

TELEGRAPH SUMMARY.

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THE SMITH'S ISLAND CASE

Appeal Taken on Behalf of the Government by E. K. Bryan, Esq. - Will Record as Heard on Appeal at the May Session of the Circuit Court Appeals.
 E. K. Bryan, Esq., representing the government, has taken an appeal in the case of the late Major John Walker, to gain the ownership of Smith's Island, or Bald Head, which property is now in possession of the defendants. This suit was tried at the last term of the United States district court in this city and decided by Judge Thos. R. Purnell in favor of the defendants. E. K. Bryan, Esq., counsel for the plaintiff, then stated that an appeal would be taken, and about a week ago sent to Judge Purnell the petition of appeal and the assignment of errors. On his return, the petition of appeal was filed. Mr. H. Shau, clerk of the court, is now in making up the appeal. The suit will probably be tried at the May term next of the circuit court of appeals which meets in Richmond. The next term of this court, however, meets next month, but the arranging and setting the case as required by law will not permit its being tried then.

THE SENATORIAL CONTEST

HANNA'S CHANCES OF SUCCESS EXTREMELY SLENDER
Present Indications Point to Three Majority Against Him on a Joint Ballot - His Party Say They Will Overcome This - The Combine Say It is Greater - Republicans to Have a Heavy Contest - Hanna's Extreme Sincerity Demonstrating Breaking Up the Combine
 Columbia, O., January 4.—The political future of Senator Hanna is certainly tonight in a very delicate position. While there are now reported to be only nine dissenters among the eighty-two republican members—one in the senate and eight in the house—yet the really doubtful list is limited to two or three. Some of the dissenting republicans are not likely ever to be reconciled to Senator Hanna. They have burned the bridges behind them and openly admit it. Representatives Griffith and Joyce, who voted with "the combine" on the organization stated that they would vote against Hanna. This gives Hanna fifty-four in the house and seventeen in the senate, a total of seventy-one or two short of the necessary majority. Droot, of Hamilton, who voted for Boxwell for speaker, announced at the time that he would support Sen. Thagard, a silver republican for senator, so that the net gain for Hanna to date would be thirty-eight. He is expected to get the votes of Scott, of Fulton, and Rutan, of Carroll, who are instructed for Hanna and voted with the "combine" on the organization. On the other hand, the "combine" managers say that Scott and Rutan will remain with them to a finish and that they expect to get Skidler, of Essex, and Redkey, of Highland, who voted for Boxwell for speaker. The doubtful members are being offered their choice of chairmanships and given the opportunity to make all other selections they desire. The power of the organization is so great, that the majority is used to the greatest possible advantage and its influence is not to be underestimated in connection with the support of the state administration. While Mr. Kurtz and his associates will make no statements, yet they are holding back their appointments in the committee and other patronage in anticipation of gaining several votes on the senatorial ballot.

DEATH OF A MAN

Geo. T. Williams, Who Was With H. L. Wyatt When Killed at Big Bethel Dies at Raleigh
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THE STATE GUARD

Numerous Inquiries from Abroad as to Our State - Destroyed Fire at North Wilkesboro - Five Old Bonds Presented for Exchange - The Capital Fence to be Placed Around a Cemetery - The Posters Show at Asheville - Collector Duncan Afloat of His Friends
 Raleigh, N. C., January 4.—The report of adjutant general Cowles was completed today and is a gratifying one. It says the force was in a fine condition during the year no company was disbanded. There were fewer resignations and discharges than ever before. Nearly 100 applications for permission to organize companies are filed. The strength of the force is now 1,784, an increase of 183 during the year. The guard is in as good a condition as possible under the circumstances. Annual encampments will be held in various parts of the state. The inspection of the companies by the inspector general is found to be an excellent plan. The appropriation by the state is only \$5,000, the smallest made by any state for the same purpose. The allowance is not to be paid to each company. The state does not have any money for the purchase of arms or equipment. The guard, the government is doing a splendid work. The cost of the uniforms is a heavy expense. The state is doing a splendid work. The cost of the uniforms is a heavy expense. The state is doing a splendid work. The cost of the uniforms is a heavy expense.

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