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| rich man's luxuries: Why should the necessaries be taxed at alll? Becauso |  |
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| of politioians that demande that this is better becopen yeiled and hidden |  |
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| than to raise all that is needed from lux and ncomes. |  |
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| Why should one-third or more of噱 |  |
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| the tax be wiped out on the plea of a as mode of collecting, when it is easy to change the mode and save |  |
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| to our Treasary most of the tax? |  |
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| that can bear a tax so well as tobaceo and cigars and whiskey and beer and |  |
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| wines. This is so patent to all men |  |
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| are forced to smile when they hear a |  |
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| speaker blow one minute over the |  |
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| turn to his audience and with a suave and winsome smile say to "the horny |  |
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| handed sons of toil" that he is in favor of abolishing the last cent of tax on whiskey and tobacco because they |  |
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| are "necessaries" and the people must have free "chaws" and free drinks |  |
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| this then we are hopelessly ignorant or badly informed. |  |
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| Camphor and quinine and sugar must be taxed, and yet the most useless of all lnxuries must go "scott free." |  |
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| we claim to be. We are for reducing first the expenses of the Govern- |  |
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| ment and then for reducing the tariff next, and after that the tax on |  |
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| whiskey and tobacco as the expenditures of the Goverment may allow or |  |
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| justify. |  |
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| ing Congressmen to wipe out 146 million dollars of revenne, we note |  |
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| that Congress is voting away large additional sums right along. Not |  |
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| only this, but there are bills before the Congress which if passed will in- |  |
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| crease the expenses of the Government very greatly. It is said that |  |
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| the bill to give pensions to the survi- |  |
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| will cost over 100 million dollars. We are not saying anything about the |  |
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| propriety or justice of such a law, but we are simply calling attention |  |
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| to a proposed large additional expenditure at the very time it is proposed |  |
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| to relieve the Government of at least146 million dollars of its present rev- |  |
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| enue. Mr. Brown, of Indiana, who is Chairman of the Committee on |  |
| Pensions in the Honse, made this point in opposition: |  |
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| He was opposed to granting pensionsept for disability This bill would pension millionaires and Senators and memersof the House it would put on the rollsIt |  |
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|  | tance one thousand or three |
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| 750,000 veterans or relatives of veterans ofthe war of the rebellion twenty yearshence." |  |
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| We cannot see why the principle |  |
| the last war shall not apply to the Union soldiers of former wars |  |
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| Whatever be that principle, wide or narrow, it should be appiied to all. |  |
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| To show how some Democrats in the Congress who pretend to be tariff reformers, act when the shoe |  |
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| pinches read the following from a special to the New York Times, which remember is an able and con- |  |
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| sistent tariff reform paper. It says: | French coast and of another being |
| was made when the Senate reached bi-ehromate of potash. Then Senator Gor- |  |
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| anpound as proposed by. the Comission. arr, to $3+$ cents 8 pound. |  |
| One more point. An "Importer" 3ddresses a note to the Times in which |  |
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| he shows that the Ways and Means committee propose in their report to increase the present daty on colored cottons $98 \downarrow$ per cent. |  |
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| duty. They call that reform. The |  |
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