

There was a long debate in the House on Wednesday, on the appropriation for the purchase of Alaska. Before going into Committee of the Whole on the subject, it was agreed to take the vote on Thursday, the 9th inst. C. C. Washburn of Wisconsin led off in a strong speech against the purchase. Mr. Mungen said that he was authorized by responsible parties to offer \$10,000,000 for Alaska, reserving to the United States the right of eminent domain. Mr. Shellabarger made a forcible speech against the expansion of our territory, holding that all history showed that a nation was strong in proportion to its compactness. A change in the temper of the House on the subject has been noticed recently, and the indications now are that the appropriation will be voted by a small majority.