

URGES A LAW FOR STORAGE OF WATER

The Portland Oregonian of Tuesday, August 25, contains the following article by Bert Huffman, editor of the East Oregonian, on the necessity of a law permitting the storing and transportation of waste waters of Oregon for purposes of irrigation: Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 24.—(To the Editor.)—From time to time The Oregonian makes editorial mention of the need of a revision of the irrigation and water laws of Oregon.

It seems that there is no needed change or addition to the water code of Oregon which should be made by the coming session of the legislature, and which so far The Oregonian has not mentioned. This is a provision by which stored water and reservoir systems might be utilized in reclaiming the arid lands which are situated at some distance from the source of water supply.

As it is, we have laws regulating the turning of the usual flow of water out of streams, transporting it by canals and ditches to the land, but we have no law by which water may be stored on the upper rivers and transported down the channel to the property of those storing it. To illustrate:

Storage System Explained.

Suppose A, B and C own 1000 acres of land at the mouth of the Umatilla river, but there is not enough water in the ordinary flow of the river to reclaim this. The entire amount of water in the river has been filed upon by prior rights, and A, B and C cannot secure an inch from the ordinary flow of the stream. The result is their arid land remains arid; instead of being worth from \$500 to \$1000 per acre as fruit land, it is worth nothing, adds nothing to the taxable property of the county and is a menace to settlement, because it harbors weeds, thistles, squirrels and other pests.

Suppose that Oregon had a law allowing A, B and C to go to the headwaters of the Umatilla river, where hundreds of square miles of mountain surface sends down millions of inches of water to waste each year, and build a reservoir to hold water for irrigating their 1000 acres 30 miles below.

Suppose they were permitted by law to measure the channel of the Umatilla river 1000 inches, or 5000 or 10,000 inches to be diverted by them at their headgate 30 miles below regardless of intervening water rights, headgates or ditches.

They would simply use the channel of the river to transport their stored water from the mountain reservoir to their land and would not interfere with the ordinary flow of the river. They would turn in 10,000 inches and allow say 10 per cent for evaporation, seepage and waste, and would then turn out 9000 inches as their own property, 30 miles away, where their arid land is situated.

Would Utilize Waste Water.

If Oregon had such a law, it would reclaim hundreds of thousands of acres now lying idle. But as it is now every drop of water in the channel of a stream belongs to the vested rights on that stream. There is no provision for storing and transporting water through the channels of streams. Under the storage law, hundreds of reservoirs could be builded in the high mountains to catch the waste water of winter and spring, and then as this water was needed by its owners below, they could measure it out into the channel of the stream, transport it 10, 20 or 30 miles to their headgate, and turn it on their land. This would not interfere with vested rights along the streams, but would be an actual benefit to the adjacent lands by keeping a flow of water in the stream at its low stages, when ordinarily it would be almost dry.

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In all of the eastern Oregon counties are hundreds of sites for reservoirs high up in the mountains, where immense quantities of waste water might be stored in winter and spring. If this water could be transported to arid lands below, it would work a revolution in the agricultural development of the state.

It would give individuals and companies the right to pool together and store this water of the flood seasons and transport it to needy land in the dry periods, and thus transform many of the idle tracts into homes and verdant fields.

To Prevent Floods.

Another benefit of this storage law would be that it would prevent floods. With the gates of reservoirs open to catch any unusual flow of water, the most threatening flood might thus be dissipated and distributed into the waiting reservoirs, and thus become, not a menace, but an instrument for the development of the country.

There could be no objection to this law permitting the storage of water, from any interests in existence. It would not take from vested rights one iota of their privilege; it would not divide up the flow of any stream; it would not take a drop of water from any man, company or municipality, but it would allow land owners to go into the watersheds of the mountains and create a new supply.

Create New Water Supply.

This new supply would be the absolute property of the owners. It could be measured into the stream by inches and measured out again, inch for inch, under state control. It would not hinder or affect the operation of any ditch, canal, headgate, power plant or any other river property.

It would simply give the people of the state the right to store waste water, hold it as their property and use it as they saw fit, using the natural channel of the river to transport it to their land.

I hope the Oregonian will give this careful consideration and urge it upon the coming legislature. It is even more important to the people of Oregon than statement No. 1.

BERT HUFFMAN.

Why James Lee Got Well.

Everybody in Zanesville, O., knows Mrs. Mary Lee, of rural route 8. She writes: "My husband, James Lee, firmly believes he owes his life to the use of Dr. King's New Discovery. His lungs were so severely affected that consumption seemed inevitable, when a friend recommended New Discovery. We tried it, and its use has restored him to perfect health." Dr. King's New Discovery is the King of throat and lung remedies. For coughs and colds it has no equal. The first dose gives relief. Try it. Sold under guarantee at Tallman & Co.'s drug store, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

EIGHT YOUNG BOYS ARE BICYCLE THIEVES

The Yakima Republic tells the following story of a gang of eight young boys aged from 12 to 16, of that city, who had erected a crude bicycle repair shop from railroad ties and had collected a wagon load of stolen wheels and parts of wheels and were carrying on a repair and bicycle trading shop. The Republic says:

A great round-up was performed last night at 11 o'clock by Sheriff Edwards, Deputy Sheriff Grant and City Officers Story, Elmore and Grant who, guided by Harry Ferras and Napoleon Revolv, who had been up on the "carpet" earlier in the day, went to a cache located a few feet from the house of the Kohlmorgans, on South Front street, opposite the stockyards, and found there a bicycle repairing shop built of ties, which has been the scene of operations for the gang of eight boys whose names are printed at the head of the column.

In this shop, which was equipped with lathes, emery wheels, vises and a full stock of paints, there was found no less than seven wheels in order, and fully a dozen more in various stages of repair, besides extra tires, frames, handlebars, and in short material of every conceivable kind applying to a wheel, the whole of which made a wagon load, which was carted up to the sheriff's office.

Box of Extra Parts.

Included in the heterogeneous assortment of wheels and extra parts, which fill two rooms and part of a third at the sheriff's headquarters this morning, is a big box of tools of all sorts, among which are even included several auto pumps.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Taylor lost about \$25 worth of tools, which were all brand new, several weeks ago, which belonged to his new motorcycle, but this bunch was not in the lot of stuff found yesterday. All today there has been a string

of claimants for the wheels, but still there are many of them left.

Japan to Welcome Tars.

Tokio, Aug. 27.—A mass meeting of business men, both native and foreign, was held today to raise funds and complete plans for the reception of the American fleet in Japanese waters in October. Admiral Viscount Ito, chief of the naval general staff, is a member of the reception committee. The commercial interests of Tokio will cooperate with those of Yokohama in the entertainment of the fleet at the latter city. It is estimated that \$500,000 will be needed to defray expenses, and a considerable portion of this sum has already been subscribed.

Shortage in "Plebes."

Washington, Aug. 27.—There will be a great shortage in the crop of "plebes" at the Annapolis naval academy when the fall term convenes in October. The fourth class at the academy usually has about 300 members, but this year it will be only a little over 200. A large number of appointees failed to qualify or prepare themselves in time, and this accounts for the reduced number.

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BRYAN ON THE BANK ISSUE.

Topeka Will Listen to Address on Political Issues.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 27.—William J. Bryan will deliver one of the principal speeches of his campaign here today, the subject selected being the guarantee of bank deposits as enunciated in the party platform.

Mr. Bryan considers this issue a highly important and vital one and believes that it will appeal to thousands of republican and independent voters. It is stated that a movement has been set on foot to form a national campaign organization of persons who have lost money through bank failures.

Democrats from all parts of Kansas began pouring into the capital this morning to greet the candidate and the Nebraskan will be given a great ovation when he appears on the platform to deliver his address.

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Richmond Synagogue.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 27.—With deeply impressive rites of the ancient Jewish church and imposing Masonic ceremonies, the cornerstone of the new synagogue of the congregation of Keneseth Israel will be laid this afternoon. Orthodox Jews from many other cities have come to Richmond to attend the exemplification of an ancient ritual never before witnessed in the Old Dominion.

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