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Congressman Royal C. Johnson, of South Dakota, has returned from France and now that the war is over will take up his duties in our national congress. Congressman Johnson enlisted a year ago as a private, went over to France and worked up to the rank of first lieutenant. He did not look around for a soft job but went right in with the boys and took a chance of winning his bars, which he has done. At the last election, while he was in France fighting the battles of his country, his constituents re-elected him to congress which shows that South Dakota appreciates the loyalty and good citizenship of her people.

Supreme Court Justice J. E. Robinson in his Saturday night letter renders an opinion—which of course is not the opinion of the court—to the effect that the state canvassing board was wrong in declaring five of the proposed amendments carried which had not received the majority of all the votes cast. Judge Robinson also intimates that the court will probably abide by the decision of the attorney general and uphold it making the action of that board legal so far as the supreme court of this state is concerned. If Judge Robinson votes on the bench as he talks in the newspapers, the court is liable to decide the question 3 to 2 if it comes up for argument in the supreme court, but there may be another judge on the bench that might view the action of the canvassing board in the same light

as Judge Robinson and the whole thing may be declared wrong. You can't always sometimes most generally tell what a court will do.

Miss Nielson, state superintendent-elect, has officially announced her assistants to go into office with her the first Monday in January. In making these selections Miss Nielson has been wise, and has appointed assistants that will work in harmony with her and at the same time has secured some of the most efficient helpers to be obtained in the state. Mr. Arnsdorf is a young man of much ability, is a live wire in every sense of the word and will fill the important position of deputy superintendent with credit to himself and to the people of the state. We very much regret to see Mr. Arnsdorf leaving the city and the Normal school where he has most ably filled the position of registrar and publicity manager. But we rejoice at his promotion and wish him success. In George A. McFarland as assistant Miss Nielson has made an exceptional choice. A capable, experienced educator and a splendid adviser, he is equipped to render valuable service to his chief and to the state. His appointment will please the thousands of graduates from this Normal school who graduated while he was president of the institution for a quarter of a century. We likewise congratulate Mr. McFarland on his appointment. In the other cases we are not quite so familiar, but Mr. Riley is at present superintendent of schools of Cass county, and is said to be one of the best officials in the state. Miss Palmer comes well recommended and while we do not know the lady we know that Miss Nielson would not select her for the position unless she was capable of filling it with credit and ability. The incoming state superintendent has chosen her staff wisely, we think, and we feel that the people of the state will realize that the new regime so soon to take up the responsibilities of the educational interests of the state, is one that will appeal to all the people. We have a very competent staff to start off with and one that will make a success of that department.

We got into a discussion with a prominent young farmer the other day—a good friend of ours—and of course the talk hinged on the league program and other questions of economics. The young farmer took the editor to task and said that we "hated

to see the farmer thrive" or words to that effect. He intimated that because we do not endorse socialism that we are against the farmer. We told him that that was the whole trouble with some of the farmers. If a person did not agree to every myth that they and their leaders stood for "we were against the farmer." In answer to his criticism we mentioned the fact that we followed an ox team and ordinary walking plow before he was born up on a homestead north-west of Jamestown before even a railroad was built. We had to drive 20 miles to Jamestown with the same ox team to get provisions for the farm. We lived in a single boarded shack that you could throw your hat through the cracks and in the winter we used to have to pile robes about a foot deep on the bed to keep warm and then had to chop ourself out of bed the next morning—it was so cold our breath had frozen and formed icicles. We saw father's crops burned up, froze up and hauled out in the early pioneer days when it was Dakota territory. We fought for the farmer along legitimate lines in those days just as they are doing now—but it was not Bolshevism. We know more about the hardships of pioneer life than this young critic will ever know. As a farmer he was born with "a silver spoon in his mouth." Came here when the country was settled up, improvements made, good houses to live in, no ox teams to gee-haw to, have modern tractors to plow with, fine horses to draw their loads, ride in automobiles and all these things that go to make farming worth the living. To those pioneers who have done this same thing we say nothing is too good for them, and we hope that they are fixed so that they can enjoy all the blessings and comforts of life and we also hope that every farmer in the land will be able to do this same thing—it is his due because he has earned it, but that doesn't say that he is always right and the rest of us all wrong. We have gone through some of the real experiences of life on these broad prairies of ours, and it rather makes us a little bit tired to hear some fellow come along and tell us we know nothing about farming and what a farmer has to contend with while he, with his superior wisdom and under such favorable circumstances takes up the burdens after having all the modern improvements of the day to farm with. Our good father's early years of work in Dakota territory, in which the editor of this paper took an

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active part on the farm in those days, did not turn out very lucrative in those days and the old farm passed into other hands. Father went south and made money. We went into the printing business and stuck to it, not thinking about cussing the government because we were not a bloated capitalist, but plodding along to make a living. We have succeeded in getting three meals a day and a little over and we are rather glad to be living in such a good country under such a good government. We do not think we have much complaint coming and the ills we hear so much about are imaginary more than anything else. We shall hear of them until the end of time in some form or other and these schemes are like the old ones—designed to capture political offices—that's all. We cannot very well be called a carpet bagger—this is more than our critic can say for some of

his idols in his particular political firmament.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY NEARLY COMPLETED

The new Alumni Directory of the State Normal school is nearing completion and will be mailed to alumni by the first of the year. The directory contains a list of the names of the members of the several governing boards that have served since the opening of the Normal school. This is followed by a list of the members of the faculty who have served since 1892, and their present addresses and occupation. The alumni list contains over 2150 names. The names of graduates who have married are cross-indexed for

convenience. Addresses and occupations are given also.

An appendix will contain only the names of the members of each of the 25 graduating classes, and a geographical index will list the names of states and in North Dakota by cities, towns and counties. This will be for the convenience of the county organizations.

President C. E. Allen has a word of greeting to the alumni, following the foreword.

Copies will be mailed to all graduates.

The art work in the Normal school auditorium was the subject of a short, but interesting and instructive address by Miss Mary G. Deem at the general exercises on Thursday morning. Miss Deem explained the differences in Greek and Roman architecture and told how the Greeks had influenced the Romans in this branch of art.