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The Minnesota legislature
The republicans of the Tennessee gislature in joint caucus have adoptresolutions calling upon the repubIr. Roosevelt

## Senator Burkett, of Nebraskn, in a mewspaper interview, declares that M

 boosevelt will be re-nominatedSenator Rayner, of Maryland, delares, in a newspaper interview, in cats in 1908, of a southern man and suggests Senator Daniel, of Virginia.

A Guthrie, Okla., dispatch says: "The constitution for the new state of Oklahoma is being printed and will be ready for circulation the middte of next week. It covers 123 pages in hook form and contains 100,000 words. It is more than twice as large as any states. The lougest constitution of any existing state is that of Louisiana, which contains 45,000 words. Vhrginia stands seeond with 35,000 and Alabama thifd with 33,000 words. The shortest constitution is that of Rhode Izland, with 6,000 words, and the average length of the state constitutions of the union is 15,500 words. The fution is due to the large amount of pure legislation contained in the docniment. The railroad and puble service corporation chapter, for example, The mitins 7.000 words, or is Tonger than Rhode Island. This chapter is almost wholly legislative, containing all of the statute laws of Texas governing railroads and public service corporations, in addition to a number of new legislative provisions.

James J. Hill has resigned the prest dency of the Great Northern railroad directors. His son L. W. Hill becomes president.

Frederick A. Busse, republican, and it present postmaster of Chicago, was Niayor Dume by 13,000 , dereatin A New York dispatch to the St Cous Globe-Democrat says: "Con-
cressman H. T. Rainey of Illinois, af ter spending eight days in the Panama canal zone, today returned here, enthusiastic over the progress made, but thisiastic over the progress made, but
most unfavorably impressed with the most umfavorably impressed with the
management of the commissary partment. A careful investigation of the commissariat, Mr. Rainey believe would bring to light a scandal 'second only to the meat scandal of the Span-ish-American war.' The chief trouble he thought lay in the fact that meat arriving at the isthmus well preserved Was not met at the dock, as was sup wased, by refrigerator cars, but instead ture of between 80 and 90 empera with the result that unless servel a strong garlic dressing or cow it was unpalatable. Mr. Rainey gravy, it he would prove that the lune seend to the congressional party that secely visited the isthmus, and which waty supposed to consist of the same wa served daily to canal workers anemu of 30 cents a man, waskers at a cost dered five days in adyance, and of\$1.65 a plate. While the commiss cost was supposed to serve food at cost stewards, he sald, were ordered to to of at lenst 850 to $\$ 60$

