

So we see how the discussion of reclamation naturally leads on to that of waterpower; and then to the maintained navigability of streams which carry commerce; and on again to the need of saving, while utilizing, our forests. It is a many-sided problem, in essence a problem of protecting the common good. The government comes in, neither as an interloper nor as a benevolent carry-all, but in its legitimate relation, under the Constitution, to these truly national concerns which touch so intimately the people of this Inland Empire, of the Pacific coast, of the West and of the entire United States.

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