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PERSONAL LIBERTY AND SCHOOL INSPECTION.

That organization created primarily to fight the American Medical association on account of its crusade against quackery and frauds in medicine—the National League of Medical Freedom—has been circulating throughout the country printed matter, mimeographed letters, circulars and other campaign literature (?) attacking the medical inspection of school children.

Dear Sir: Your letter and pamphlets relating to compulsory medical inspection are received. We have medical inspection in our city, though usually not compulsory, parents being allowed in most cases to have a child exempt on request.

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use a stronger word. I shall have the case inspected by the best men in the city, and if they report the need to be as great as it appears I shall actually try to force not only examination, but treatment.

Two children were found with hip disease, bad cases. Their parents did not know that help was possible. When told, they gladly co-operated in sending the children to a hospital, where after nearly a year of treatment, both did fair to entirely recover ability to walk.

And strange as it may seem, parents generally like it! Many of them are very earnest in their expressions of gratitude. A few objected to interference with their personal liberty to keep their children as lousy as they pleased.

Under the circumstances, therefore, I trust you will excuse us if we keep right on sending our school physicians and school nurse "about doing good" in both schools and homes.

A more effective reply to the objections raised against school inspection could not well be imagined. If the objectors are sincere, this letter is certainly convincing.

It will be difficult to convince the public that in order to secure personal liberty it is necessary to allow 400 school children in one town to suffer from pediculosis.

"THIS IS MY 45TH BIRTHDAY."

Ellison D. Smith.
Ellison Durant Smith, United States senator from South Carolina, was born August 1, 1866, at Lynchburg, then Sumter; now Lee county, South Caro-

lina. He entered Wofford College, at Spartanburg, from which institution he graduated in 1889. At Wofford he distinguished himself by winning gold medals in debate, science and literature.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- August 1.
1589—Assassination of Henry III of France by Jacques Clement.
1685—Marquis de Dononville assumed office as governor of Canada.
1714—Queen Anne of England, the last ruler of the House of Stuart, died. Born Feb. 6, 1665.
1798—British fleet under Nelson defeated the French fleet in battle of the Nile.
1801—Jonathan Edwards, Jr., celebrated theologian, died. Born May 26, 1745.
1818—Maria Mitchell, famous astronomer, born at Nantucket. Died at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1889.
1834—Slavery abolished in the British colonies.
1862—Farragut's fleet suspended the bombardment of Vicksburg, and awaiting the arrival of land forces.
1876—Colorado admitted to the union.
1910—Former Governor Claude A. Swanson appointed United States senator from Virginia to fill the unexpired term of John W. Daniel.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

The League of Republican Clubs of Ohio will meet at Cleveland, August 19th.
Kentucky democrats will meet in Louisville, August 15, to formulate a platform.
S. R. Barton, state auditor of Nebraska, has announced himself a candidate for the seat of Congressman George W. Norris.
Winfield T. Durbin, former governor of Indiana, intends to enter the race for the republican nomination for governor again next year.
Maine has had state wide prohibition since 1854—statutory from 1854 to 1884, and constitutional since 1884.
Walter Clyde Jones, a member of the Illinois senate, has announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor next year.
Immediately after congress adjourns Senators Martin and Swanson will return home to begin active campaigns for their re-election.
Maryland has a spirited three-cornered fight on for the democratic nomination for governor, the contestants being Gov. Crothers, State Senator Arthur P. Gorman and State Senator Blair Lee.
President Taft has planned for the fall a trip to Wisconsin, home of Senator La Follette, who is spoken of as a candidate for the presidential nomination against Mr. Taft next year.
The Republican state committee of West Virginia will meet in Charleston on September 20, at which time it is likely a decision will be reached on the question of nominating the next state ticket by a state wide primary.
It is an odd fact that all four of the Smiths in the United States senate—John Walter Smith of Maryland, William Alden Smith of Michigan, Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina and Hoke Smith of Georgia—have been elected to succeed senators who have died.
J. E. Swearingin, state superintendent of education for South Carolina, is mentioned as the possible successor of his uncle, Benjamin Ryan Tillman, in the United States senate. Mr. Swearingin has been prominent in public affairs in South Carolina for many years, notwithstanding the fact that he is totally blind.
Arkansas politicians are awaiting with much interest, not unmixed with

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impatience, the definite announcement of Governor Donaghey as to whether he will be a candidate for a third term as governor or make the race for United States senator against Jeff Davis, whose successor is to be chosen by the next legislature.
Governor John Burke, who is completing his third term as chief executive of North Dakota, has given his friends to understand that when he quits the governorship he will retire to private life and resume the practice of law. Governor Burke is regarded as one of the most able and successful leaders the democratic party in the northwest has produced in years and it was the hope of his political followers that he would become a candidate for the United States senate or house of representatives after the expiration of his term as governor.

FARM NOTES.
Not Written for Farmers.
By H. L. RANN.

Blood will tell. There is less ivory in the head of a pure bred collie pup than in that of any other animal on the farm. The collie which has graduated with the degree of A. B. can round up a herd of refractory milch cows from the back forty without nicking a fetlock, whereas your bone-headed mongrel is never satisfied until he has sunk his front teeth into every heifer in the herd and has run the cattle through three or four barbed wire fences en route. Whenever you see a mooly cow with her hind legs notched like the gearing of a traction engine, make up your mind that she has been chap-roned to the milk shed by some addle-pated pup whose pedigree is as great a mystery

as the cause of gumboils.
Man is a queer bird. Ask him to squeeze a 13 1-2 collar on a 16 1-2 shirt and he will roar until the cash register rattles, but he will crowd a collar four sizes too small on the neck of a horse and ask him to jerk a disc harrow over the dimpling tea until his wind is as short as the pastor's salary. Nothing will disturb the sang-froid of a work horse quicker than a tight-fitting collar. We knew a farmer who rigged up a nervous gelding with a collar which had a clutch like a can opener, and a few minutes later his agonized family had to sort him out of the oat bin. In buying a collar for a horse, never take a model's word for it. Always ask for a fitting.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.
The Friars are planning to go on another frolic for funds next spring. Villanova college has conferred the degree of doctor of music on Victor Herbert.

Lee Arthur is making important changes in "The Fox," preparatory to its New York premiere in September. Lillian Russell is to be offered "Cis Cis," Frederic Lyncyke's new operetta for her operatic starring tour next season. Blanche Chapman is to play the title role of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" for her fourth consecutive season next winter.

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