

DOWNSTATE FIGHTS REDISTRICTING PLAN

SAYS IT FAVORS CHICAGO

Afraid Big City Would Control State and Dictate All Legislation and Nominate Candidates

If the attempts of Chicago politicians to get the State of Illinois redistricted on a basis of population are successful the legislators from Chicago would then have the power to confiscate down-state property through their control of the power of taxation of the state.

Fifer Is Prominent One of the first addresses which will be made under the auspices of the league will be by Former Governor Joseph W. Fifer who has been one of the greatest fighters against Chicago control in this state.

League officials declared that all legislators and candidates for the legislature will be asked to state their views on the redistricting proposition.

If Chicago Controlled If Chicago should gain control, the league bulletins state, Chicago would control then the office of governor with the power of veto over all legislation; would control the office of lieutenant governor, attorney general, treasurer, secretary of state, and superintendent of schools and also the power to elect both U. S. senators and more than half of the congressmen.

With this threat to down-state in view the officers of the league expressed the hope at the opening session that the effort of the league to arouse down-state by speakers, publicity matter, pamphlets, etc., would be sufficient to prevent a repetition of the action of the senate last spring when the members voted 26 to 25 for the resolution favoring Chicago.

PARIS IS SHOWING COTTON GARMENTS

IS SURPRISE TO BUYERS

Use of This Fabric in Sports Clothes and Gowns for Other Wear Reported by Magazine

Fashion buyers in Paris received one of the greatest surprises of many seasons when, in the mid-spring showings now being held, cotton frocks were boldly displayed by several prominent couturiers, says the Woman's Home Companion correspondent.

Lifted grandly from its household element, cotton appeared in sports clothes afternoon and even gowns for evening wear. So improved are the fabrics, however, over the old-fashioned cotton goods, that the adaptation of the material is entirely justified.

Large and call checked gingham were also shown with distinction and candy-striped cotton broadcloths turned out marvelously in sports costumes. In the gingham ensembles a new note was added in short jackets of the predominating color.

For summer sports chintz and figured linens were shown and there was a new fabric in Java print, somewhat resembling Persian designs. For afternoon frocks on warm summer days there is even a greater variety of cotton weaves and designs. In this group are multi-colored printed dimities, lawns, crepes, voiles, batistes and dotted Swisses, delightful in texture and coloring. As many as nine colors are often used in one pattern.

Evening gowns in cotton were exquisite, printed organdie being most favored for this unusual purpose because of its crisp coolness on a hot summer night. Brilliant coloring is the chief innovation that permitted pure, unadulterated, old-fashioned cotton to come thus to the fore.

The other day another one of those items about a woman routing bandits appeared in the day's news. To get right down to brass tacks, it is believed almost any woman could rout a whole battalion of infantry if she made up her mind to it.—Atchison Globe.

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Road building is an engineering profession. Roads are laid out on blue prints nowadays instead of following the pioneer's blazed trails through forests and countrysides. The old time "under-water," or highway that does not drain off, cannot gain Federal aid. The back-breaking methods of digging out roadways have been replaced by blasting methods that remove stumps and boulders, and make the ditches. An average of a thousand pounds of blasting material to each mile of highway has reduced the mileage cost of highways by millions of dollars.

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