orn Oregon and Washington should come to a head just at the time congress should be taking off the bounty on sugar and making it free of duty. The attention of

almost every farmer in the Inland Empire

has been drawn to the subject of beet cul-

ture. Piedges to plant a certain amount

of land to beets are being numerously

signed, committees on bonuses and mass

meetings are extensively at work, and con-

sidorable jealousy is already cropping out

over the location of the proposed fac-

section, but is active all over the West.

Arrangements had already been made by

a colony of 100 Polish families, now in

Chicago, to go to Nebraska in the apring

and begin raising beets for sugar on a

large scalo. Some 4000 acres of land has

been purchased. The Poles have been en-

gaged in this industry in the old country

and as each of them brings money enough

to carry his crop through to market, and

as the soil has been found upon examina-

The movement is not confined to our

It would be on the whole a melancholy

coincidence if the present active agitation

for the cultivation of sugar beets in East-

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the farmers of the great grain-growing dis-

tricts has lain in the direction of beets for

sugar. Along comes the Wilson bill and

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tion fitted for the product contemplated, under present conditions a prolitable entorprise seemed on the eve of successful inauguration. But should the proposed action be taken looking to the removal of the sugar bounty and duty, there would be nothing to stand between the American beet-grower and the foreign producer. Under existing arrangements enough progress has been made to justify expectations of success. The farmers of Nubraska, Utah and California havo been struggling with the problem for years and are just beginning to see daylight. In California especially raising beets for sugar has become an important branch of agriculture. The product for 1893 is given at 42,000,000 pounds. Oue factory alone turned out 15,000,000 pounds from beets grown on 6000 acres of land, and it was estimated that in a few years California would be able to produce the annual sugar consumption of the whole coast, 180,000,-000 pounds. Sugar is a product there will always be a demand for. Every pound

manufactured in this country savos the im-

portation of that much and the departure

of its price abroad.

Perhaps the most lamentable thing for us about the prospective disaster to the best-sugar industry is in the blow it strikes at the hope for more diversified farming throughout our immediate borders. Here we have been suffering, as an agricultural community, under the burdens of a bad year, not the least of whose contributory elements is found in the fact that we have run too much to wheat. So we have been casting about this winter for help. The relief most generally commending itself to