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LAW SCHOOL NOTES

Mr. L. Ward Bannister, A.B., LL.B., of Denver, Colorado, gave a series of daily lectures in the College of Law, from November first until November sixth, on "Western Water Rights and Irrigation Law." Mr. Bannister has practised law in Denver since 1900, specializing in "Western Water Rights and Irrigation Law," and has held various state positions in Colorado. He is also non-resident lecturer upon this subject at the Harvard Law School and Denver Law School.

In his first lecture he enumerated and explained the different systems of water rights, taking up the common law riparian system; the Roman law system; the civil law and modern code systems; and the appropriation or priority system, which is enforced in most of the western states.

In the second lecture he discussed the question as to whether it is for the state or federal government to determine what system of water rights should be enforced in the states.

In the third lecture he discussed the problem as to who may appropriate waters, what waters are subject to appropriation, and what constitutes appropriation.

In the fourth and fifth lectures he took up the subject of priorities.

In the sixth and last lecture he considered the physical works of appropriators, the rights of way therefor, the conveyance of water rights, and public service companies in their connection with water rights.

The university will again be favored by a series of lectures this year by former President Taft, from February sixteenth to nineteenth, and from May third to ninth. The subject of these lectures has not yet been announced, but he will probably speak upon some fundamental matters in American politics and diplomacy. Last year he spoke in Bailey Hall to very large audiences on "Anti-Trust Legislation," "Signs of the Times," and "What it Means to be President."

