



NATIONAL CAPITAL.

An Early Adjournment of the Present Congress Predicted.

SPEAKER CRISP NOT WELL ENOUGH TO VENTURE OUT.

No Decision Yet Reached by the United States Supreme Court in the Boyd-Thayer Contest for Governorship of Nebraska--The Report That the Question Had Been Settled Believed to Have Arisen From a Decision in a Railroad Case.

Special to the Record-Union.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.--The Post-turbow will say: The statement published some time ago to the effect that leading Democrats are desirous of bringing the present session to a speedy adjournment will be confirmed by the announcement of an amendment to the rules which will be offered by Representative McCreary of Kentucky. Governor McCreary believes that all appropriation bills ought to be reported to the House within the first eighty days of the long and the first forty days of the short session, so they can receive speedy consideration, and thus insure an early adjournment. His amendment is made applicable to all sessions of Congress.

An effort will probably be made during the present session to admit Oklahoma to Statehood. An official of the Government, who recently made an inspection there, comes back to Washington with an enthusiastic account of the growth and advancement of the Territory.

It is learned from an authoritative source that an effort will be made to repeal the disability pension law, and adopt in its place a per diem service pension bill.

Representative Blanchard says the river and harbor bill will be ready to be presented by March.

BOYD-THAYER CONTEST.

The Case Not Yet Decided by the United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.--The Boyd-Thayer case, involving the question of citizenship of Boyd, and as a consequence his eligibility to the office of Governor of Nebraska, to which he was elected, was not decided by the United States Supreme Court to-day. An inquiry into the matter developed the fact that only eight Justices sat in the hearing of the case, Justice Bradley being absent on account of illness. The premature announcement of the fact that the court had decided in favor of Boyd by a vote of six to three cannot be correct, therefore, so far as respects the majority by which the decision is alleged to have been given. The Justices, of course, would say nothing whatever as to the case in advance of the announcement from the bench of the decision.

Attempt to Kill an Old Man in His Cabin.

Denver, Jan. 4.--Colonel Ballou, the lawyer from Providence, R. I., connected with the Graves-Barnaby case, is missing. He took the train for Chicago when the verdict against Graves was rendered and probably arrived there this morning.

He is Believed to be One of the Many Brush-Camp Thieves.

When seen by the Associated Press reporter this afternoon, Dr. Graves emphatically reiterated his denial of having made a confession. He says Deputy Sheriff Wilson came in and woke him up at half-past 3 o'clock in the morning, and he had just come from District Attorney Stevens; that Stevens advised Ballou, saying it would help him out. Graves says he refused to make any statement.

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THE NEW YORK MUDDLE.

Senator Edwards Holds the Key-note to the Situation.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 4.--Senator James T. Edwards, who defeated Perry Vedder in Chautauque district, is to-day the biggest link in the political muddle which engages the attention of public leaders in this State. He is bigger than the Legislature itself, for without him the Senate cannot organize with a legal quorum. The Democrats have sixteen Senators, but it takes seventeen to make a quorum. Senator Edwards designates himself an independent Republican, but has been quoted as saying that he would sit with the Democrats to organize the Senate to-morrow. The fifteen out and out Republican Senators are said to favor a plan of absenting themselves to-morrow to prevent a quorum. They held a meeting here to-day in conjunction with Platt and other leaders to determine what to do. United States Senator Hiscock was also present. Edwards had been invited to meet with them, and his failure to respond is regarded as ominous. After a lengthy discussion, it was finally agreed on one point, and that is, that unless Edwards refuses to aid the Democrats in organizing the Senate it would be useless for other Republican Senators to remain away.

Food for the Famine-Stricken.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 4.--The four men of Washington, D. C., have contributed a carload of flour for the Russian famine sufferers. The cargo is being secured by the Northwestern Miller. So far the contract is for 700,000 pounds, and are sent to the Northwestern Miller from the millers and flour men in Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, District of Columbia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota and Ohio.

Death of a Professor of Divinity.

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