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REED AND HIS MANIKINS.

The proceedings in the lower house of congress since the discussion of the tariff bill began, and in fact since the special session convened and re-elected the Hon. Tom Reed speaker, have been rather uninteresting to the ordinary observer that we have at Washington very nearly a one-man congress. Reed is not only speaker of that body but he poses as absolute dictator, and what he wills is done.

Had the queen of England ever attempted such dictation as has been seen under Mr. Reed's dictatorship, her throne would have toppled over years ago. Or had Emperor William ever found a chamber of deputies so pliant as is our house in the hands of its august presiding officer, Germany would long since have ceased to be a representative government.

It must be granted that Speaker Reed is about all there is of congress at the present day; that the great deliberative body in the national capitol is composed of a mass of pigmies who are as feeble as the wooden figures in a ten-cent museum at a county fair.

After the crumbs. Salem is full of brokers and money lenders who are looking for the crumbs that the failure of the legislature to pass the general appropriation bill has left scattered about the state capital.

It's what we voted for. Representative Walker, of Massachusetts, has introduced two bills relating to banking and currency, entitled "To modify the national banking laws, and to provide for a national bank, and to amend and improve the currency, and to call for fractional paper money."

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A BIT OF UNWRITTEN HISTORY.

Behind the law of presidential succession is a curious chapter of unwritten history. It was told recently by a Missourian who has been for many years a trusted official of the United States senate, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It explains fully an incident, almost forgotten now, but once the cause of much criticism of President Cleveland.

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Butcher Weyler Decries That Maceo's Successor Must Die. NEW YORK, April 1.—A Havana Dispatch to the World says: General Rivera probably will be shot soon.

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Job Printing PARTY LINES DRAWN Dingley Bill Passed With Republican Ranks Unbroken. CHANDLER IN RUINS Death and Desolation Caused by the Cyclone Which Razed Chandler to the Ground.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—With tomorrow the duties imposed by the Dingley tariff bill will be in force, and the present law of the land will be the past, if the last amendment attached to the bill before its passage in the house today shall be in the bill when it is finally enacted, and provided, also, that it shall be held to be legal by the courts.

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