

# FOR PURE DRINKING WATER.

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## Senator Kearns Promoting the Plan to Make Public Reservations of Watersheds That Supply Cities—Asks For the Co-operation of the People of Utah.

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(Special to The Herald.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Senator Kearns has signified his desire to use his influence in having the watersheds of Utah, in so far as they supply municipalities with drinking water, set aside as public reservations. In an interview this afternoon with a representative of The Herald, he said:

"I believe that all watersheds which supply cities with drinking water should be public reservations. It is my purpose to do everything in my power to bring this about. I have already taken up the subject with Commissioner Hermann, and I have every reason to believe that in the near future we may confidently expect such favorable action by the interior department as will insure an un-

contaminated supply of drinking water to the people of our fair state. There is no subject of more vital importance to a municipality than the purity of its water supply, and it does not require scientific knowledge to appreciate the fact that more disease is communicated through impure drinking water than any other way.

"Already I have brought several cases to the attention of government officers charged with this work and am expecting speedy action. I hope every citizen interested in the welfare of his city will assist in getting up petitions showing by metes and bounds the property included in the watershed and forward the same to me.

"As soon as this is done, I will go before the secretary of the interior myself and urge immediate investigation."