THE EUGENE CITY GUARD. EUGenis CIIY, orkson:
One of the last pultilic acts of Cous grewaman John Whiteaker was a opeech made in congreess on the River and
Harbor appropriation bill, Fel. 15 th In his speech he presented the strong est argumentr why the North Pacico
coast alhould be more liberally doalt with by congress, preseating statisti resourres, and our need of appropri tions to asmist in the improvemeat
our rivers and harbors. He cloed his upeech as follows:
Mr. Chairman, hefore I resume my a somenhist persoonal character relating to the Stato I have the honor to repre-
resent upon this floor. I entered this house without a colicague I stand like the majority of this body, command the nides of to obtain from this Houme the just demands of the people of my state I have but little more power than Delegate, who possesses no vote
combinations appear to rule in thin nage of such neta, standing here alone 1 am at the merey of the majjority and
am powerless to enforeo the just de am powerless to enforee the just de
mands of my State. The time will mands of my State. The come, however, when Oregon will soon cowe, however, when Orego. "Weet
not stand alone upon this floor.
ard the course of empire takes it ward the course of empire takes ith a quarter of a century hass accomplishied
so much through the energy, industry, and intelligence of her peoples, will rise to greater heights of prosperity and in-
creased strength in wealth and numbera
through, and in a few days the same sasey be said of this Forty-sixth Congroes Now is the opportunity to do
juustice, for what is not now done will justice, for what is not now
pemain andone at its cloee Sheen a quies, if not a silent member many Gamaliela who have sought impart their wisdom to less fortunate members. 1
In leaviag this Congreas I shall gladly
retura to that motirement from which retura to that rotirement from which 1 was unwilingly called to occupy a sea apon this floor. In going hetuen from
its walls, it will be with the proud sat asfaction that at all times and under al
eircumstances I have endeavored to per form my duties conscientiously, as 1 have been given to understand it, and in no instance have ever fuiled to act
as I beileved would be for the interest

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According to the Railicay $A g e$
there were 7,207 miles of railway con thero wore, , the
structed in thies of raikuy States during the past year, one third mimes as green
1879 , and nearly three times as the line of new track laid down in 1878. While in 1879 the building of rail ways absorbed $\$ 95,000,000$ of capi
tal, thenew roads constructed in 1880 ab morbed $8185,000,000$. It would appea at firat glance at these figures that th
country wns to bo congratulated upol the wonderffle exteasion of our railtoa aysten, and perhaps it is, yot the im
portant question arises as to whether this immense capital can be withdrawn
from our trado and industrics without affecting then seriously. It is stated that much of the nooney lately invented on these new ronds hass in many in stances lieen employed to haild compet. ing linegs, which must of necossit
diminish the earnings of roads aiready in operation, The new enterprises may
be mude profitable, but only by greatl) lesenning the income of roads previous I y in existence Still, that very com side to it. The new roads are bein builh at an average cost of $\$ 30,000$ per mile, whilat many of the old oues con as much as 8100,000 per mile Tormer can therefore aforid to run at formar can therefore afford to run at
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tage of compertition and reduued rates the coustry, on a whole will have no resoon to regret the rapial progress of
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 Mahone was elected as a Democra
He voted for and stumped his State in behalf of the Hancock elector, who re ceived a majority of 44,137 votes, whicl
dhows plainly how strongly Demoerati Virginia is, and how grosly sle is mis
ropresented by a man who votes with the Repulicaan party. During the cam paign, says the Ezaminer, Mahone accord with the National Democracy,
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