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 of the Willamette tocks at Oregon City. Already we
see the commercial bodies of Salem, Independence and other representative river points discus
and the best means to attain that end.
The desirability of free locks is so evident to every
thipeer in the valler, cespecially the farmer, that shipper in the valuey, especialy the farmer, that re
really seems a question with buta a single phase. Free locks would remore directly by the navigation company, but which in th
final comes out of the pockets of the stimper final comes out of the pockets of the shipper. If boal
freight rates fall, a like reduction would be compulker to the railway companies
government chase should be fairly easy to accomplish. Once free the improvement of the Willamette, as the tonnage
will be easily increased threefold, and more prestige will be given to the claims for legislation for its in provement. to them to grant free locke. The Columbia is free fo navigation, and thousands upen thoussands will b spen in further improvements in the next decade as those coming from Eastern Oregon.
We are preparing figures to show in detail the benent or the proposed change. Ho
now tands the points along the petitioning congress through our Washington delega tion to further the measure. Already Portland, Sa-
lem and Independence have simpifed their intentions essary. Let the shippers unite in the demand and Independence Enterprise.
Justice delayed is justice dexied. in May, 1889, one Douzall, a retired oficicer of the
Royal Irish Fusiliers, murdered, at Moat House Farm England, yiss Camile C. Holland, a woman of wealth
and talent, and buried the body in a dith in theyurd
The place was a lonely one; the woman eceentric and without relatives or intimate friends; there were u
witneseses of the crime; and so, for four years, Dougal went free. But, on April 27 th last, the woman's boiy hended In June, he was tried and convicted. O
July 14th, he was hanged. Between sentence an gallows but three months.
This sure and swift administration of justice is no exceptional thing in England. It would excite no as-
tonishment in France, or, indeed, in any Continental men shall be promply punished. But how aboutt the United States? Would it not, we may ask, be her of a crime four years past, on circumstantial evi
dence? And even if he dence? And even if he were finally sentenced, how
long and intolerably tedious would be bis triall In such a case as this, it is easy to imagine with what
adroitnes the felon's lawyers would have secured de lays and postponements on "technicallities," ans, have appealed again hnd again, while, meantime, witnessee
died or mysteriously disappeared, evidence vanished into thin nir, anstomical experts quanreled over skele sensational press took sides, and reports that the graphed dinily from various enterprising towns of tho interior. Here in Californin it has even taken years
convict wenetins whose milt tas conffeed or teyond shadow of a doubt. Liok at the case of William Fr ericks, who enterel a banit in broal daylight, on on young cashier in cold blood for a fow paltry dollar. He was guilty beyond perndventure-caught with the and four monthe for tarly justice to overtake him. fornia! Worden, who derailed a truin of ears and murdered the engineer and several shiaers, elijoget
lifo and health at the oxpense of the tate for mot than three years. And nobody has forgotten how the



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