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THE CAPITAL JIUURNAL $\frac{\text { AN INDEPRENDENT NEWSPAPER }}{\text { Publithed every eventint except Sun- }}$ N YESTERDAY'S elections, two democratic and two re-
publican governors were elected with a fifth in doubt.
Prohibition won in Ohio and Kentucky and lost in New
Jersey. Only local issues were involved and the widest
stretch of imagination cannot construe a political moral
out of the election.
There is as yet no dividing issue before the people,
unless it be the league of nations, which although an ad-
ministration measure has the loyal support of many re-
publicans but the opposition of the republican machine
in congress, as well as a seattered democratic antagon-
ism. No one can say what the campaign issue of 1920 will
be. Yet we are told by the partisan press that because
Yo
Podunk elected a republican councilman that the country
is "tired of democratic inefficiency and blundering, of
dilly-dallying and pussy-footing," and that "some red cor-
pusucles are wanted.in the political system at Washing-
ton", and that the election was the call of the people for
the good old graft of a protective tariff and the republican
party.
For the past year the republicans have controlled
both houses of congress, and have aceomplished nothing.

## Rippling Rhymes.

**** both houses of congress, and have accomplished nothing
The "dilly dallying" and "pussy-footing" are products of the republican caucus. It is Senator Lodge and his for-
lowers who have blocked the peace treaty, fought the

OddsandEnds



## Too Many Trucks For Single Spot; State Is Victim

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IOVE and MARRIED LIFE Idah MIGlone Gibson league of nations and "marked time", failed to solve the
railroad reconstruction and other pressing problems, while the country plunged deeper into the sea of indus-
trial unrest.
Not that there is much difference between the repubwere in control the president was enabled to force through great measures, which he is powerless to do now. We had
action then-we have inaction today, unless an unending
flow of words constitute deeds. We have executive leadership but legislative inaction.
cured world leadership under a demecrat--. an unforgiv the protective tariff fallacy or orore we we must conjurge u dead and forgotten past to retain the leadership under publicans.
with every most of the gold of the world in our possessio with every nation deeply in our debt, with the industrie
of the world prostrate and most of Europe ruined an of therupt, with every Americas faetory running ful schedule and prosperity pervading the land and dinne
buckets full, the only need of a protective tariff is to further enrich the profiteer and provide seats or t the hungry
at the political pie-counter, which is all the tariff ever did
Most people get their politics as they get their re gion---by inheritance, and the clap-trap appeal to pre
judice and party passion still outweighs the appeal to rea arg. If it were otherwise, we would not hear such peurile since obsolete. We would have offered some reat long tions of the vital problems confronting the nation in thi
crisis of industrial turmoil-wa construction crisis of industrial turmoil-a construction program to
advance human welfare. That is what the people are
looking for--not the old discarded slogans for politica looking ferpenating social injustice. slogans for poitica
spoils perpet
Unless the old parties Unless the old parties furnish such a progressive pro
gram in keeping with the ideals of the democracy of th to turn to ne wparties for leadership and listen to to
seductive charletanism of Bolhsevism. When a party seductive charletanism of Bolhsevism. When a pa ties have, it loses its vitality and ceases to be worth whil save to the office seeker and the profiteer.


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