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Hill to Hanna, U. S. Senate

Re Minnesota politics. "The Governor of North Dakota refused to have anything to do with the Anti-Merger lawsuits and he was re-elected with the largest majority the State has given for years, while Van Sant in Minnesota ran eighteen or twenty thousand behind his ticket. This disturbed his Managers and they thought to make him whole, they must organize the Legislature. To do this they started a new Anti-Merger Campaign, the result of which was that the Legislature resented this interference by the Governor and his friends, and they beat his candidate in the caucus by a vote 66 against and 33 for his candidate for Speaker... I have done

nothing in local State politics for the last year and have told them will not until they put clean, strong men in nomination and I believe there is a movement on foot to purify Minnesota State Politics, regardless of where it hits. The State is from 75,000 to 80,000 Republican, but for several years past the Republican elections have been carried in a way that could not fail to bring about revolt on the part of the more thoughtful people."

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