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By His Extraordinary Values for this Week. 25 Per Cent. Discount on Everything on our Third Floor.

We have determined not to carry over any Christmas Toys, Bric-a-Brac or Chinaware. All of these

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BLACK DRESS GOODS. READ THE LIST CAREFULLY.				
AT 75C A YARD,	40-inch Figured Novelties. 46-inch Royal Serge. Arnold's All Wool Henrietta. 50-inch Panama Serge.	75C A YARD,		
AT \$1,00 A YARD.	46-inch Imperial Serge. 46-ince Imported Wool Henrietta. Priestley's Fine Pigured Glace. Wide Wale French Diagonals.	AT \$1.00 A YARD.		
AT \$1.50 A YARD.	46-inch Wool Surah Twill. Priestley's Fine Figured Whipcord Priestley's Irridicent Hopsacking. Priestley's Satin Glace Cords.	AT \$1.50 A YARD.		
AT \$1.75 A YARD.	46-inch Figured Natte. Priestley's Camel's Hair. Priestley's Fine Silk Warp Hen- rietta. Piestley's Silk Warp Melrose. BUY A BLACK DRESS NOW.	AT \$1.75 A YARD.		

\$12.00, this week \$7.50. For \$11.76 a pattern we are going to sell an elegant assortment of plain Black, plain and fancy colored silks worth from \$18.50 to \$21.03. Just think of it, \$11.76.

No. 9 Gro Grain, Satin Edge, all colors, 8 1-3c.

No. 12 Gro Grain, Satin Edge, all colors, 10c.

Umbrellas! Umbrellas!

worth from \$18.50 to \$21.03. Just think of it, \$11.76.

Dame fashion has said Black Brocades are the thing, so here are some: A Black Brocaded Satin, never sold less than \$24.00 a pattern. Our price this week. All new, beautiful goods.

Men's Furnishing

Window.

Ice Wool Fascinators, 39c.

A line of Ice Wool Fascinators, in
Black and White, good sizes, pretty deBlack and White, good sizes, pretty deVou should so

signs, worth 65c; and all others in pro-Stamped Goods, 33c. Our stock of stamped goods in twilled stand covers and splashers, worth 50c

Monday all go for 33c.

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Fancy Ornaments, 23c Doz.

Our entire stock of fancy ornaments, all designs, all colors, worth from 40c to all designs, all colors, worth from 40c to larger size at \$1.00 each. I25 Dozen [125] all designs, all colors, worth from 23c a larger size at \$1.00 each.

75c, all in one lot Monday for 23c a larger size at \$1.00 each.

All Linen Handkerchiefs in Colored

MAIL ORDERS FILLED IN THIS SALE.

Silk Department.

GREAT HAPPENINGS.

A 12-yard pattern of Crystal Bengaline, in all colors, well worth \$10.00, this week \$4.98.

A 12-yard pattern of plain Black and Black and White Brocaded Surah, worth

Tomorrow 300 yards of Wool Seal trimming Fur Gulmp Heading, regular price 40c. Your choice, 19c a yard.

Ribbons! Ribbons!

Baby Ribbon, 7c a bolt.

No. 7 Gros Grain, Satin Edge, all colors, 5c.

No. 9 Gro Grain, Satin Edge, all

See Display in West Show Department.

FULL OF HANDSOME, USEFUL HOLIDAY GOODS.

You should see our line of new, stylish Neckwear. All the latest shaped Tecks and Imperial Four-in-Hands, 50c, \$1.00.\$1.50 to \$2.00 each. Best variety in city to choose from.

ALL OUR Fur-trimmed Circular Capes, black only, sold by us early in the season

ALL OUR handsome Braided and Fur-Trimmed Circular Capes, sold by us all season at \$20.00, go at.....

ALL OUR Broadcloth Capes, lined throughout with changeable silk, sold by us all season at \$25 and \$25, go at.....

ALL OUR imported pattern Capes, only 1 of a kind, sold by us all season at \$35 to

\$40, go at..... ALL OUR imported pattern Capes, sold all seoaon at \$60, \$75 and \$80, go at.... \$35.00

MONDAY

he price that will make them go quick.

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In order to close out the entire lot we have made

Children's heavy cloth cloaks, all new materials

and styles, sold by us early in the season at \$5.50,

\$6.00, \$7.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00; we close this line

Monday at \$3.78 each; not more than 2 to a cus-

Clearing out odds and ends in Children's Cloaks. Note the sizes:

3, 8, 10, 12 ONLY.

season at \$10.00.

the season at \$14.50. Ladies' Braided Skirt Garments, regular \$20.00 Ladies' Fleeced Hose

quality, go at \$13.50 each.

Ladies' Braided Skirt Garments, regular \$25.00 go at one price, 42 c a pair. quality, go at \$17.60 each.

Borders and Plain White, Hemstitched, 25c, 35c, 50c to \$1.00 each. Suspenders.

A handsome line of Fancy Silk and Embroidered Satin Suspenders, at 50c, \$1.00, \$1 50 and \$2.00. A very appropriate present for a gentlemen. \$ 4.50 Mufflers. White Brocaded Silk Muff-

\$ 7.50 | Stylish line of Plaid Cashmeres and Navy Blue Silk Polka Dots at \$1.00 and \$1.25. See them. S 9.50
THIS WEEK
Windsor Bows.
200 Dozen Fancy Plaid and Solid Colored Silk Bows, regular 35e and 50e quality, choice of the whole line, 25e each.

\$17.50 marked them; 50c, 75c and \$1.00 cach. Also the latest novelties in Sateens and Madras Cloths, at \$1.50 and \$2.00 each.

THIS WEEK Smoking Jackets We are showing a large line of stylish Jackets in Silk, Flannel and Velveteens at \$4.75, \$6.00, \$9.00 and \$13.50. These are much handsomer and cheaper than ever we sold heretofore. See them be-fore purchasing a jacket.

Ladies' Underwear Department.

We are showing some extraordinary values in this department. Ladies' Combination Suits All our \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00 all wool

and merino compination suits go at one Ladies' Jackets at \$4.98. sold by us early in the ason at \$10.00.

Ladies' Empire Coats at \$7.45, sold by us early in wool hose, made to sell at 25c and 35c. They go at one price Monday, 21c a pair,

All our heavy silk. fleece lined, onyx dyed, cotton hose, in 50c and 65c quality,

Wool Tights.
50 dozen heavy, all wool, fast colored,
Black Tights, a regular \$1.50 quality,
all sizes, go at \$1.00 a pair. Silk Hose.
A magnificent line of black and colored

Silk Hose at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.00 a pair. We never have shown such

value. Our \$2.00 thread silk is worth in the usual way \$3.25 a pair. Linen Department.

Monday we open up an immense new line of Fancy Silk Embroidered Linens, consisting of Bureau Scarfs, Tray Cloths, Centerpieces, Lunch Cloths and Doylies. Also a line of the finest hand embroidered linens ever shown in the west.

Special prices on hemstitched and \$1.50 per yard, at \$1.00 per yard for stamped linens of every description.

See Our Prices for this Week

ALL OUR

Must Go!

No Matter What the Sacrifice

Handkerchief Department

We Make a Special Effort to Please Every One. Handkerchiefs at 5c. Plain white hemstitched linen hand-

kerchief at 5c. White, 4-inch hemstitched, corded handkerchief at 5c.

Hemstitched, embroidered handkerchiefs, worth 10c, at 5c. Colored bordered linen handkerchiefs,

worth 8tc and 10c, all at 5c. Handkerchiefs at 10c.
Pure linen handkerchiefs, with plain
white or colored borders, worth 25c,

Monday 10c each. Scolloped embroidered handkerchiefs in plain white or colors, worth 25c,

Handkerchiefs at 16 2-3c.
Plain white and colored embroidered
Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, worth up

to 35c, will go Monday at 16ic. Hemstitched Initial Japanese Siik Handkerchiefs, at 16sc. All White Scalloped and Hemstitched Embroinered Handkerchiefs worth up

to 37ic, at 16ic. Handkerchiefs at 25c. Chiffon Handkerchiefs, worth 75c, in

all colors. Monday, 25c each.

Handkerchiefs at 50c.
Chiffon Handkerchiefs worth up to \$1.75, will go Monday at 50c.
Special Prices on all French Embroidered Handkerchiefs Monday. Christmas Sale

WOOL DRESS GOODS.

LOOK AT THESE GOODS BEFORE YOU BUY Changeable Diagonal Serge -36 inches wide; 7 yards makes a dress; regular 33c cloth, at 18c per yard for Christmas, or \$1.26 for Dress Pattern.

Scotch Cheviots-All wool, 36 inches wide: 7 yards makes a dress. Worth 65c per yard, at 32½c per yard for Christmas, or \$2.27 for Dress Pattern. Storm Serge-Pore Wool, 38 in.

wide, Navy, Browns and Green; 7 yards make a dress. Regular 75c quality, at 50e per yard for Christmas, or \$3.50 for Dress Pattern. Silk Finish Henrietta Cloth-German make, 46 inches wide, atl shades;

6 yards make a dress. Usually sold at \$1.00 per yard, at 75c per yard for Christ-mas, or \$4.50 for Dress Patterns. Illuminated Hopsacking-Pure Wool, 52 inches wide, rich, warm colorings; 7 yards makes a dress. Worth

I Christmas or \$6.00 for Dress Pattern. JUST A LITTLE INTERESTED

CASTOR IS NOT SUPREME

National Democratic Committeeman Must Divide Honors with Governor Boyd.

NEBRASKA APPOINTMENTS DISCUSSED

Question of Land Officers for the State Not Settled Yet-May Be an Exciting Close for Place-McShane's Friends Confident.

> WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BE . 1 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.

Ex-Governor James E. Boyd and National Committeeman Castor met in Hoke Smith's office at the Interior department today. Both called to talk over the selection of several Nebraska land officers, whom Mr. Castor says will be named next week. It would seem that after all the national committeeman is not a sure winner in all officeprocuring. He of course represents Secretary Morton and his endorsement means that of the secretary of agriculture, but some of the county and district chairmen of the state are taking issue with the "boss" and appealing to the powers above him.

Some have presented their appeals, their vishes, through ex-Governor Boyd. Who will get the land offices is yet problematical. Secretary Smith has been for four weeks quarantined against the white house by illness among his children, which the presi-dent does not want carried to baby Ruth, but he has promised to discuss with the secretary of the interior the Nebraska land offices the first of next week.

Boyd Was Pleased. Mr. Tobias Castor's address in Washing-ton is 918 M street, where all letters and telegrams concerning the Nebraska offices ich he and Secretary Morton can control

will reach him. Ex-Governor Boyd, by appointment, called upon President Cleveland today, accom-panied by Senator White of Louisiana. The distinguished Nebraska democrat had a lengthy and thoroughly satisfactory inter-view with the president and when he emerged from the executive mansion his face was wreathed in smiles. The governor refused to state what the subjects of the discussion were, but it is safe to say that Nebraska appointments were talked over and that when they are announced some of the triends of the governor will be among them.

Governor Boyd goes from here east within a day or two Castor and his friends continue confident their assertions that James McShane will hortly be appointed surveyor of the port of

Chairman Springer of the house committee on banking and currency expressed the opinion today to Tus Bes correspondent that

ce on banking and currency expressed the opinion today to Tuz Ber correspondent that the bill to repeal the tax on state bank circulation would fall far short of a majority if it was brought before the house.

"I doubt very much," said he, "whether the bill will be reported from the committee, as a large majority of the members of the committee are against it. But even if reported it would be as good as dead. The idea of federalizing state bank issues has fallen through, and if the question comes before the house it will be in the simple form of unconditional repeal of the tax. That would not receive the support of a dozen members north of Mason and Dixon's line. The north is almost solidly opposed to The north is almost solidly opposed to

tate bank circulation.
"President Cleveland does not look with avor upon it, and I believe he would veto he bill if it ever should be sent to him. As soon as the house passes the tariff bill I shall ask it to consider a bank circulation measure.

ing and currency committee, dealing almost wholly with security for national bank cir? nicipal tonds as security for circulation. After the banks have guaranteed to the govupon the par value of the bonds de-posited will be granted. This new security is so bountful that it will make our bank circulation elastic in am of the opinion that there will change in that particular. There are pose to accept for circulation security. ower interest than at present, which popularizes the proposition."

There is but the slightest doubt now that the bouse will put a duty of 1 cent a pound on raw sugar and strike out the bounty. The duty would be increased by the committee were it not for the fact that a majority of that body favor income taxes and believe that a sugar duty would diminish the prospect for income taxes. It is not probable that the '4' cent duty on refined sugar would be affected by a duty upon raw sugar, al-though there are members of the committee who believe that a duty of 1 cent on sugar will result in the wiping away of all

News for the Army.

Captain Cornelius Gardener, Nineteenth infantry, will be relieved from recruiting duty at Columbus barracks, O., by the superintendent of the recruiting service, and will then proceed to join his regiment.

First Lieutenant Alfred B. Jackson, Ninth cavairy, is relieved from the further opera-tion of special orders of December 4. -First Lieutenant Edward I. Grumley,

connection with the World's Columbia position and will proceed not later than De-cember 3I to join his proper station.

The leave granted First Lieutenant Zebu-ton B. Vance, ir., Eleventh infantry, is ex-tended seven days.

Additional: First Lieutenant Robertson

which I shall have reported from the bankof certain gilt edged state, county and muernment the payment of the bonds I pre-snme that under such conditions about the present per cent of circulation given state, county and municipal bonds and en able the corporations to float them at much

Income Tax Measure Causing Trouble. After having practically agreed to levy in some taxes the democratic members of the ways and means committee are wrangling over the figures which shall form the mini-mum basis of operations and in fixing the percentages of the taxes some of them want direct legacies pay 1 percentage and indirect legacies another percentage that is, place a double tax upon entailments to the third generations. Some want private incomes to pay a greater tax than

who consume two-thirds of the alcohol pro-duct in the United States, would have to bear the burden of the increase.

protection duty upon the refined article.

Seventeenth infactry, now on leave of ab-sence at Brooklyn, will report at once to the superintendent of the recruiting service, New York City, to conduct recruits to the

Captain Abram A. Harbach, Twentieth infantry, is relieved from further duty under the direction of the secretary of state in

Bellwood, Box Butte county, W.B. Rochon,

character and the same as at present in quality. I would not object in the same connection to give par value of circulation upon the government bonds now deposited, but I istence at the present time about \$1,000,000. stence at the present that the character we proourse this law would enhance the value of

corporation shares, contending that the former are the only truesindexes to wealth.

while the latter are often held by mechanics and laborers.
It is now pretty generally understood that there will be no further efforts made to reach conclusions upon internal taxes until after the holidays. The practical postpone ment of the whisky tax problem until January is regarded as evidence that there will be no increase. There are many reasons why an increase of the whisky tax is opposed, one of them being that it would carry an extension of the bonded period and thus cut the government out of revenue for many years to come. Upon one hand the trust and whisky owners would pocket large and whisky owners would pocket large profits by an increase and the mechanics,

The following army orders were issued to

Made Another Slight Change. Washington, Dec. 16.—The members of

Honey, Third artillery, will proceed to Fort McHeury, Md., and report to the command-ing officer of that post for duty with battery O, Fourth artillery.

Western Postmisters Appointed. Fourth class postmasters were today appointed for Nebraska as follows: Barada, Richardson county, J. H. Morehead, vice W.

Latisfaction guaranteed on all mail orders.

vice C. S. Burch, removed.

Be lmont, Dawes county, G. W. Eversoll, vice C. L. Phelps, removed Bruno, Butler county, Anton Placek, vice Mrs. Nellie C. Bedell, resigned. Gilead, Thayer county, A. J. Marischal, vice James Drake, removed. South Dakota: Kolda, Hand county, J. S. Kolda, vice F. J. Kolda, resigned; Volney, Hand county, John Campbell, vice H. W.

Personal Mention. W. S. Wing of Omaha is at the Ebbitt. Hon. A. I. New, who has just been ap-pointed collector of internal revenue for the district of Colorado and Wyoming, is at Willard's. Mr. New has been in politics for many years and his appointment to the collectorship is a mark of appreciation by the democracy of the work he has done for the

This evening's Star says: "Miss Morton. sister of the secretary of agriculture, and Mrs. C. H. Van Wyck, wife of ex-Senator C. H. Van Wyck of Nebraska, made sena-torial calls together this week. Mrs. Van Wyck will be at home to her friends on Fridays during January at her apartments at the Portland A favorable report has been made by the house military affairs committee on the bill removing the charge of desertion against the military record of John W. Wacker of Ne-

PERRY S. HEATH. PLANS OF THE SILVERITES.

They Are Arranging for the Next Congressional Elections.
Washington, Dec. 16.—The conference of prominent silver leaders of the country will probably be continued through Monday and Tuesday of next week, as delegates from Colorado and Montana will not arrive until tonight, and the conference has not as yet been able to determine upon a policy for the future. The committee on organization is made up of General Warner, representing the Bimetaliic league; General Weaver, the late presidential candidate of the populists: Mortimer Whitehead, the lecturer of the National grange: Master Workman Sover-eign of the Knights of Labor and other chiefs of industrial organizations. The plan most likely to be adopted in the next congressional election is one which contemplates securing pledges or direct expressions from every candidate for congress. No distinc-tion between candidates will be made on account of adherence to the old parties. The thrown to the man who gives the strongest assurances of adherence to the silver cause. In case all the candidates in a district are opposed to silver an indendent silver candi date will probably be nominated. As yet however, no final conclusion has been reached.

the ways and means committee, with but one exception, held a meeting last night at the Treasury department to consider further the unfinished portions of the internarevenue tariff. The only action was that the committee decided to place a tax of cents per pack on playing cards, instead of Washington, Dec. 16 .- It is probable the committee on banking and currency will re-

port to the house the bill to repeal the 10 per cent tax on state bank circulation with-

out any recommendation. Chair nan Springer thinks the house will have to settle the matter, as no compromise in the commit-

ITS PENSION POLICY

Republicans Attack the Administration's Treatment of the Old Soldier.

OPEN EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK.

1505-7-9 Douglas Street.

CANNON OF ILLINOIS LEADS THE ASSAULT Mr. Enloe Pays His Respects to Ex-Com.

missioner Raum-Livingston Defends the

Administration-Other Speakers Talk

Upon the Subject.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- A debate over the pension policy of the present administration, growing out of an item in the urgent deficiency bill appropriating \$200,000 for special examiners, consumed the entire day in the house. Under the lead of Mr. Cannon an assault was made against Mr. Cleveland's peasion policy, especially that portion of it which resulted in the revocation of order 164 and the subsequent suspension of thousands of pensioners. Some routine business was done before the deficiency bill came up. The senate amendments to the bill, providing for two additional associate justices for the district of Oklahoma were agreed to. The house then went into committee of the whole on the urgent deficiency bill, Mr. Outhwaite in the chair. Mr. Breckinridge took the floor and explained that the bill contained appropriations amounting to \$1,-651,895, the only item antagonized being this appropriation of \$200,000 for special

Cannon Starts the Debute.

examiners. Touching this item for special examiners, Mr. Cannon thought it was time for congress to examine into the manner in which the pension office was being conducted. He referred to the clause in the president's mes . sage declaring that every neighborhood had its fraudulent pensioners. He reviewed the action of the department in cutting off thousands of pensioners. There had been much allegation of fraud, he said, but little of it had materialized on pross-examinations. Of the 235 special examiners in the department a dozen were employed to run down these alleged fraudulent pensioners. All pensions cut off were classed by the commis sioner to the credit of the amount saved by the office. One million dollars of rejected pensions had been classified as \$1,000,000 saved. Yet after thorough examination it was found that but \$31,000 and been actually paid out to pensioners who had procured their pensions by forgery, perjury or false personation. He undertook to say that there was no more fraud in the administration of the affairs of the pension office, which disbursed annually \$180,000,000, than in the adjudication of cases in the courts of the country. The Fifty-first congress appropriated \$150,000,000 for pensions. The Fifty-second, with its for pensions. The Fifty-second, with its big democratic majority, appropriated \$168. 000,000 to meet the payments on account of pensions. Order 164 was responsible for much of this magnanimity. Yet the present head of the department and the secretary of the interior now undertook, after this construction had stood for four years, and had been acquiesced in by a democratic ouse of representatives, to reverse that con-

Akin to Crime.

"It was an act," said he, shaking his fist ominously, "akin to a crime." The infamous ruling of this administration was that men receiving pensions whose cases had been proved were stricken from the rolls. Look at the Bennett case, which was known from one end of the country to the other. It such a ruling had been made by a republican ad-ministration, by Raum or Bussey, after the construction of the law had stood for three

years and had been ratified by congress, he would attack it as he attacked it now. "That's right," shouted Mr. Enloe;

"Oh, no," replied Mr. Cannon, "I will not go for Raum, because in God's chancery he is not guilty and your commissioner is."

Comparing the work of Commissioner
Raum and Commissioner Lochren, seven months of the administration of each showed that Raum issued 144,000 certificates and Lochren 44,000. In the same period Raum had rejected 84,000 claims and Lochren 87,000. Lochren had kept up with Raum on rejections, but Raum had beaten him two to

"That's greatly to his credit," shouted some one on the democratic side.
"I don't think so," replied Mr. Cannon,

"and I think my judgment will be the judgent of history. He desired to say nothing in malice, but he believed the people should continue to protest against this policy until a new light should come to the men who were adminis tering the pension office, so they would do justice to the men who had been in battle to

preserve the union. [Applause.] Mr. Livingston Makes Reply.

Mr. Livingston replied to Mr. Cannon. The appropriation under discussion, he said, was to provide for field examiners of the pension office. Mr. Cannon had not challenged the propriety or justice of this appropriation. He had occupied his time in casting a shadow over the administration of the pension office and in attacking Secretary Smith and Commissioner Lochren for revoking order 164. A democrat, north or south, was always under suspicion when he criticised pensions. Secretary Smith was a southern man, but he had not been in the confederate army; Commissioner Lochren had been a soldier in the union army and a gallant one; Mr. Cleveland had not been in the army, but he could assure the house and the country that justice was and would be done by these distinguished men. Applications were scrutinized with care, as they should be. No self-respecting man in the land would believe Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Smith or Mr. Lochren, in beating the bush for fraud, was actuated by a desire to de-prive honest soldiers of their pensions. It

prosecuted. Messra, Blair, Stone, Cannon and Bingham harassed Mr. Livingston at every step, and Mr. Blair declared he did not object to weeding out fraud, but he did object to making that pretext a cloak for a deliberate conspiracy to deprive honest pensioners of their

Mr. Livingston replied that the sole purpose of the administration was to purge the pension rolls of the names that dishonored Quotations from Larry Neal

Mr. Lacey of lowa followed Mr. Livingston. He read from a recent interview with Lawrence T. Neal, the author of the tariff plank in the democratic platform. Ninety per cent of the democratic disaffection, says Mr. Neal, should be charged to the course of the pension office, for which the administrathe pension office, for which the administra-tion was directly responsible. Mr. Lacey also read a memorial received by Mr. Outh-waite of Ohio from W. A. Taylor, the recent democratic candidate for licutenant gov-ernor, who called for a congressional investi-gation of the "ridiculous, unlawful and un-just policy inaugurated by the pension office that had resulted in the suspension of 1,500 pensions in Ohio." pensions in Ohio."

Mr. Enloc, the old antagonist of ex-Com-missioner Raum, declared the pension de-partment under this administration was the greatest of the government. It was doing noble work. He was surprised at the line of defense set up on the other side. I eye of the law they (the republicans) accomplices of fraudulent pensioners. Be-cause the administration was investigating and punishing these cases of fraud, how could honest men parade this before the country as hostility to the deserving pen-

baw Fraud Everywhere.

Mr. Enloe proceeded to discuss the result of the investigation of the pension office. At Baltimore it was found that pension attor-

neys secured the pension checks, held them as payment for money due, and charged a fee for collecting them. At Norfolk a regular mill for the manufacture of pension testimony was unearthed. In New Mexico the most astounding frauds were committed. A similar condition existed in Indian Territory and in certain parts of lows. In con-cluding his speech, Mr. Enloc said the time would come when every honest union soldier and every self-respecting citizen would ap-

plaud the pension policy of this administra Mr. Morse, republican of Massachusetts, closed the debate for the day with a vigorous assault on Mr. Cleveland and Commis At the conclusion of Mr. Morse's speech, an agreement was reached to close the de-bate after three hours' further discussion on

Monday. Then at 5:10 p. m. the house ad-

TARIFF TATTLE.

Reed and Witson Busy with Their Respuctive Reports-Other News. Washington, Dec. 16.-Ex-Speaker Reed is preparing the minority report on the tariff bill. In the last congress, when the minority reports were made on the independent tariff bitls which were passed, the reports were made by various members of the committee. Mr. Reed did not prepare any of them. The minority members of the committee all insisted that the views of the minority should be prepared by Mr. Reed, although all are willing to furnish sug-

gestions and data. Mr. Wilson of West Virginia has not been at the capitol for two days and to all inquiries the answer is that he is preparing the report on the tariff bill. As Representative Breckinridge of Arkansas has also been absent some of the time it is said he is assisting the chairman with the report as he assisted in preparing the tariff bill. The report must be ready to present to the majority members before Tuesday, so that it may be approved for submission to the full ommittee on that day.

Although there is not much encourage

ment for the persons who come to Washing-ton to have the schedules changed, there are still many delegations here interviewing such members of the committee as can be reached. While objections to the bill are heard on all sides, yet there is not enough stability among the objectors to change any schedule that the majority may insist upon It is found that the republicans are not so anxious to assist the individual democrats on such matters as the / are interested in, when there will be no assistance from these same democrats when interests outside of their own districts are affected. their own districts are affected. The caucus on the tariff bill will relieve quite a number of democrats from an unpleasant dilemma. If the bill is endorsed by

a democratic caucus members of the party can claim that they but follow the instruc-tions of the party, while if there is no caucus they will be compelled to vote against the bill if they cannot get it amended. As an indication of the policy to be pur-sued by the republicans it is said that on the sugar schedule they will offer the section of the McKinley law as a substitute. This being voted down, as it surely will be, the re-publicans will not vote with the Louisiana men on such propositions as they offer. This course followed on other provisions of the bill which are objectionable would leave but little possibility of amending the bill while in the house.

Carries Orders for the Admiral. Washington, Dec. 16.-A dispatch from San Francisco reports that Lieutenant Rush of the navy sailed from there on the Alameda with scaled orders for Admiral Cowin. Lieutenant Rush is on three months leave from December 15, with permission to leave the country. It is, therefore not an official mission he is on. It is said, in fact, official mission he is on. It is said, in fact, that he has gone to Honolulu to be married,

State Department Officials Watching Canada's Intrigues in Hawaii.

SECRETARY GRESHAM REFUSED TO TALK

some of His Subordinates, However, Express Themselves Cautiously on the Subject-The President's Message Not Yet Ready.

Washington, Dec. 16.-The dispatch of the Associated press with the latest news from Honolulu was read with much interest. Secretary Gresham had nothing to say on its contents or on the Hawaiian question. His attention was especially called to the definité move by Canada to secure closer relations with Hawaii, but he refused to express an opinion upon this phase of the question. Canada's efforts to secure a foothold in Hawaii are, however, regarded by the State department officials as particularly interesting and significant. One of the assistant secretaries of the department, whose attention was called to the subject, at once turned his attention to looking up the statistics relating to trade between Canada and Hawaii. During Mr. Blaine's administration Canadian commissioners came to Washington to try to include this country in their scheme of border commerce. One of the commissoners was Hon. McKenzie Bowel, Canadian minister of commerce, who is the same official now

negotiating in person at Honolulu. Canada's Efforts.

An official who has closely observed Canada's efforts to extend her trade said: Minister Bowel's move in Hawaii is in tine with a settled policy of Canada to divert trade from this country. At first Canada attempted to open trade with the West Indies, and one of the Canadian ministers, Mr. Foster, went to the Indies to negotiate for the new trade. At the same time attention was given to extending trade in the Pacific. The Canadian Pacific steamer line from Victoria passes Hawaii, so trade could readily be established if a reciprocity plan was negotiated. Moreover, the Canadian Pacific steamers are a part of the Canadian Pacific Transcontinental railroad. The ac-quisition of Hawaii would not only nelp trade, but also complete the military chain which Great Britain has thrown about the United States." At the Hawaiian legation no official advice

from Honolulu via the steamer Australia had been received. Mr. Hastings, the charge d'affairs in the absence of Minister Thurston, does not expect auything to occur that will change the status of the pro-visional government. He regards the de-velopments of recent days as settling that the de facto character of the provisional authorities is conceded. The position of Senator Vest is regarded at the Hawaiian legation as the one accepted by most of the congressional leaders and authorities on international law.

Cleveland's Message.

There is nothing new to show that President Cleveland's message on Hawari has yet been completed or put in writing for trans-mission to the senate. It has been conndently expected that it would go in on Monday, but there has been no authoritative information to warrant the expectation. It is now suggested that the president may de-sire to hear from Honolulu after the Cor win's arrival before divulging the diplomatic history of the Hawalian episode.