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agement of our school lands, and truly hope that the process will not be cimply a whitewashing process to cover up, instead of bringing to the knowledge of the people what has become of the magnificent land that Oregon received from the general government for common school purposes on its admission into the union.
Oregon at present has an area of 94,560 square miles of land, being $60.518,400$ ecres. The aet of admission gave Oregon two sections of 640 anres each in each township of 36 sections
or one eighteenth of the entire land in Oregon which aggregate 3,362,138 acres the proceenis from the sale or rentul thereo to be ueed for the eupport of common schools in Oregon and not otherwise.
Thure has beeu a well defined opinion among the men and women of Oregon, who have taken the trouble to try to fiad out how Oregon was discharging her duties as trustee of this magnificent eatate, that it has not been handled with the care and fidelity, that its magnitude and worthy object rendered necessary to secure the reat value thereof. There is no doubt but the laws of Oregon providing for the sals of the school, swamp, university and agriculture college lands have been framed more in the interest of land grabbers than that of the children, the legal beneficaries of the trust that the atate as tustee was managing.
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will do their daty and if the people will do their duty at the ballot box the bad laws ean be replaced with good ones. Several men are now under indictment in Marion county, Oregon for making false Affidavits to secure sehool land and it it hoped the good work will go on to conviction.

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