

THE FREMUTH OPENING.

THE opening of the new Fremuth store at the corner of Superior street and Lake avenue yesterday was an event of importance to the ladies, who have been long impatiently waiting for it. While it was a red-letter day for the lovers of the beautiful things that beauty dons when it wishes to be irresistible, it affords some reflections for the masculine gender. The opening of the Fremuth store shows that Duluth is progressing. It was not because there were not magnificent mercantile establishments of this same character in the city that the Fremuth emporium has been opened. It shows that keen business men with ample capital foresee a great future for Duluth and feel assured that the prosperity of the time is not a mere temporary growth that may vanish in a few months and leave only wrecks behind it. It is also a fact that Duluth establishments are drawing trade far beyond the boundaries of the city. They reach out a hundred miles and more into Minnesota and Wisconsin. Their patrons come from a wide section of country and they are all the time working farther and farther from the center.

The opening of Fremuth's shows also that mercantile establishments of the first class are working east on Superior street. The business district for houses of the first class has been found too narrow and is expanding.

secretary of the navy to buy the armor for ships that are now ready for it at not more than \$545 per ton. It also urges that the statutory restriction to \$300 per to be done away with.

The total naval appropriations for the navy, \$61,219,916, is the largest ever reached for a single year. None of the expenditures, however, seem superfluous if we are to build the mighty navy that our interests demand and that the people have ordained.

The provisions of this bill have been approved by experts, among them Admiral Dewey and the secretary of the navy.