

INDEPENDENTS WIN ELECTIONS

Keep Majority Over Farm-Labor Bloc in Senate by Winning Special Polls.

Independents in the Minnesota state senate kept their majority of almost two to one over the Farmer-Labor bloc intact in special elections Monday which elevated A. A. Hahn, Belle Plaine merchant, and Ancher Nelsen, Hutchinson farmer, to seats in the upper house.

Hahn defeated A. H. Ruppert, Jordan farmer and Farmer-Labor nominee, 4,063 to 3,070 on complete unofficial returns, to succeed the late Senator P. W. Morrison, an independent, of Norwood in the Scott and Carver counties district.

In the little town of Mayer in Carver county, where Hahn was born, he polled all 72 of the votes cast, despite the fact that the Farmer-Labor county chairman, Elmer Sell, also lives there.

In McLeod county, both Nelsen and his opponent, Theodore Filk, Glencoe farmer, were running as independents. Dr. R. R. Sheppard, Lester Prairie, Farmer-Labor candidate, went down to defeat in the primary election a week ago. Nelsen's vote was 1,984 and Filk's 1,570. He will succeed the late Senator H. H. Bonniwell also an independent.

The two new senators will take their seats at a special session of the legislature to be called by Governor Olson either late in November or early in December. Their alignment with the independents gives that group a total of 43 seats to 24 for the Farmer-Labor party in the senate.

Albert A. Faimon, Farmer-Labor endorsee, won election as representative from the thirty-ninth district in St. Paul by a margin of nearly two to one over Frank A. Bily. The vote was 1,896 to 952. Faimon succeeds the late Representative Albert J. Samec also a Farmer-Laborite.