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DOES NOT LOOK GOOD FOR FREE LOC
AT OREGON CITY.
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anal on the west side.
That canal and locks are owned by the Portland Railway, Tight \& Power Company.
The same corporation and large paper mill corporations own
the water rights and the water front on the east side. With all the water that flows through the river used for the
enormous power and electric plants at the falls, they will resist another canal being built.
erate two sets of locks and canals,
The right of way on the rast side of the river will cost about as much as the total approprintons
and state goveruments $-\$ 600,000$.
Besides, the first steps to build the locks and canal on tho
cast side of the river will tie the whole proceedings up in litigation.
The only theory on which locks and canal can be undertaken
ane east side of the river is to defeat the whole pro; ositionn It is stated that the U. S. engineers have recommended conIt is presumed that
But why has no effort been made to purchase the existing Is it because a lot of politicians think it sounds big to say-t $\mathrm{h}-1$ with the big corporations; we will build new locks and ca-
nal.
That is the spirit of the age, but it is not good business judg. ment under all the circumstances.
cannot be alienated, their property should be bought and paid If no price can be agreed upon, there should be arbitration,
and if that fails, there should ben condemnation suit brought and if that fails, there should ben
The statesmanship that quails b
ests and can only build up on hostility to corporations is of th
What the people wat
for the purpose of securing open and untramelled anegon City the river.
The delegation in Washington and the U, S. engineering de
partment are making a mistake trying to destroy the property of the corporations that have engaged in development of industries at Oregon City
state and national treasuries, and the products of the farm and the factory are paying high tolls at the locks.
When action is to be taken, it is
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