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Minot to J. S. Kennedy

Result of elections in this State still doubtful
Legislature clearly Republican, about 3/5 in
each house. Governorship claimed for both can-
didates. Vote for Ames on Democratic ticket is
astounding, and, as he has been repudiated by
many respectable Democrats, such as Mr. Hill,
shows how mysterious the movements of popular
feeling are." Republican majority in State two
years ago was about 40,000 and now it is down
to almost nothing. Ames shows on returns 10,000
more votes in Minneapolis than were cast at last
city election and 20,000 more than cast same
day in St. Paul -- has much strength in the
country - agents persuading ignorant class of

farmers and if elected, he could so demolish the influence of so-called railroad monopolies and the Minneapolis ~~wheat~~ ring that wheat would become worth a dollar a bushel. Cites three dangers to this Company, if Ames is elected: (1) governor has power to appoint three railroad commissioners for two years; (2) would favor foolish Granger legislation; (3) in case of strikes and riots would secretly encourage them and refuse to employ the militia. Ignatius Donnelly, "after skipping about from one party to another, has secured a seat in the house by quite a handsome vote and will no doubt make the Manitoba Railway Company his objective point

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