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PUT IT OVER
The Globe has done no better
work than in exposing the character
of the proposed statute revision
and arousing public attention to the
danger and the impossibility of accepting
it without the minutest scrutiny.

Unaided it has performed its task,
and now the other newspapers are coming
slowly to the front and arraying them-
selves with it in a demand for careful
action. The committees of the legisla-
ture are going over the subject, and
we believe that due care will be taken
to prevent lamentable and irreparable
error.

We have no desire to pass especial
criticism upon any one in this connec-
tion. We are not hunting for chances
to find fault, but endeavoring to save
the people of Minnesota from a mis-
take so colossal that its consequences
cannot be calculated in advance.
Whether the code commission did its
work well or ill is not to the point.
That it may have found it absolutely
necessary in condensing into one
many separate and sometimes contra-
dictory laws on the same subject, to
do original work on its own account,
we do not care either to deny or to dis-
cuss. All these matters are aside from
the main point. That point is that
nothing must be enacted as general law
for the state of Minnesota whose every
word has not been scanned and whose
purpose fully and maturely considered.

We all know—the newspapers know,
the legislature knows and the public
knows—that there are literally thou-
sands of matters in the code of new
or doubtful meaning. Some of the
larger changes that its adoption would
work have been pointed out. Prob-
ably as many more are yet undiscovered.
Those especially interested in
some subject—say, corporations, or the
insurance business, or the national
guard, or the game laws, or state
drainage—have found the new com-
pilation so much at variance with pres-
ent law that they ask for a suspen-
sion of action, and some of them for
an entire abrogation of the work in
favor of existing statutes. The least
that can be done for them is not to put
these interests under the direction of
an undigested and actually unknown
code.

There is one clear and simple and
easy way out of the difficulty. How
the delusion took possession of men's
minds that this code must go into ef-
fect next December, or that it must
be acted upon finally at this session of
the legislature, we do not know. It is
a pure fantasy, which has obtained
some mysterious and extraordinary
hold upon popular and legislative imagi-
nation. There is no more need to
adopt the code at this session than
there is to pass a bill for erecting a
second capitol. There is no more reason
why that code should go into effect
in December or on any other fixed
date than there is for saying that all
the laws to be passed at this session
shall be suspended until the end of
1906. When the code is adopted it will
be done by enacting it as a law, ex-
actly as all other laws are enacted.

That can be done at this session, or at
any other session to follow, wholly at
the pleasure of the legislature itself.

Obviously, the duty of the legislature
is to put the whole matter over until
the next regular session. In the mean-
time a committee of its members, or
of outsiders if so preferred, men fam-
iliar with the law, should go over
the code, compare it with existing law,
hold public meetings at which repre-
sentatives of all interests affected
could appear and make a complete list
of additions to or variations from ex-
isting statutes. This is as necessary
as an index is to any work of reference.
It cannot be done in a day or in a
month, or before the end of this ses-
sion. If it takes a little time and a
few dollars, what is that compared
with the four years and the thousands
already spent? And what is it com-
pared with the fatal folly of adopting
a set of laws whose language and ef-
fect are surrounded by mystery and
uncertainty?

This duty the legislature owes to
itself and the entire people of the
state, whose interests are to be affected
by the new code when adopted. The
legislature is in no wise limited in
the meantime. It can go ahead like
any other legislature, and legislate
with complete freedom of movement
just as if statute revision had never
been heard of. Two years from now
we shall know where we stand; and
the legislature will be prepared to act
immediately upon the submitted code,
with intelligence and safety. This is
the only course worthy of rational men,
and we believe it will be taken.

At just about this juncture the czar
would be tickled to death to be pre-
siding over a peace conference at The
Hague.

AN ART TREASURE IN DANGER
The chairman of the house commit-
tee on public buildings went to the root
of the matter and raised an issue close
to the public heart when he asked Mr.
Seabury, at a hearing on Tuesday,
whether the old capitol building as well
as the new ought not to remain under
the control of the capitol commis-
sion. We are glad that not all men
have souls so dead as to forget the
precious treasure of the state in the
old capitol building, and its danger
from the vandal hands of the execu-
tive, while fussing about the fate of
the new. This it ever is. Age is for-
gotten, and its subdued beauties make
no appeal to those entranced by the
fresher charms of youth.

The Globe would, to use the
once famous words of a contemporary,
sound in the night the tocsin alarm of
fire. In discussing the custody of the
new capitol, the old building has been
left to its melancholy fate. But for
this incidental question, it might have
been omitted altogether from tender
care; to be abused and destroyed by
rude janitors and other employees
appointed by a mere executive, instead
of wearing diplomas and medals and
ribbons of honor with the stamp of
the capitol commission upon them.
What peril have we escaped, and how narrow!

But for this that splendid temple of
the state which has for more than
twenty years made Wabasha street fa-
mous might suffer the fate of the mar-
bles of Greece and the mosaics of Italy.
Suppose that in those noble corridors
we should hear the swish of the broom
of a Democratic appointee. Suppose
that the tuster of those walls should be
dimmed by the cloth of a scrubwoman
who knew not the capitol commission.
Suppose that those priceless antique
floors should echo to the haughty
tread of a janitor who could not show
his Republican title clear. What dis-
struction and what infamy! How
would future generations bewail the
day when a besotted people permitted
their choicest art treasure, in the
shape of the old capitol building, to be
degraded and despoiled by vandal
hands. What irreparable disgrace to
us and loss to posterity.

Confessing with shame that this possi-
bility had escaped even the sharp
watch that The Globe means to
maintain on matters of general well-
fare, it now means to atone for its de-
ficiency by the sincerity and passion
of its argument. Save this incompara-
ble monument from the fate that
threatens it. No matter what may be
decided as to the new capitol, place the
old capitol under the wing of the capitol
commission. Every honest argu-
ment for the one applies equally to the
other. The intent and purpose in each
case, as those who are behind the
scenes well know, are the same. Let
future generations, pointing to the
stately architecture of the old capitol,
that survival of the Rutherfordian
period in American art, to its rare old
marbles, its miracles of stained glass,
its roof that scorns the puny effort of
a later day and even to its lingering
smells that no future era probably can
duplicate, declare that these things
were saved from executive desecration
of an intelligent legislature and a self-
sacrificing gentleman willing to ac-
cept a mere pittance for labors that
might burden the greatest genius of
his time.

We call upon all the art societies in
Minnesota to join with us in insisting
that the old capitol be placed forever
in charge of a perpetual capitol com-
mission, authorized to fill vacancies by
hereditary succession, or failing that,
by testamentary devise; and that each
member be paid a salary of \$10,000 a
year as long as that delightful edifice

is maintained exactly as it stands to-
day.

In the matter of making good the
South American revolutionist has the
Russian party beat four city blocks.

Contemporary Comment

Herald's Beef Trust Exposure
When the exposure of the beef trust
showed in a few years ago the packers
put forth a number of claims. The
New York Herald produced a copy
of the agreement under which an arbi-
trator was appointed. It gave the
name of the arbitrator. It produced the
code used among the packers and it
proved by correspondence that there
was a compact among the packers to
maintain uniform prices and not to
compete with one another.

Railroads and Rebates
The tendency of the various railroads
in this country toward a complete
possession of tributary territory, and
we imagine with this possession will
disappear the larger part of the rebat-
ing system which now arises out of
the wish of one competitor to get the busi-
ness away from a rival.—Boston Herald.

Mr. Pennypacker's Mistake
In time the people will come to un-
derstand fully the objects and purposes
of demagogues in the public offices or
in other lines of trust who would sup-
press the newspapers. In time even
Pennsylvania will come to see and ap-
preciate the great work a free press has
done for them.—Galveston Daily News.

May Make Cigar Money, Anyway
The Duke of Manchester has de-
clared his intention of entering into the
aristocratic and inspiring pursuit of
raising chickens. That is a good deal
more commendable in the young noble-
man than to bring his people and his
hens home to roost.—Philadelphia Record.

Panama Canal
It seems clear that there will have to
be more centralization of authority in
Panama affairs if the canal is ever to
be built without undue expense and
loss of time. Not many cooks are
enough to spoil the stew, and dis-
engineering works.—Cleveland Leader.

Cause of Kentucky's Drought
Strange as it may appear at first
glance, Kentucky is really suffering
from drought. You see water is needed
to keep the distilleries going, and sev-
eral of them have been forced to shut
down for lack of it.—Sioux City Journal.

Gleeful Prospect for Weather Man
With the Commoner in the West and
Tom Watson's magazine in the East,
the office of the weather bureau at
Washington is going to have lots of
trouble in keeping track of cyclones in
the future.—Philadelphia Traction.

One Great Menace to Peace
An Arkansas congressman wants the
standing army reduced at once to 3,000
men. This would be enough if he could
guarantee that Gov. Jeff Davis will not
go on the war path without six months'
notice.—Chicago Journal.

Has a Chance to Distinguish Himself
If Kerens wants to play a joke on the
people, let him give six votes for
senator to Francis Marion Cockrell,
who lacks just six of a majority.—Kansas City Times.

Years for a Spanking
The Des Moines city library has ban-
ished "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry
Finn" from its shelves. Here's an-
other idea just aching to be hit in
the pants, O. K.—Philadelphia North
American.

Allowed Time for Recreation
Editor Watterson wishes the Demo-
crats to stop talking and take a rest.
The Republicans have already deter-
mined that the Democrats are not to
be allowed to take anything else.—Atlanta Journal.

Natural
Those who have read the prize stories
in the Boston magazines will not
be surprised to know that the best one
was written by a woman in Minne-
sota.—Baltimore Sun.

She Is Doing Very Nicely, Thanks
A Columbus (Ohio) paper notes that
the "top" of politics is unusually
heavy this winter, and that it is
planting something else occasionally.
Milwaukee Sentinel.

Are Always at the Head
An Ohio man has been elected pres-
ident of the American Medical Union.
An Ohio man takes to a presidency as
naturally as a duck to water.—Atlanta
Constitution.

What the Editors Say

It is said that many rural mail car-
riers have been removed on account of
their participation during the late cam-
paign, it being held high crime or misde-
meanor for one so engaged to meddle
with politics. And yet we have the
spectacle of senators and congressmen,
cabinet officers and other high officials
racing up and down the country
stumping and barn storming to beat
the band in their efforts to hold their
jobs by keeping the party in power.
To be consistent the president should
fire them all. We take it that a rural
mail carrier has as much right to have
an opinion and to express it as has
Secretary Hay or the president himself.
—Montevideo Leader.

On entering the new capitol one is at
once impressed with its grandeur. Its
massive pillars and marble faced walls,
its wide halls, picturesque recesses and
magnificent staircases make a feast
for the eye of visitors, but back of
these walls the state's servants have
been tucked away in quarters in no
manner in keeping with first impres-
sion.

Candily, has not some one blundered?
Have not the state's millions been
invested in this marble structure more
with a view of outward show than of
good, practical service?—Brown's Val-
ley Tribune.

The fight which certain Republican
officials are making upon the confirma-
tion of John E. King as state librarian
is not the best of politics. Mr. King
was candidate for secretary of state
in the Democratic ticket, and is editor
of the Red Lake Falls Courier. During
the campaign he criticized Lieut. Gov.
Ray W. Jones severely and it is pro-
posed to defeat his confirmation on this
ground. Mr. Johnson has been elected
governor and it is good politics for the
Republicans to give him a free rein so
far as the executive branch is concern-
ed.—Fergus Falls Journal.

One objection raised to the applica-
tion of the primary election law to
state officers is that it would make im-
possible the formation of party plat-
forms and in consequence tend to dis-
rupt party organizations. Last fall no
one paid any attention to the state
primary law, and it is not a doubtful
if a single voter in the state
voted for either Dunn or Johnson be-
cause of anything contained in either
the Republican or the Democratic plat-
form.—Warren Register.

The committee which was appointed
several years ago to revise the laws of
Minnesota has at last completed its
work, and a copy of the revised laws
was handed to each member of the
legislature last Monday. The legisla-
ture should get busy now, and before
the new laws are passed, thoroughly ex-
amine them with a view to correcting
the errors of the commission. It is a
great deal easier to correct those er-
rors now than to do so by legislation.
—Mora Enterprise.

One of the first things the legisla-
ture should consider is a distance tariff
rebate bill. Freight tariffs are sap-
ping the life's blood of the small cities
and villages of the state to enrich the
centers of population. Remember
that Minnesota farmers and small
dealers pay 40 per cent more in freight
rates for the same tonnage than is paid
by the people of Iowa. Iowa has a
distance tariff law.—Northfield News.

A newspaper may devote a column in
the praise or recommendation of a man
and we will forget it in a couple of
weeks, but if that man has been hon-
estly and fairly treated by the legisla-
ture, the average reader for two years,
—Norman County Index.

Senator Clapp is a good natured mil-
lionaire.—Detroit Journal. That makes
it pleasant all around, but we are in-
clined to think that Moses will insist
upon being shown about the state's
proposition.—Stillwater Gazette.

The statute revision committee an-
nounced that it has nothing but
grafters. Come to think about it, the
grafters are about the only people that
anybody fears just now.—Sleepy Eye
Dispatch.

Speaker Clague's committee appoint-
ments make some of the members sore,
but the sore fellows are not of the
highest caliber of legislators.—Redwood
Reveille.

Side Lights on History
When Napoleon became emperor of Eu-
rope he declined to permit any fuss to
be made over his inauguration.
"Shall I," he exclaimed, with indigna-
tion, "shall I who have been lord of all
the world, set off any fireworks because I
have been made a ruler of a cheap little
island?"

Why," he added, getting hotter every
minute, "is like Henry Denton's be-
coming governor of Illinois at \$8,000 a
year after he had been cleaning up \$46-
and Posters—A year as state's attorney
of Cook county?"

Saying which he threw a boot at Bou-
laine.

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