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THE END OF THE SOLID SOUTH

The solid South has dropped out of politics, says the Globe Democrat. Tuesday's republican victories in Kentucky and Maryland are decisive on this point. The republican majorities in Missouri, Maryland and West Virginia last year, and the practically tie vote between the parties in Kentucky at that time, was ascribed to democratic apathy. But the republican majorities just rolled up in Kentucky and Maryland can not and will not be attributed to any such condition. The size of the recent vote in both these states is fatal to any presumption of this sort. All the democrats went to the polls, but thousands of them voted the republican ticket, and will continue to vote it so long as the republican party is true to its ideals.

It will be alleged, of course, by the democrats that their reverse in Kentucky and Maryland was due to factional feuds in their party, and in some degree this explanation is valid. The split on silver in the former state and the fight against Gorman in the latter turned many votes over to the republicans. But these causes were merely contributory. They simply assisted in turning the scale. The republican majority in neither state would have been as large without them, but there would have been a majority of some size or other. There was no split in Kentucky on the silver question or anything else in 1894, nor was Gorman or Gormanism an issue in the Maryland canvass. Yesterday's break in the democratic line in the south shows that the causes are deeper than is popularly supposed, and have been longer in operation.

That is to say, geographical parties and geographical politics have reached their end. It will be no longer possible to determine a state's partisan complexion by its latitude. Mason and Dixon's line has been abolished. States on both sides of it will hereafter divide freely on the questions of the time, irrespective altogether of their attitude toward dead and gone issues. The country has emancipated itself from its bondage to the ante-bellum era. Texas annexation, the Wilmot proviso, the Kansas-Nebraska law and secession have at last lost their power to sway the people in either South or North. A great era in the nation's political history has been closed.

The New York state board of health has been vigorously looking into the adulteration and the deterioration of drugs, and out of 8,305 samples of drugs investigated during three years not one-half were rated "good." These samples had to be obtained with caution and secrecy, and were taken from shops from all parts of the state. Many of these drugs are not much used, but that is no excuse for their not being what they are represented to be; and Dr. Tucker, the chemist of the board, thinks that some valuable and well-known old-fashioned remedies, have fallen into disuse because the thing that made them efficacious is left out in the simulacra sold. Twenty-six out of 123 samples of chloroform were found to be impure; and as now and again we hear of deaths from chloroform (very rarely, it is true), may it not be that in the country shops an inferior or adulterated article has done the mischief?

The general situation in Europe and Asia is increasingly serious. Reports are rife of a special Russo-Chinese treaty, which, however, are denied by the governments. The Russian press is bitter in its attacks on England, and the German press manifests considerable sympathy. The result is a general impression that Germany is in favor of giving Russia free hand in East-Asia.

to divert her attention from European matters. There is also manifest a growing hostility in Italy to the Triple Alliance. France is keeping quiet, being for the time being absorbed in her cabinet crisis, which, however, is not held to have any special significance in general politics.

The East Oregonian and Tribune, Pendleton's daily newspapers are engaged in a journalistic war which, just at present has the appearance of a fierce conflict. As a general rule, newspapers accomplish more when they devote all their energies to building up the town in which they are situated than in spending vital force in warring with one another. Both the papers mentioned are doing good work for Pendleton, and doubtless, after a brief spell of hostility, they will settle down to their wonted course of action.

President Roberts, of the Pennsylvania railroad company, stated recently that the outlook for business for his road was excellent, and to provide increased facilities for handling the great quantities of freight, which he could see in the near future, the road had ordered 60,000 freight cars. This is one of the best evidences we have seen in the opinion of one of the most sagacious railroad managers of the country for the business outlook.

The Salem Statesman pertinently says: If it cost the state \$772.20 to deliver five prisoners from Grant county to the state penitentiary with wheat at 36 cents and no sale for hops at any price and no quotations on wool; and if it cost \$10,000 to make the assessment of Marion county—what will the next tax levy amount to?

Secrets Disclosed.

The following from the La Grande Chronicle, which tells how they do things in the city beyond the Blue mountains, may help to stimulate the courage of some of our citizens who intend penetrating the mysteries of fraternal orders:

Shrieks and groans coming from the direction of K. of P. hall Friday evening, caused a number of persons to stop suddenly and then look for the marshal. Probably the cause would never have been known if a New Woman (whose name is withheld) had not climbed up in the hay loft over the goat's stall and witnessed the awful sight. A candidate was brought in, who was wearing a scared look. The chief stepped down off the platform and proceeded to hypnotize the candidate while the Sworn Twelve surrounded him with drawn swords. He was then driven on surrounded by swords' points on three sides, while on the floor on the fourth side was a rug of spikes. As the swords closed in on him, the poor fellow gave an awful shriek and jumped well out on the spikes. The groan that escaped his lips as he came down would have melted the heart of a cabbage, but it had no effect on the Sworn Twelve. The spikes proved to be of rubber and bent down under the candidate's weight. He was next bound to a board and the Supreme Juggler proceeded to impale him with gleaming knives. He remained in this position until the next candidate had gone through the ceremony this far, when he was released and the Supreme Juggler pulled out his fore-finger nail, quickly split it half way and sharpened it. It was then replaced by some method known only to Macabees, and he signed his name in blood to the obligation. This was too much for the New Woman and she fainted. When consciousness returned the pale moon was shining through the skylight and the Sworn Twelve were gone.

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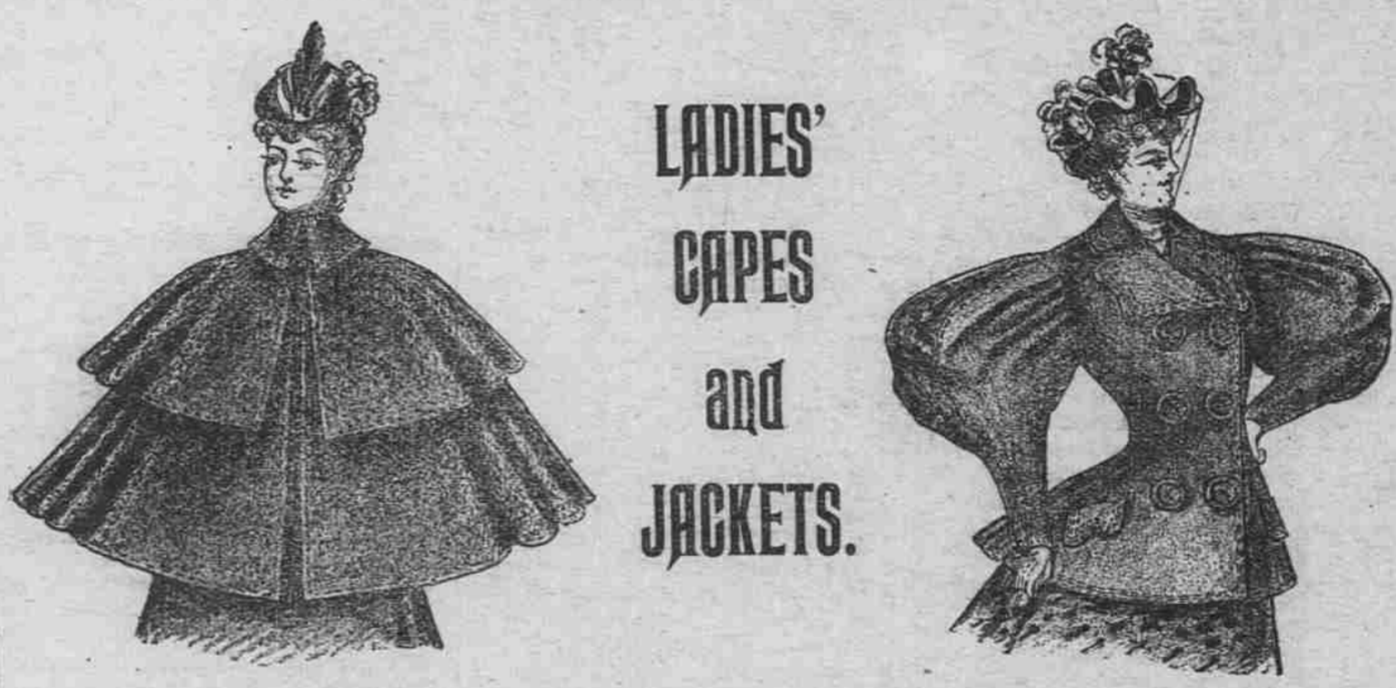
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