the British scouts who visited the Bloemfontein water works near the scene of the Koorn Spruit ambush reports the machinery and dams intact. Only a few Boers remain in the neighborhood. The mass of them trekked north-six miles and formed a laager near Waterfall. Patrols occasionally exchange a few shots beyond Bushman's loop.

London, April 11.—The Boer Government have formally notified Portugal that they consider the shipping of British troops and munitions of war to Rhodesia by way of Beira, Portuguese South Africa to be equivalent to hostile action.

Cleanse the liver, purify the blood, invigorate the body by using DeWitt's Little Early Bilets. These famous Little Pills always act promptly. F. S. Duffy.

Inland Navigation. It is remarkable how little is known concerning the extent of inland navigation in the United States. Very few, even of our yachtsmen are aware that a voyage of 6,000 miles can be made without going out to sea for more than a few hours at a time. In the April number of the Builder, Mr. Demming of New Orleans relates the story of his last summer's cruise, during which he ascended the Mississippi River, passed through the Illinois River and Canal into the Great Lakes at Chicago, then down the lakes to Buffalo. Here his yacht Zeta entered the Erie Canal, coming out at Albany, from whence she proceeded down the Hudson River to New York. After a short stay in the metropolis the yacht was taken by canal across New Jersey to the Delaware River, hence by another canal into the Chesapeake. At Norfolk she entered the celebrated Dismal Swamp Canal, which was first surveyed by George Washington; this waterway opening into the Carolina Sounds. The rest of the voyage was made partly inside partly outside. The total distance made good was 6,396 miles, and the time employed five months. The small tolls were less than \$20, a relatively small sum for the distance traveled.

"I think DeWitt's Little Early Bilets are the best pills in the world," says W. E. Lake, Happy Creek, Va. They remove all obstructions of the liver and bowels, act quickly and never gripe. F. S. Duffy.

Schedule of Mails. Arrival of mails from north and west daily except Sunday, 10:50 a. m. 5:40 p. m. Wilmington and the south 5:35 p. m.; Morehead City 9:00 a. m. Leave. North and west 9:00 a. m. and 3:50 p. m.; Wilmington and south 9:00 a. m.; Morehead City 5:50 p. m. SUNDAY. Mails arrive from north and west 9:40 a. m.; 5:40 p. m. Leave 9:00 a. m.; and 5:45 p. m. The public will please bear in mind that the morning mail for the North and West closes at 8:15 a. m. That the afternoon mail for north and west closes at 8:00 p. m. For Morehead City at 5:15 p. m. Also that the afternoon train carries no mail for intermediate points between here and Goldsboro. Respectfully, SEYMOUR W. HANCOCK Postmaster

Train Annulled. Atlantic and North Carolina R. R. Superintendent's office, New Bern, N. C. April 6th, 1900. To all agents and employes A. & N. C. R. R. and the public: Trains 5 and 6 discontinued on April 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th, on account of the New Bern Fair. The above trains will be discontinued on April 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th. These trains (5 and 6) will resume their regular schedule on Saturday, April 21st. Agents will post this notice at one or more conspicuous places at their depots and give notice to the public as far as possible. S. L. DILL, Superintendent.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

A ROYAL GIFT.

King Leopold Presents His Real Estate to The Belgium Nation.

BRUSSELS, April 11.—In the Chamber of Deputies today the Premier, M. De Smet de Nayer, read a communication from King Leopold, in which he had presented to the nation the whole of his real estate.

Prolonged cheering greeted the reading of this communication.

The King in his letter announced that he desired on the occasion of his sixty-fifth birthday, which was 14th May, to present to the country all his estates, that will contribute to the heavy and alarm of the localities where they are situated. He pointed out the necessity for open spaces and gardens near growing cities, for the benefit of hygiene and artistic efforts, and expressed the hope that these naturally adorned spaces would not be allowed to deteriorate.

All has been introduced in the Chamber to permit the country to accept the King's gift.

To His Taste. The shoe-maker's favorite Apple is sherry cobbler.

Cowboy Blacksmithing. "Up at my camp near the Four Peaks," told Jim Early, the well known cattleman, "the boys are all lumpy with a rifle. We've a lot of guns up there. Most of the boys were brought during the Spanish war, when we would go around all day with treacher and rough touches, hearing the art of war at home. We found that a bullet from one of the new Winchester, driven by smokeless powder, was good for four feet and more of pine timber and for more than an inch of iron.

"I thought the boys had done about everything in the shooting line that could be done here, but I was mistaken. I sent them up a wagon. In hunting down some honeywood they broke the loaders all to shinders. The loaders held up the wagon bed, you know. Well, the boys figured out all right the rebuilding of the wood parts, but came near being stamped on the iron business. They got some old iron wagon tires and cut them in proper lengths, but didn't a way that they could see to punch the necessary bolt holes. Finally the question was solved. One of the boys carefully marked the places for the bolts, stood the piece of five eighth of an inch and put a bolt, 20 caliber, through the tire at each place marked. It was a hard sort of blacksmithing, but it worked. Arizona trapline.

Garland and the Virginian. Cleveland's first attorney general, Garland, a specimen of what Lincoln called the plain people was born in Arkansas and "raised" in blue jeans. One day, at the department of justice, he received a visit from a Virginia gentleman of aristocratic name, who bored him horribly with talk about "first families."

"It seems to me, sah," said the visitor at last, "that there are Garlands in South Carolina. I once met a gentleman named Henry, speaking from that state. May I ask, sah, if he was a relative of yours?"

"First cousin," replied Mr. Garland shortly. "He was hanged for horse stealing."

A book of ill received horrid and disgust came over the visitor's shoulders. Then drawing on his shoes he rose to his feet, took up his hat, and waving a hand toward the door of the room, said: "A fine collection of portraits you have here, Mr. Garland. Your predecessors in office. I like them."

"Yes," grunted Mr. Garland. The Virginian stalked out, evidently glad to make his escape, and the attorney general, turning to his chief clerk, grinned and remarked:

"If I never bother me any more, I'll hang 'em."

Making. Make two syllables instead of three out of Making if you follow the pronunciation of one of Queen Victoria's subjects in reference to the South African town which has been so long defended against its assailants. It is Mak'king, not Ma'king. And pronounce it as in "father."

Wisdom in Evidence. Many a man gains a reputation for popularity by keeping his troubles to himself.

A Good Thing. Any fellow is liable to raise the deuce in a poker game—or a pair of them, for that matter.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors. In the District Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of N. C. In the Matter of P. M. Draney, Bankrupt; Referee, N. C. In Bankruptcy. To the Creditors of Petitioner, who has been adjudged a bankrupt: Take notice that a meeting of creditors will be held at the office of L. J. Moore, Referee, in New Bern, N. C., at 12 m., on the 21st day of April, 1900, at which time the creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. L. J. MOORE, Referee in Bankruptcy, New Bern, N. C., April 9, 1900.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Chairman Simonson. Received. Payment For Secretary. Election Board for Craven.

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SEVEN RUNNING SORES CURED

Johnston's Sarsaparilla

THE GREAT SPRING MEDICINE. JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA as a Blood Purifier and Nerve Energizer, is the greatest SPRING MEDICINE ever discovered. It comes as a rich blessing from heaven to the "worn-out" man, the run-down and debilitated. That "tired feeling" those sinking spells, the languid and despondency which arise from badly nourished nerves from thin, vitiated blood and an undertold body vanish as if by a magic spell. The weariness lassitude and nervous prostration which accompany the spring, time and the heat of summer, are conquered and banished at once. For every form of neurasthenia and all ailments of the brain and nerve, insomnia, hysteria and nervousness generally it is almost a specific. It furnishes the very elements to rebuild worn-out nerve tissues. It feeds brain, nerve centers and nerves, calming and equalizing their action. It makes rich red, honest blood. Newness of life, new hope, new strength follow its faithful use. It makes the weak strong, and the old young again.

It was the antiquated (but now happily exploded) method in the good old times, to treat Salt Rheum, Scrofula, Cancer and other troublesome disorders arising from BLOOD TAINT with powerful alteratives, such as mercury, arsenic and other mineral agents. It was expected by this treatment that the poison could be killed while the blood was left to course through its channels holding in its circulation the specific germs of the disease. But in this way, every part of the body became more or less diseased. Nothing can be more terrible than a horribly destructive blood taint. It not only attacks virulently the different structures of the body, but many times the bones are honey-combed and destroyed. It often seeks out the nerves and spinal cord, and again it will bring down and death to some vital organ, as the kidneys, liver or stomach. There is only one scientific method for the cure of blood taint. That is, PURIFICATION! Every particle of the blood must be removed through the excretory channels, the lungs, kidneys, bowels, liver and skin. "First pure, then peaceful." The great restorative, reconstructive and vitalizer of the blood, JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA, not only radically and exhaustively removes the taint, but also removes all mercury, calomel and other minerals, and fills the veins and arteries with the ruby glowing current of vitality. "The blood is the life." Good health means pure blood. The old and reliable remedy, JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA, is universally regarded as the greatest Blood Purifier ever discovered. This fact is now established beyond question or cavil.

BLOOD POISON CURED BY JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA. By Mrs. M. J. Bradham, October 31, 1894.

William Davis, Brooks & Co., Detroit. Confession—In April last I began using JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA for Blood Poison, caused by an amputation of one of my arms. I had SEVEN RUNNING SORES on my legs. I used two bottles and was entirely cured. I know it is what cured me. Yours truly, G. W. LUTHER, MICHIGAN DRUG COMPANY, DETROIT, MICH. C. D. BRADHAM, New Bern, N. C.

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Sweet Cucumber Pickles, Sour Pickles and Sauer Kraut at J. L. McDaniel, 71 Broad St.

Full line fresh Canned Goods. Fancy Elgin and Fox River Print Butter 30c per lb. Best New York State Butter 25c. Cooking Butter 20c. Fresh Oatmeal, Grits, Big Hominy and Rice. Small Hams and a nice lot Norton Yam Potatoes. Give me a call. Yours Respectfully, J. L. MCDANIEL, Wholesale & Retail Grocer, Phone 91, 71 Broad St.

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Buggies Wagons Harnesses Robes

I have moved to the Broad Street Stables, purchased of J. W. STEWART, where I shall be glad to meet all friends and customers.

J. A. Jones, New Bern, - N. C.

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Boy's Knee Pants, all sizes. Hats of all descriptions. New Line of Shirts.

A. J. SMITH

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Lightest Buggy Made



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MASONIC OPERA HOUSE, Week Commencing Monday, April 16th.

Special Return Engagement of the HERALD SQUARE OPERA CO., 25 Artists Presenting Grand and Comic Operas. Change of Bill Every Night.

Opening Bill—"Mascotte."

Seats now on sale at Waters. Prices First four rows \$1.00; balance down stairs 70c. Gallery 50c.