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SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 19A, FEBRUARY 12, 2013							
County Precinct	PERSONS REGISTERED AS OF 7 A.M.	PERSONS REGISTERING ON ELECTION DAY	NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING	TIM GIESEKE - IP	ALLEN QUIST - R	CLARK P. JOHNSON - DFL	WRITE-IN
BLUE EARTH: LIME TWP	893	1	129	15	57	57	0
BLUE EARTH: MANKATO W-05 P-01	708	0	86	4	26	56	0
BLUE EARTH: MANKATO W-05 P-02	295	0	18	0	7	11	0
BLUE EARTH: MANKATO W-02 P-16	1,486	1	135	5	54	76	0
BLUE EARTH: MANKATO W-02 P-17	112	0	14	0	3	11	0
BLUE EARTH: MANKATO TWP P-1	217	2	34	1	17	16	0
BLUE EARTH: NORTH MANKATO	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
LE SUEUR: KASOTA	430	0	58	3	22	33	0
LE SUEUR: KASOTA TWP. P-1	304	1	60	6	19	35	0
LE SUEUR: MANKATO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NICOLLET: BELGRADE TOWNSHIP	724	2	174	23	81	70	0
NICOLLET: BERNADOTTE TOWNSHIP	169	0	54	7	31	16	0
NICOLLET: BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP	96	1	38	19	16	3	0
NICOLLET: CITY OF COURTLAND	441	1	82	24	32	26	0
NICOLLET: COURTLAND TOWNSHIP	375	0	91	28	37	26	0
NICOLLET: GRANBY TOWNSHIP	168	0	55	17	30	8	0
NICOLLET: CITY OF LAFAYETTE	312	0	43	11	8	24	0
NICOLLET: LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP	441	0	109	35	40	34	0
NICOLLET: LAKE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP	448	0	149	15	70	64	0
NICOLLET: MANKATO W-2 P-30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NICOLLET: NEW SWEDEN TOWNSHIP	204	2	85	9	49	27	0
NICOLLET: CITY OF NICOLLET	698	1	148	30	74	44	0
NICOLLET: NICOLLET TOWNSHIP	357	1	85	22	36	27	0
NICOLLET: NORTH MANKATO P 1	1,414	2	285	7	77	201	0
NICOLLET: NORTH MANKATO P 2	1,375	2	268	18	77	173	0
NICOLLET: NORTH MANKATO P 3	1,336	2	230	21	90	119	0
NICOLLET: NORTH MANKATO P 4	1,543	1	389	24	150	215	0
NICOLLET: NORTH MANKATO P 5	1,514	2	251	11	140	100	0
NICOLLET: NORTH MANKATO P 6	1,514	0	235	13	103	119	0
NICOLLET: NORTH MANKATO P 7	247	1	38	2	13	23	0
NICOLLET: OSHAWA TOWNSHIP	371	1	95	16	27	52	0
NICOLLET: RIDGELY TOWNSHIP	75	0	36	10	15	11	0
NICOLLET: ST PETER W-1 P-1	1,714	6	337	19	103	215	0
NICOLLET: ST PETER W-1 P-2	1,836	6	443	32	113	298	0
NICOLLET: ST PETER W-2 P-1	2,052	11	220	4	21	195	0
NICOLLET: ST PETER W-2 P-2	1,618	13	379	30	94	255	0
NICOLLET: TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP	232	0	69	14	32	23	0
NICOLLET: WEST NEWTON TOWNSHIP	288	1	69	16	36	17	0
TOTALS:	26,009	61	4,992	511	1,801	2,680	0

SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 14A, FEBRUARY 12, 2013							
County Precinct	PERSONS REGISTERED AS OF 7 A.M.	PERSONS REGISTERING ON ELECTION DAY	NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING	TODD MCKEE - IP	TAMA THEIS - R	JOANNE DORSHER - DFL	WRITE- IN
STEARNS: ST AUGUSTA	2,116	0	423	13	304	106	0
STEARNS: ST CLOUD W1 P4	1,052	0	206	3	105	97	0
STEARNS: ST CLOUD W1 P6	1,137	0	344	12	175	155	2
STEARNS: ST CLOUD W1 P7	1,615	4	104	1	37	66	0
STEARNS: ST CLOUD W3 P1	1,682	5	526	12	281	232	1
STEARNS: ST CLOUD W3 P2	1,655	0	207	3	95	109	0
STEARNS: ST CLOUD W3 P3	2,181	0	377	12	235	130	0
STEARNS: ST CLOUD W4 P1	1,134	3	237	8	132	97	0
STEARNS: ST CLOUD W4 P4	1,716	2	234	6	90	136	2
STEARNS: ST CLOUD W4 P5	1,388	3	430	10	209	210	1
STEARNS: ST CLOUD W4 P6	2,300	8	554	10	310	234	0
STEARNS: ST CLOUD W4 P7	2,209	10	507	14	294	199	0
STEARNS: ST JOSEPH TWP P-2	7	0	3	0	3	0	0
STEARNS: WAITE PARK P1	1,226	3	237	10	123	104	0
STEARNS: WAITE PARK P2	2,135	2	358	11	188	158	1
STEARNS: WAITE PARK P3	430	1	152	5	89	58	0
TOTALS:	23,983	41	4,899	130	2,670	2,091	7

~ Voting in Minnesota ~

Election Returns at the Bijou Theater 1892

Early in the 20th century, Minnesota’s economy was evolving from one based on subsistence production to one in which there was discretionary income. An innovator who understood and capitalized on this economic trend was Theodore L. Hays, owner of the Bijou Theater in Minneapolis.

Hayes recognized that local interest in politics greatly increased after the 1892 Republican National Convention was held in Minneapolis. Hayes, who had always had an interest in politics, understood the public could be drawn to his theaters for political events and decided to provide election-night results.

In 1892, Hayes advertised that he would keep the Bijou open until midnight on election night to provide the public with the most up-to-the-minute returns. To provide this service, he worked with the North American Telegraph Company to install the necessary wire to the Bijou Theater. The wire would provide national election results, and the county auditor and city clerk would provide local results. The Minneapolis Tribune and Times reporters also would be on hand to update patrons with new election information.

The election night coverage proved to be a successful endeavor, and the event continued and grew in subsequent years. Delivery of election reporting evolved with technology. By 1910, results were being delivered by Western Union, long-distance telephone service, special messenger and reporters.

Source: Theodore L. Hayes, *Theatrical Good Neighbor at the Turn of the Century*, Paul S. Newman, Minnesota Historical Society Collections