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Mr. Lodge is confident that his scheme to regulate Congressional elections will remove all evils. He thinks the measure will pass the House without much obstruction.

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entirely national in its application. The election officers are to be appointed in equal numbers from the two leading parties by the Judge of the United States Court, who is a permanent officer, and to be relied on to appoint proper representatives of both

"These election officers have a party interest in seeing that no unfair advantage is taken at the election, and they are exposed to heavy penalties for misconduct. They have the power to assist voters unable to read or write, but this assistance must be given in the presence of the officers of the opposition party and the penalties for disclosure are very severe. Every provision is made to secure absolute fairness between the parties, and unless some party or person is now profiting by cheating at elections there should be no objection to the bill.

NOT ABSOLUTELY COMPULSORY.

"No district under this bill is compelled to adopt the system except on the petition of 500 voters, and unless there was real need for putting the district under this act this number could not as a rule be easily secured. The Massachusetts ballot meets the evils usually charged upon elections in the North. The control of

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