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"REVOLUTION made to order while you wait" might almost be said of the result of the special session of the Minnesota Legislature which adjourned recently. It sat only 13 working days, but it subjected the political system of the commonwealth to an evolution so speedy and thorough as to effect a revolution.

It established state-wide primaries. It passed a drastic law against corrupt practices in politics. It made law of a measure increasing the taxation on the gross earnings of railroads. It approved amendments to the National Constitution that provide for direct election of Federal Senators and for taxation of incomes by the Nation.

These are sweeping reforms, but they are not all. The Minnesota Legislature also enacted and amended law in regard to children's labor and several statutes of particular importance to the state, as the authorization to cities of the first class to hold nonpartisan municipal elections. Judges also are to be nominated at nonpartisan primaries.

All this is a splendid fortnight's work. It is constructive progressiveness of the only kind that is needed and can bear the test of time and scrutiny.

The primaries will perhaps do away with the system of nominating and platform-making conventions of political parties. The advocates of the primaries and of laws against corrupt practices claim that they will destroy the paid political worker, the perennial follower of the office-seeker and the hanger-on at elections.

It's now up to Nick Longworth to decide whether he will go with father-in-law or have a split in the family.

In a neat little pink envelope all scented with perfume came a note to the editor; it read, will you kindly tell me, if the oysters got stewed would the corn-beef?

THE FLIES.

Now the flies begin their buzzing by the gross and by the dozen and they make our lives a burden with their gimlets and their drills; they are riding on the breezes and they scatter more diseases than the loc can ever master with his sugar-coated pills. Day by day the housefly hustles for our red and white corpuscles, shooting venom in our systems with his hypodermic gun; hustling in all human regions, sending to the bonyard legions who would otherwise keep living in this world of work and fun. Flies are vile and vulgar creatures; they drive all the world to anger as they wield their deadly tools; and they keep us mad and fretting till we often are forgetting all the splendid moral lessons that we learned in Sunday schools. When the flies have all been driven from this land the joy of living will (the scientists assure us) be increased a hundred fold; let us therefore rise and swat 'em, knock 'em endways, top and bottom, till they weary of their labors and their sticky feet are cold. Swat 'em with our swatters swatty, though the world may say we're dirty, kill them off with guns and poison, tie the some tinware to their tails; tie them to the stake with tethers, give them coats of tar and feathers; when we find them in our village let us ride them out on rail-

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MANY TOOK EXAMS

Regular Teachers' Examination Is Held in Coquille

The regular annual school teachers' examination was held last week in the court house, under the supervision of County Superintendent W. H. Bunch and Prof. A. G. Raab of North Bend.

The following took the examination:

Coquille—Margaret Curry, Bandon—Zettie Gibson, Della Gibson, Josephine Stolz, Essie Cox, Beatrice McLeod and Eva Hicking. Myrtle Point—Anna Culver, Della Bryant, Ruth Wade, Susie Neer, Jessie H. Huntley and Edith P. Lusk. North Bend—Ida E. Gamble, Earl A. Brown and Lloyd A. Enlund. Shake Nasty Bend—W. A. Arnold. Marshfield—Anna Dodge. Gravel Ford—J. B. Bunch and R. R. Bennett. Bridge—Doris Williams. Empire—Estella Wicklund. Riverton—Amelia B. Chaney. Arago—Merle Radabaugh. Lampa—Bertha Conlogue. Eckley—Kathryn Lehnerr. Coquille Sentinel.

WITH THE
TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING

Be a good man and fight well, be obedient, command thyself, and then thy men.—Beaumont and Fletcher.

GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM

They've tied a can to the married man.

The guy with a wife and kid, Marooned him far from a racin' car That's onery enough to skid. They've gave my mount to a no-account

Who's batching it: ain't it tough? I'm here to say that the married jay Is hittin' the road that's rough.

The weddin' bell was a solemn knell Of my days for gath'ring kale. The motor's throb and the gran' stand mob

Give way to an infant's wall. I'm roped and tied and it's 'goodbye' to pride,

I'm meek, I'm mild and I'm tame, The geek who's wise is one who ties An anchor on to his name.

There ain't no spark to the baby's cart

And the thing is shy on speed: There ain't no wheel nor no throbbin' steel;

No engine that you can feed. Now, baby's hood may be to the good With the lace and fixin's on it, But hully gee! 'taint one, two, three, With the grease-be-spatter'd bonnet.

I much prefer to travel with Herr— (And spell it with a double r)— For a woman's only a woman; My soul mate's a racin' car. Tied to a frau, I'm a has-been now, But give me another try; I'll bet my life against your wife I'd distance that Hymen guy.

The last lap of a joyride is usually made in a hearse.

Speaking of men who weary of well-doing, you will notice that Andy Carnegie is no longer giving away a library every morning before breakfast.

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DEMOCRATS TO
MEET AT NIGHT

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substituting the minority or Wilson report for the majority or Clark report.

Causes Much Excitement

After the prayer, the convention plunged into the South Dakota contests. R. S. Morris of Pennsylvania submitting the minority report favoring Wilson delegates. Morris said he was sure the committee on credentials had misapprehended the facts in the case. He said it was ridiculous for the committee to take the votes of two entirely separate sets of so-called delegates and add them together and thus claim a majority for one set of the Clark delegates over the Wilson delegates.

William A. McCorkle of West Virginia supported the majority report. When the third ticket, the second Clark set of delegates, was placed in the field, McCorkle said the Clark people endeavored to have it withdrawn. The secretary of the state of South Dakota, he said, refused to allow the ticket to be withdrawn, saying both the second and third tickets were publicly known as favoring Clark, therefore the vote both should be accredited to Clark.

The vote was impatiently awaited and after the first two speeches cries of "vote," "vote" began.

Ex-Governor Blanchard of Louisiana followed. He spoke for the majority report. Frequent cheers greeted the mention of Clark's name during the discussion.

Delegate Crane of Texas spoke for the minority. A lively controversy arose as Theodore Bell of California championed the Clark delegates in the South Dakota case, delegates challenging his statements from the floor. He charged that the second Clark ticket had been put in the field in South Dakota to divide the Clark vote.

A chorus of "Boos" from the Wilson supporters greeted the statement. The New Jersey delegation members were immediately in front of the platform. "Be honest," "be honest" they shouted. "Hearst, Hearst, Hearst."

"More than seven thousand votes in South Dakota were cast for Clark," shouted Bell. "And for Wilson," yelled the New Jerseyites and bedlam broke loose on the floor. New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Texas swung their Wilson banners. A Clark streamer gained a point of vantage immediately in front of the platform. Underwood streamers were father back and Massachusetts unfurled a Foss banner half across the hall. The demonstration lasted twenty-two minutes.

James Takes Place.

Following the action on the South Dakota contest Permanent Chairman James was led to the platform and given a tremendous ovation and demonstration that lasted several minutes. During his address accepting the office, he mentioned Bryan's name several times, producing wild demonstrations in many parts of the hall.

Permanent Chairman James on taking the gavel thanked the convention for the honor bestowed upon him "to preside over the deliberations while you select the next President of this republic." He congratulated the body upon the orderly presentation of the assembly where "no charge of fraud hovers, no call of thief and robber is hurled by one fellow at another and where no soldiers stand in reserve to keep us from one another's throats."

Of the party he said "the Democratic party is essentially a party of the people, because it is the people. It has fought a long, hard battle, when it seemed that night would never end and that day would never dawn, but the battle was in the interest of the rights of the people and we have continued to make it until we see the common enemy, the one great Republican party divided, distracted and torn asunder, while democracy is united, harmonious and militant. There are two records that will be presented to the American people in the coming campaign for their consideration. One is the record of the Republican party with its promises betrayed, arrogantly and defiantly betrayed, and the other is the record of promises faithfully and honestly kept." James declared that was "unfaithful to the great mass of American people."

Exclude Philipines.

Six votes from the Philipines were excluded viva voce on the ground that the Supreme Court had ruled the islands were not a part of the United States.

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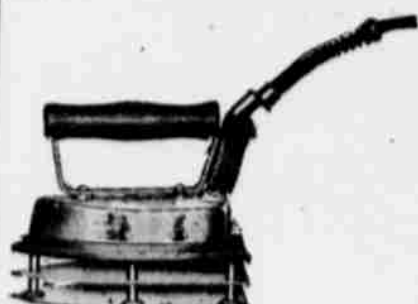
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