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manafaoture and sale of distilled spirits is a matter of common frme, notorious to every-
body. Were the taxes on disttled spirits
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tible falling off in the revenue. This branch of the revenue ought to yield the Government
one mandred millions per annum. We doubt

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men in both parties, and some in offlial posi-
tions, formed for the express parpose of detions, formed for the express purpose of de-
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from distilled spiritt. We are aware of the oharacter and extent of the influenoess wielded
by those combinations. It would not be difi-
colt to point out the chief actors in them. But, after all, they could accomplish very
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who become participators in their ill-gotten Who become participators in their in-goten
gaing, and grow rich by perjury and plunder,
that they gain such overbearing power, and a gigantio scale. There are certain revenue
districts well known to the people-and they must be known to the Government too-which
for months have been a stench in the nostris
of the community on acount of the gross abandoned, shameless corruption of the ootl-
cers of the Government. Those who should guard the public interest have become its
enemies -those who are the sworn oficers to
defend the revenue are themselves the vile harbies who are engaged in plundering it.
Now, it oannot be that these things are
unknown to the authorities at Washington. On the contrary, they are known there. Why
is not the remedy applied ?
We eay, without fear of contradiction by
any person who has investigated the subject, any person who has investigated the subject,
that there is no great trouble in enforeing the
reverue law upon the makers and venders of
distilled spirits, provided the Government has distilled spirits, provided the Government has
honeat and oapable officers, who are properly
sustained at Washington. There are no inherent diffioulties in the case. Honesty and
capacity are all that are required. There are distrits in this city now-aut least one-where
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subservient to poitioal ends. When Secre-
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was temporarily broken up, and the Interest. or the revenue jeopardized, for a politieal end
The only wonder is, not that the revenue has fallen off, but that it has kept up as well as if has. And now, worth more than all theorizing
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reastoration of the South soription of honesty and efficiency in the reve
nue service. No saale of taxes will suffioe produoe a revenue when the officers of the
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an intelligent man who does not know tha the evils to which we have alluded are wide mon topio of converation among our busines
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