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VACCINATION.

The report that two cases of small pox have developed in Belmont has caused a state of excitement here, and rumors that the compulsory vaccination will next be in order.

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The Government of Cuba are becoming divided with remarkable rapidity. Already two have defected, and the situation is becoming more and more critical.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

Twenty years have come and gone since the first GAZETTE was ever published in the town of Gastonia.

Only one firm remains the same as it was when the first GAZETTE was published and that is "Mr. Adolph Warren" as his card appears in the paper.

A man who has slept as did Rip Van Winkle would meet with about the same reception as he did. His friends would be hard to find, and the old places where he whistled away an hour would no longer be the resort of those of his younger days.

Suppose Mr. G. W. Chalk in his first term had predicted that in twenty years the town would have incorporated a million dollar mill. It would have meant the death of THE GAZETTE and a consolation by the phylloxera.

THE GAZETTE has always adhered to the principle laid down in the salutation of Mr. Chalk, that "it should be our aim to use all the energy we possess in trying to advance every industry, and cause to be developed the great resources of this country."

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HAVE THE PRIMARIES BEEN FAIRLY AND LEGALLY CONDUCTED.

After each Candidate His Chance—No "Undue" Influence—This Year—The Plan of Organization Says Primaries Should be Held to the Preference Share of the Vote in Precedent Primaries and State Conventions.

"The Democrats of some counties," continued the speaker, "seem to be laboring under a misapprehension with regard to the manner of casting the voting strength of the several counties in the State, Congressional and other conventions."

"This is a very erroneous and dangerous idea—in direct conflict with the plan of organization, in fact."

"We want a representative State convention this year, and our present plan of organization provides for it in the simplest and most admirable manner."

"The plan of organization expressly and emphatically states and charges that the vote of each county in the county convention, and the vote of each county in the State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial District conventions, shall not 'may,' but shall be cast for the candidates for the various offices, (where there is more than one candidate for any one office) according to the preference of those present."

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ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE. We have two much at stake this year as a party to show the selfish ambitions of any individual to interfere with our duty, viz., the combination of the best and strongest men for all the positions to be filled.

It is necessary for the white man, irrespective of party differences, to get together this year, if he wishes to carry the Amendment and win a great victory, and to that end the instructions of the Plan of Organization in regard to who are eligible to attend Democratic primaries should be so liberally construed, as:

All white voters who intend to vote with us in the next election, and who desire the re-establishment of Anglo-Saxon supremacy and honest government in North Carolina.

After the American Tobacco Co. The question of the past week was published in the News & Observer of this city of the plan of Mr. J. A. Guthrie of Durham (Popular name for governor at the last election) to stab the "tobacco trust," as he terms the American Tobacco Co., in which the Dukes of Durham are the leading spirits.

This he purposes doing by asking the Legislature (at the special session in June) to repeal the charter of the Blackwell Tobacco Company of Durham, which was sold a year or so ago to the then "Union Tobacco Co." which latter has since been absorbed by the "trust" or American Co., and which he (Mr. Guthrie) claims now so manipulates the 10,000 shares of stock held by him and other minority stockholders, as to prevent the payment of dividends, thus rendering the stock worthless.

He says the holders of these 10,000 shares (of the par value of \$25.00 each) did not agree to sell their stock when the chief owners of the Blackwell Co., sold their interests to the Union Company.

The Major intimates that there will be a hot time ahead for the Democrats in the Legislature who refuse to take to their heels at the head of the "trust" or American Co., as he terms the "tobacco trust," over the question when the hot June days and the Legislature arrive in Raleigh.

Another is the "Loray" mill, incorporated last week, to be built at Gascola by Messrs. George A. Gray and others. The initial capital stock of this company is \$1,000,000.

The third will be built at or near Statesville by the Charlotte Co., composed of North Carolinians, and it is said two or three millions will be invested in this plant. North Carolina already has more mills than any other State in the Union, and more looms and spindles than any Southern State.

I met and talked with two of the gubernatorial candidates during the past week—Cunningham and Aycock—and with many of their friends from various counties, who are or have been here on business.

Mr. Aycock, the young oratorical gladiator, has just returned from Charlotte where he addressed the Mechanics' Democrats. He was in fine trim and seemed to be confident of the success of his friends to nominate him for governor. If Capt. Thomas W. Mason, whose friends are now talking about bringing out, really actively enters the race the odds will have in its two candidates for Governor both his friends and supporters at both his law, and before at both "in practice" speakers. It is hard to recall two finer orators than they.

Col. Cunningham's friends hereabouts appear to be the most active Democrats of all. They seem to be "walking Cunningham" on all sides and on all occasions. You can not go into a hotel lobby or join a group of Democrats or hear a speaker on a platform in which you do not hear Cunningham's name. It is really remarkable, and the fact (for orator complete the statement) that most of them seem to favor the man, or at least agree that he would be a particularly strong and available candidate, unless it were some extraordinary—especially when one recalls that two or three months ago Mr. Aycock seemed to be talked of as all. Justice and I discussed the matter, and we are sure, were not then mentioned, scarcely, (they have many friends here now though) and Cunningham's friends were not so numerous as now, or else they kept quiet.

I asked one of the friends of the Aycock cause if he could tell me the secret of Cunningham's growth, and he said: "Why, it is his personal popularity, largely, and that he has a mouth or two he did not know whether he would make an active contest for the nomination. Now that he has decided to do so his friends (in a large extent) are flocking to him. Much of this result is due to the efforts of his personal friends among their friends."

CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES.

The News as Gathered From Surrounding Counties. Lenoir Journal: Mr. A. M. Price showed the Journal over the Daniel mill, of which he is superintendent and one of the owners, Monday.

King's Mountain Oracle: The many friends of Dr. W. L. Query will be pleased to learn that his health is improving. On Saturday night he was attacked by hemorrhages of the lungs and has had several attacks since which leaves him in a very critical condition.

W. T. Bradford, formerly agent for the Southern Railway at this place, came in on the train Wednesday morning where he has made his home for nearly a year past. His household goods followed the next day. It comes back to assume the duties of book-keeper for the Coca Cola Mills.

Those who favor the adoption of the amendment have a right to expect that they will be met by the people of its merits rather than an attempt to frighten the citizens of the State with such suggestions as we have been discussing.

It is discussed fairly and candidly as its merits are determined. It shall be, we are confident that the people of the State will ratify it by a large majority. The year 1906 will mark a step forward and upward by the people of this Commonwealth which will give new hope and inspiration to the young manhood and guarantee a sense of peace and security to those who have weathered the storm.

The Appetite of a Goat is evinced by all poor dyspeptics whose stomach and liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful stomach and liver pills, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c. at J. E. Curry & Co's drug store.

There was a man on Moten Hill With whiskey did his person fill; He went up town and in one day Tressed one gallon of whiskey away. He said when he lay down at night, The things he saw were a sight; All the sinners that he had ever done Was on plain to him as was the sun. So he went up town and took the oath For the year next next year both; That he would not drink no more in two years When he said this it brought the laugh.—EIP.

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