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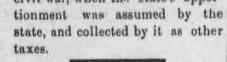
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To carry on a war requires the expenditure of large sums of money above what is necessary for the ordinary purposes of the government. Such extraordinary expenditures demand an increased revenue which must be raised in anticipation of war. Censiderable figuring has been done in regard to the probable increase of taxation for war purposes. A competent authority states that upon the basis of estimates of probable expenses we could raise \$800,000,000 a year at the present time, with our increased population, with the same taxes that were imposed in 1866, from this it is seen that in case of war with Spain, by taxing one fourth of the articles that were taxed then, we could raise a sufficient amount of money to pay the cost of the war as it is carried on from day to day. The United States may, under the constitution, raise revenue from taxes, duties, imports and excises, but congress has not exercised its power to raise revenues from these four sources at one time except during times of war, and then only under great emergencies, from which the people were released when the necessity for war taxes ceased. It is probable that congress may resort to the collection of duties, imports and excises, avoiding, if possible, the levying of taxes, as during the civil war, when the state's apport



The O. R. & N. Co. is following the lead of the Northern Pacific in attempting to forward the agricultural interests of Eastern Washington, by practical demonstrations in diversifying farm products. Both have established experimental farms and will give a thorough test of the results to be obtained from the introduction of new varieties of crops. The O. R. & N. is just now getting its farm ready at Walla Walla, and 20 acres of choice seeds, principally grasses, are being put in, though vegetables, fruits, tobacco and hemp for the manufacture of jute will also be experimented with. The Northern Pacific is carrying out in Washington the policy which has assisted materially in enhancing agricultural conditions in the Dakotas, and it is anticipated that good results will be attained.

icle, the country will hear with a feeling of sadness that the United States government is bent upon compassing the ruin of that, selfsacrificing patriot, Mr. Andrew Carnegie. That is, the navy department has placed orders for a large quantity of armor plate with Mr. Carnegie's iron works, and Mr. Carnegie not long ago assured late of Mars. us that he lost money on every ton of armor plate he produced, and that he only remained in the business because of his sense of duty to his country. Therefore, every order from the navy department means that Mr. Carnegie is one step further toward bankruptcy, and the worst of it is that his pariotism will not permit him to decline the orders and thus save something from the wreck.

John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant prince, has given notice to his employes who may tinue during their absence and that in the event of death in battle cities of the east have made the 'rule over.



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