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#### **GRAFT AS IT IS**

In the Literary Digest of the last issue French writer pictures the map of the United States in regard to graft. For the states free from corruption he leaves white, for those just partially corrupt he pictures with light lines across them and those wholly corrupt he dyes almost black. Of the white states he leaves but six, Colorado, Iowa, Mississippi, North Carolina, Michigan and Maine. Of those partially corrupt he names, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, North and South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Alabama, Florida and Vermont. The ones criss crossed with lines indicating that they are wholly corrupt are. Oregon, Washington, California, Utah, Nebraska, Texas, Minnesota' Ohio, New York, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania Rhode Island, Massachussets. Connecticut, West Nirginia, Virginia, New Jersey. Georgia and South Carolina.

Graft is so evident in the United States that it is calling the attention of the

The last elections demonstrated that libraries therefor." their lethargy and are ousting the bosses. did not consent to the 500,000 acres and What will Oregon do next election? It is five per cent on sales of public land evident that the direct nomination law going to the school fund but to the Interwill enable the people to take time to nal improvement fund, but the 16th. and select their candidates, look up their past, 56th, sections did. weight in their minds what they believe their future will be, and then vote for If things keep on it will be popular to

#### OUR SCHOOL LAND

The act of congress of August 14th., 1849 which established the territorial government of Oregon fifty six years ago, dealt more liberal with Oregon as to school land, than it had up to that date section No. 16 in each township was granted for the support of common schools. Oregon got the sixteenth and thirty sixth section in each township, just double what any other state or territory had received.

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When Oregon adopted the present state constitution, preparatory to becoming a state on Sept. 8th. 1867 in paragraph two of article eight it was declared that: The proceeds of all the lands which have been or hereafter may be granted to this state, for educational purposes; \* \* all the proceeds of the five numbered thousand acres of land to which this scate in entitled to by the provisions of an act of congress, entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights," approved September 4th., 1841, and also Wisconsin. Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, the five per centum of the net proceeds Louisiana, Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, of the sales the public lands, to which this state shall become entitled on her admission into the union (if congress shall consent to such appropriation of the two grants last mentioned) shall be set apart as a separate and irreducible fund to be called the common school fund, the world in this direction. We look on and interest of which together with all other revenues derived from the school land observe every nation's short comings, mentioned in this section, shall be exand yet the same old abuses and corrupt- clusively applied to the support and maintainence of the common schools in each district, and the purchase of suitable

The act of congress admitting Oregon

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