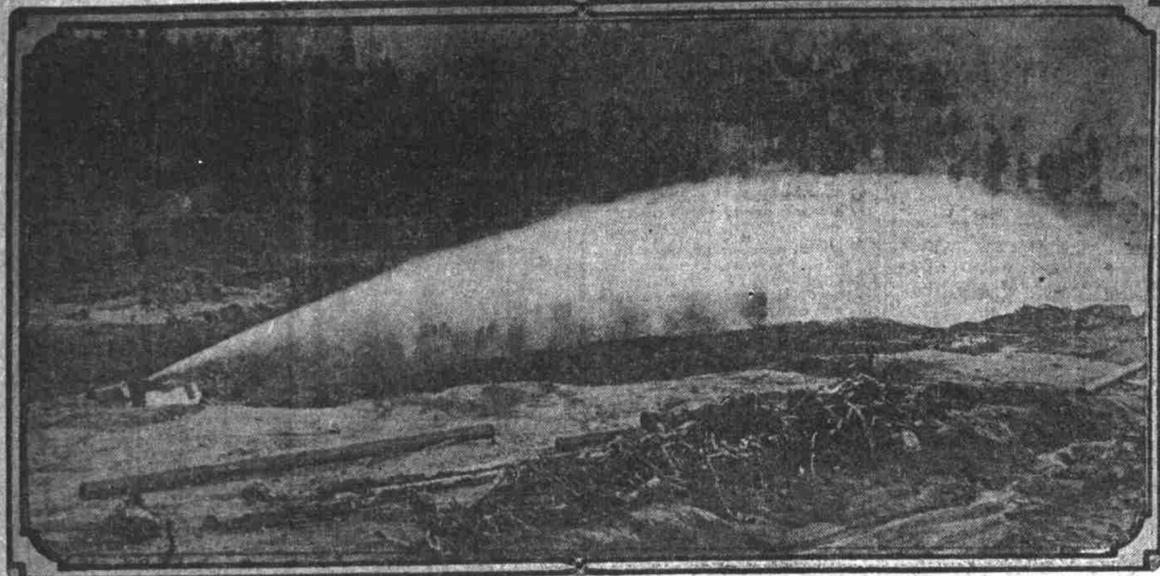


# BETTER WATER LAWS ONE OF OREGON'S MOST URGENT NEEDS



Hydraulic Mining. A Giant Under High Pressure Working a Bank From a Distance of 550 Feet. One of the Illustrations From Conservation Commission's Report.

Need of irrigation legislation in Oregon is treated at length in the report of the Oregon conservation commission which has just been issued. In this report the commission has taken up the different questions the state and has discussed them separately, showing the need of the state in each direction. Because of its importance to the future development of the state, a good deal of space has been given to the irrigation question and much important data has been collected dealing with this subject.

It is pointed out in the report that any person in the state who acquires a water right by posting a notice of the claim at the proposed point of diversion from the stream, showing the amount of water to be diverted and the use for which it is intended. If for irrigation purposes a copy of the notice should be filed with the state engineer, in commenting on this condition the report says:

"It makes no difference if the waters of the stream have already been fully utilized at points below. The notice can specify any amount, even though the amount exceeds the entire flow of the stream. It may be impossible to use the water beneficially for the purpose as claimed, and a waste of water, the appropriator may be limited to the quantity thus applied within a reasonable time after the notice is filed, so far as the prima-facie right thereto may be concerned. So long as construction of the works is commenced within six months, the title to the water susceptible of appropriation and included in the notice is thus apparently complete. If, however, the notice is not filed, the right can be held indefinitely without use, and legitimate development retarded.

**Regulation is Difficult.**  
The report then shows that because of these conditions it is hard to regulate water power development or irrigation project work because of the operation which would result from any attempt to use water claimed by these notices. It is therefore almost impossible for a legitimate investor to acquire a water right without paying a hold price for the right to use the water, and then his right is indefinite because of the condition of the law.

In speaking of the remedy the report says that the condition could be overcome by requiring a fee to be paid to the state by persons holding irrigation or power rights, the fee to be determined by the amount of water claimed. At the expiration of half the time allowed by law for holding a claim proof should be shown that at least one fifth of the intended project had been completed. Upon completion of the work final proof should be made and a water right issued by the state.

**System Utter Failure.**  
Further illustrations could be given in detail, but these are sufficient to show the utter failure of the present system of water filings to give any information of value to anyone who desires to know what rights are vested, what rights are initiated and likely to be perfected by the report to the present intentions of the filers. The amount of surplus water, if any, cannot, therefore, be ascertained, because the amount already appropriated is unknown.

As an illustration of the condition of the present laws in the state attention is called by the report to the present litigation among the settlers of the Walla Walla river district in the vicinity of Millersburg, where the right to divert water from the river within a distance of 10 miles. In 1905 a suit was begun in the circuit court involving 400 parties and requiring 25 lawyers to carry on the case. This suit is still pending. In time it will be taken to the supreme court and the rights of these parties adjudicated.

is entitled, leaving the balance, including the stored water, to flow on to the intended place of use.

"The court records show the abandonment of a \$500,000 irrigation project on the Umatilla river in 1902, because the supreme court refused to decide the question of relative rights between two companies who had commenced construction. Both of these companies had complied with our present law, but had not applied the water to beneficial use. Owing to the fact that neither had been injured by the overt act of the other, the court ruled that it had no jurisdiction in the matter. The companies' bonds could not be sold, on account of the great uncertainty of the water right, and the project was accordingly abandoned.

"It is, therefore, impossible, under present conditions, for an investor to secure the necessary information as a basis for such investments in Oregon. He must first expend his money, divert the necessary water, and take his chances on securing a favorable decree in case he is attacked in the courts for some real or imagined injury.

**Stronger Laws Needed.**  
The report goes into the water legislation of other countries and other states, showing that there must be strict governmental regulation of water supply either by general government or by state laws before the investor and

the property holder can be protected equal justice administered and development fostered.

In summarizing the result of its findings the report makes the following suggestions:

"A water right should be as easily ascertained, as clearly defined, as secure, and in all respects as definite as a perfect title to land.

"It is apparent that without a definite system of water right titles, and adequate protection by the state, our water users are burdened with costly and apparently unending litigation; our present constructed works are depreciated in value; the United States hesitates to construct irrigation systems; private capital declines to invest; homeseekers go to other states and countries, where the purchase of an irrigated farm does not mean the purchase of a lawsuit, and thus our development is seriously retarded.

"Our present water laws cannot be found by a study of the statutes alone, but must be sought for in a long series of decisions by our supreme court. And apparently are so conflicting that our ablest lawyers differ in opinion on the most fundamental points.

"Based upon the experience of other states and countries in the enactment of effective water laws, we believe that the conservation and use of Oregon's water resources will lag until such time

as a law is enacted covering the following fundamental principles:

**What is Needed.**

1. Complete state control of diversions from streams. No water right in the future should be vested except by appropriation under the laws, rules and regulations prescribed by the state, and the diversion of water without right from a public stream, including all knowingly wrongful interference with the rights of others, to the injury of another, should be made a misdemeanor.
2. A system whereby the priority and limitations of every existing right to the use of water can eventually be ascertained.
3. Provision for a reliable record in some central office of all rights to the use of water as determined, and of new rights as initiated.
4. That actual measurements of ditches and streams be made as a basis for the adjudication of existing rights and for the initiation of new rights.
5. To provide a definite procedure whereby rights to the use of water can be acquired.
6. That beneficial use be made the basis, the measure and the limit of all rights to the use of water, and that water for irrigation purposes should be made appurtenant to the land irrigated.
7. All rights to the use of water for power development should be limited to some specified time, subject to renewal under certain restrictions.

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8. An efficient administrative system, with proper officers for the distribution of the water supply among those entitled to its use.

9. An adequate system of fees, payable to the state by those benefited, so that eventually the system shall become self-supporting.

**KEYHOLE WATCHERS MAY GET MEASLES**

Police Officers Porter and Burri on Saturday earned for themselves the title of "keyhole detectives" and incidentally threw the entire police station into a state of consternation and apprehension from which it has not yet recovered.

The sleuths, who really are not real sleuths but only "harness bulls," that is, uniformed patrolmen, went to the first street, and after squatting before the door of that room, gazed long and lingeringly through the keyhole. When this excitement passed, they got a pass key and entered the room, where they arrested Ethel Stevenson and a man named Ronald. The prisoners were taken to the station and lodged in jail.

And then, after they had been there some time, Dr. Parker made the startling discovery that Ethel Stevenson had the German measles. In wild haste she was bundled out and into a wagon and sent to St. Vincent's hospital.

Porter and Burri spend most of their time now examining their own faces for symptoms. A small pimple would send either of them on the run to the hospital. And the rest of the police force squirms uneasily and wonders if fumigation and disinfection is a sure preventive of the measles.

**WHY SUFFER?**

**Breathe Hyomei and Kill the Loathsome Catarrh Germs.**

Just as long as you have catarrh your nose will itch, your breath will be foul, you will hawk and spit, and you will do other disgusting things because you can't help yourself. The germs of catarrh get you in the power; they are continually and persistently digging into and irritating the mucous membrane of your nose and throat. They are now making your life miserable; in time they will sap your entire system of its energy, its strength, its vigor and vitality.

If you do not kill the loathsome germs of catarrh, their desperate assaults will in time undermine your reason, rob your brain of its brilliancy and activity, and leave you not only a physical but a mental wreck.

This picture is not overdrawn; the writer has seen thousands of just such cases. He has personally experienced the demoralizing results that come from the ravishing attacks of the horrible catarrh germs, the greatest pest of civilized nations.

But there is one remedy that will kill the germs and cure catarrh, and that is Hyomei, the Australian dry air treatment. There may be other remedies, but they are not guaranteed as Woodard, Clarke & Co. the druggists, will guarantee Hyomei to cure catarrh, or money back. Don't delay this pleasant antiseptic treatment. Every day you show these germs to exist in your system brings you nearer to complete demoralization. Woodard, Clarke & Co. will sell you a complete Hyomei outfit for only \$1.00. Ask them about it. It is also guaranteed to cure bronchitis, asthma, coughs, colds and hay fever.

NOVEMBER WORK OF JUVENILE COURT

One hundred and twelve cases were handled in the juvenile court during the month of November, as shown by the report of Judge Gantenben. The boy offenders outnumber the girls by more than three to one, the totals showing 85 boys and 27 girls. Thirty of those who were called to answer were not over 10 years of age, 24 were from 11 to 13, 31 were 14 or 15, 19 were 16 and 1 were 17 years of age. Seven were sent to the state reform school, and 3 others were sentenced, but sentence was suspended. Forty-seven were placed on probation, 11 were committed to the care of the Boys and Girls Aid society, and 2 committed to the detention home. Four girls sentenced to the House of the Good Shepherd were released on parole, two who broke parole were ordered back and one was committed there without parole privileges. Many of those cited in court were dismissed with a warning.

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**Fine Teddy Bears, Reduced Prices**

No store in Portland can show the values that we have in Teddy Bears for the children. It's your opportunity now to buy, when we are closing out our entire stock at a sacrifice.

**35c Bears 19c**

Dark Brown Teddy Bears, 8 inches high, with jointed arms, legs and head, that you can't duplicate anywhere for less than 35c, we offer **19c** at.....

Another line of Brown Teddy Bears, 13 inches high, with jointed arms, legs and head, with voice, that will make the children happy, Regular 95c Teddy Bears..... **50c**

**\$1.00 Women's Hose 39c**

Ladies' Hose, half lace, gauze, lisle thread and cotton; colors marine blue, smoke, huntersman green, dots and checks and plain black silk plaited lisle, values to \$1.00. Special price..... **39c**

**Popular Hair Rolls**

Another shipment of Hair Rolls, so much in demand right now. Made of fine crimped hair, covered with fine net, in all shades and SANITARY MADE. Latest shapes for the prevailing styles of hairdressing, **75c, 50c, 35c** and..... **25c**

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Brush, Comb and Hand Mirror, floral decorated handles, in puff lined fancy celluloid box, beautifully decorated with roses and poppies. This is one of a big assortment that sell regularly at \$2.50. Offered during our sale this week at this special price, the set..... **95c**

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Exceptional values in Three and Four Strand Pearl Necklaces, some with bars of rhinestones and some plain. Regular 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 values, while they last, at..... **50c**

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Three different styles "Venus" Hair Barrettes, hair clasps, strictly new, in tortoise color. Sell for as high as \$1.50 by hairdressers; can be had here at **75c, 50c**..... **35c**

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