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The Pacific coast is properly much interested in the expense of sacks in which to send off its surplus grain the duty on bagying removed.
Recent dispatches indicate so doubt about the matter being aceomplished, on the ground of the government's indebtedness, and consequent
need of the present duties on all imneed of the present duties on all im-
ports, as well as this particular article. ports, as well as this particular article.
There are two theories of levying taxes on imports-one for the purpose of revenue, and the other as a pro-
tection, or encouragement, of home 'ndustry. Both are applicable to imported bagging. The revenue is sieeded-and, probably, jute can be once started. If, however, it should be deemed impracticable to produce the raw materials, then the manufacged, as this coast is as near some of the icountries producing jute as are the present foreign manufactories, able to compete with the world. Itis no part of the poliey of the nited stares upon the sent:ribread, but a duty on the when sent:abread, but a duty on the neces-
wary sack, or case, containing the product, is virtually an export duty, and sbeuld be relieved. Under presnt laws and regulations, bagging and sent foreign, is relieved States, of the duty on the raw material imported and used in its manufacture. At present, on foreign articles imported, duty paid-and then shipped foreign before passing out of the government warehouse, there is allowed $a$ drawback equal to the duties; less cign), of articles manufactured in the Winited States, from imported materials, there is allowed a drawback equal ess ten per cent. Under this latter provision, the fish packers on the Columbia river are allowed a drawback on the fish cans sent foreign. Under factured here from the imported material, would be e atitled to a drawlack on being exported. But there is no provision for drawback on the imported manufactured article, when scattered through the country and again collected for export. A very little modification of present laws,
however, would admit of drawback on the article of bagging, at least. shipper could be allowed to export with a drawback nearly equal to the withdrawn from the warehouse. For instance: a shipper has the bags brought to the Custom House direct, rem, where they remain until he wishes to fill them, when they comdibe withdrawn, by paying the them, After being filled, a certificate of the proper officers, of their lading on a wessel for export, and proper returns from the port of destination, would cancel the bonds, or allow the might be,
The applicants for Jrawback might be limited to the amount taken from see no particular diffealiy in the working of the lay, so modified, The proposition to bring bage in return, free of duty, will not amount to much in the return of nuw be imposition, In the return of new bags for old ones, Tery often the bags scarcely hold to gether long enough to carry away the second filling. Again, large numbers of the bags are destroyed by bleeding; as the sacks are stowed away in the sessel many are cut open, without referenpe to any future use, for the purpose of letting the grain run out, and fill the interstices betweell sacks, so as to make the cargo solid-hence, we can see bat little ad-
of duty, as there would be but few orth returning.

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California, on account of the scar city of wood in some parts, and the growing business of the State, has steadily increased the importation of coal within her borders for several years. During the year 1873 she imto 170,000 tons furnished from the California mines. Of the amount imported 105,719 tons were from the imported 105,719 tons were from the
beds of the Pacific coast, mostly Vancouver, Bellingham bay, Seattle and Coos bay. The latter mines, in Southern Oregon, being first among the above four mentioned places. The
remainder of the importation 177 , 911 tons, was brought from across the ocean. More than half of the imported coal to California, last year, was
carried long distances, at a heavy expense of freight.
This importation could be lessened very materially by the encouragement of home industry; by the devel
opment of the mines on the Pacific coast. Not less than two million, (perhaps three million) dollars, were sent abroad from California in the year 1873, for the one article of coala good sized debit, certainly, against the wheat shipped from this coast. The people, and the State of Oregon, should put forth some effort to check coast, and should add to ou riches, especially in those respects which we are peculiarly fitted by na ture for so doing. From Seattle on coal crops out in many places in the coast range, and only await capita and enterprise to carry it to the needy furnaces. At Seattle and Coos bay tent, but they should be opened on the Columbia river. On the Nehalem, and at other places where coal is known to exist, and is accessible if the next legislative Assembly of Oregon would make a special approledges in this State, and provide that the State Geologist, (Mr. Condon) have charge of it and report theon.
We all rejoice in our ability to produce wheat for sale, but at dollar saved to the State by disembowelling than a dollar received in exchange for golden grain, munity is not in a prosperous condition when the imports equal the ex-
ports-no matter how great the latter

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

chicago lanyer sues a newspa called a shyster. Wamages for being mention the word, and now the lawers are puzzled to know just what
-The death of J. P. Hale brough to light the fact that it was a daughter of Mr. Hale who was engaged to Wresides Booth, the man who sho which was taken from his body which was taken from his bo
there was a picture of the lady.

The New York World is overburdened with reverence, what issue of that paper has a review of a sermon by Rev, Dr, Hepworth, under the head of "An Ass on the Cuban Question." Dr. Hepworth, the Conducted a sort of theological circus somewhere in the upper part" of -It is

- It is stated that there is nov being constructed at Constadt a sub marine vessel of enormous dimensions, In it 2,000 tons of iron and
steel have been employed, It is armed with a formidable ram gnd wil earry all the means for fixing to the hulls of vessels large sylinders of powder which it can afterwards ex-
plode by electrieity. Two glass eves plode by electrieity, Two glass eyes
will enable the crew to find their way about, and they may choose their course at what depth they please below water.
-The fault of the collision of the clearly with the former. It seemed
 of suc
office.
-M. R. Waite, of Toledo, O., has The nomination of Waite appeared to the Judiciary Committee rerred t doubtless be confirmed. All partie appear to agree that it is a fit one of the late Chief-Justice Waite of years standing and is a lawyer of 38 years standing. He was one of the
counsel for the United States in the counsel for the United States in the
Geneva arbitration. He has been a resident of Toledo, Ohio, since 1838 and is at present President of the
Ohio Constitutional Convention. He was admitted to practice in the Su motion of Caleb Cushing. Both him at Geneva, endorse him cordial . He is personally well know t the present Associate Justices, an
was the friend, and possessed th confidence of, Chief Justice Chase In politics he is a moderate Republi can, with strong convictio
slight partisan predilection,
-Jonah's whale has been the cause of a very lively incident in the Acadhas greatly excerised the political press of Belgium. M. Von Benenden he eminent zoologist, has pofate academy that the tradition which des cribes the dolphin as bringing to the shore human bodies with which it spread, and that it bore and widely to "the fable of Jonah." The inadvertent intimation on the part of the eminent zoologist, that he doubted Whether a human being swallowe by a whale would bs in a good con-
dition three days aftervard, has aised a theological storm, rofessors of the Catholic Univers lent letter, that the acadamy should formally censure M, Von Benenden and the academy having, with one Professors of Lovain have sent in eir resignations.
-The Philadelphia managers of the proposed Centennial Exhibition It's going to take a heap of spondur icks, and they can't tell whethe it's all forthcoming or not. Congess has stipulated that the guarantee amount $\$ 3,000,000$ has been pledged in Pennsylvania; but some State and municipal jealousy has arispn in New York and elsewhere which is working discouragement to the subscrip-

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