

BOTH OLD PARTIES SEEMINGLY SPLIT BEYOND HEADING

Democrats and Republicans Face Trying Pre-Presidential Campaign Session Almost Hopelessly Divided.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 8.—Congress has opened with a clearly defined split in both the principal political parties. Each party is now acknowledged here to have the same rift, and the hope of some Democrats that harmony would be the watchword has been dispelled.

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the Republican organization and separated the voters into two hostile camps of militant adversaries.

Of course, the incident of the Stanley Steel Trust committee, quarrel between the chairman and Congressman Martin W. Littleton of New York was the occasion for the final revelation that came to the Democratic leaders.

During the past few days men of national experience have discussed with earnestness the unprecedented situation, in which both parties face the trying pre-presidential campaign session divided hopelessly on fundamental issues.

Specific legislative programs were largely lost sight of, and the political probabilities were considered to the exclusion almost of all other subjects.

It was surprising how many of the politicians considered the question of a third party being formed in the coming year. It was not thought by any of those of much experience that such a party would be formed, yet was considered as a contingency by several.

So that the Sixty-second Congress met in its first regular session today with the most confused situation politically which has been witnessed since the country faced the anti-Civil War period, when the old Whig party died, and the Republican party was born.

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