

SECRETARY Morton thinks the work of the Weather Bureau should be confined to the purpose for which it was established and that the employment of high salaried scientific experts to experiment along lines which nobody really knows anything about is all wrong, and in consequence of those thoughts he has notified several professors who have been engaged upon work that was of no immediate practical use either to the Bureau or to the public that their services will be dispensed with. The Secretary intends that the entire talent of the Bureau shall be devoted to improving the daily forecasts of the weather, which he believes to be the work which is the most beneficial to the public. "How the fur would fly," remarked a man who knows considerable about the inside workings of some of the other so-called scientific bureaus of the government, "if a man like Morton was put in charge of the Geological and the Coast Survey offices. He knows enough about science not to allow himself to be bamboozled by the fake scientists whose sole object in life is to hold on to the soft snags they now have."

A LITTLE incident occurred at the Pension Office which shows that politics do not enter into the present conduct of that office. A democratic Congressman called to protest against the reduction of the pension of a prominent democratic worker in his district, and said that the man had influence enough to throw his district, which is close to the republicans. The papers in the case were produced and it was conclusively shown that the man was drawing a larger pension than he was entitled to, and the Congressman had to acknowledge it, although he still asked that this particular pension be not reduced. He was informed, as other democratic Congressmen have been who called upon similar errands, that the policy of this administration was to administer the law as it exists without regard to the politics of the pensioners.

FACTS are stubborn things, and now that the democrats have an opportunity to examine the pension roll they are turning up every day to prove that the claims made by democrats for years, that millions of dollars were being paid out illegally for pensions, was correct. Cases are numerous where men are drawing \$72 a month for total disability and are in addition following ordinary avocations and drawing the same salaries as uninjured men. Two cases of this sort turned up right in Washington, one man a musician regularly employed and the other a government clerk, and there are many more there. These two men were re-examined and their pensions reduced to \$17 and \$23 a month respectively, and so apparent was the justice of the reduction that neither of them availed themselves of the right to appeal from the decision of the board of examiners.

SENATOR Vorhees, whose long Congressional experience makes his opinion valuable, takes no stock in the talk about the extra session be-

ing a short one. Speaking of it he said: "Congress will probably be in continuous session until August 15, 1894, if not longer." Representative Wil-on, of West Va., the gentleman who is thought to stand the best chance of being the chairman of the Ways and Means committee of the House, should Mr. Springer not get it again, also thinks the extra session will run into the regular session and that the latter will be an unusually long one. Mr. Wilson thinks the tariff will be taken up just as soon as the Ways and Means committee is announced by Speaker Crisp, and it is expected that will be immediately after the House goes through the formality of re-electing Mr. Crisp Speaker.

MANY misstatements have been made concerning the alleged antagonism between the administration and the silver democrats in Congress. Representative Wheeler, of Alabama, is and has been for years a silver democrat, and this is the way he expressed his antagonism: "I have unbounded confidence in President Cleveland, Secretary Carlisle and the democratic party. Mr. Cleveland struck the key note in his letter of acceptance when he demanded legislation which would give adequate money for our business needs, and also legislation which would insure the proper distribution of this money throughout the country. Under his wise leadership we will be able to frame a measure which will be satisfactory to all the interests of our land."

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