

# ANALYSIS OF BOULDER DAM BILL DRAWS U. S. FAVOR

## NEVADA STATE ENGINEER GIVES BRIEF SURVEY OF PROJECT

So that the readers of the Age will have a brief and concise analysis of the Boulder Dam legislation as passed by Congress and approved by the President we are printing the provisions of the bill as analyzed by George W. Malone, State Engineer and submitted to the Senate and the House and which President Coolidge carefully perused before he affixed his signature to the bill.

The Age suggests that its readers clip this article for future reference as it is said by government officials to be the most comprehensive analysis of the legislation in existence.

The report follows: The Boulder Dam bill provides: That 37 1/2 per cent of any moneys collected by the Secretary of the Interior above the amounts due the Government shall go to Arizona and Nevada.

That the power be sold at a price that seems justified by competitive conditions at the distributing point.

That the provision of the Federal Water Power Act and regulations of the Federal Power Commission shall be conformed with in connection with the protection of the investor and the consumer.

That there shall be readjustment periods for the sale price of the power, the first to be at the end of 15 years, and every 10 years thereafter.

That water can be sold for potable purposes outside of Imperial and Coachella valleys.

That preference be given the States for purchase of power at the switchboard for use in the State.

That a board be appointed consisting of one representative from each State, to confer in an advisory capacity with the Secretary of the Interior on matters relative to the States.

That the All-American Canal shall be constructed under the Reclamation Act, which provides that all expenditures be underwritten by the lands benefited prior to beginning the construction.

That the sum of \$25,000,000 be set aside for flood control, and in the event it should not be replaced out of power sales during the amortization period it shall be replaced thereafter out of the remaining 62 1/2 per cent of the net profits.

California's Approval Required That California shall be limited to a diversion of 4,400,000 acre-feet of water from the Colorado River; Nevada 300,000 acre-feet of water; Arizona 2,800,000 acre-feet of water, and that California must ratify this provision through her legislature before the bill shall become effective.

That a dam be constructed to a height of 550 feet with a capacity of 26,000,000 acre-feet for silt control, flood control and storage.

That power plants of 1,000,000 horsepower installed capacity to be constructed that will furnish 550,000 firm horsepower.

That firm contracts be made by the Secretary of the Interior for the sale of power generated and for the use of the water to generate power that will replace the Government investment in the dam and power plants within 50 years, before construction shall be undertaken.

That the consent of Congress is given to the seven States of Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, California and Nevada to enter into a compact for agreement supplemental to and in conformity with the Colorado River compact.

That the consent of Congress is given to the three States of California, Arizona and Nevada to enter into an agreement which shall provide that the 7,500,000 acre-feet annually apportioned to the lower basin of the seven States compact shall be divided as follows: 300,000 acre-feet to Nevada; 2,280,000 acre-feet to Arizona; and 4,400,000 acre-feet to California.

That Arizona shall have the exclusive beneficial consumptive use of the Gila River and its tributaries within the boundaries of that State.

That any rights the States may have to the water within their boundaries or the right to adopt such policies and enact such laws as they may deem necessary with respect to apportionment, control or use of the water within their borders, shall not be interfered with except as modified by interstate agreement.

The following recommendations were submitted to the Senate Committee on Reclamation and Irrigation, January 20, 1928, by the Nevada Colorado River Commission: That Nevada and Arizona should benefit from the proposed development, at least, to the extent that they would benefit if developed by private capital, second only to Government payments and any reasonable reserve.

## CLARK COUNTY BOARD WILL CHANGE MONDAY

### OLD COMMISSIONERS WILL TURN REINS OVER TO NEW

The outgoing Board of County Commissioners is holding its final session today, and on Monday will turn over the reins of county government to the new Board.

W. J. Stewart was in his accustomed place as chairman of the Board, with Commissioners Henry Rice (Sr.), and James Cashman present. The presence of District Attorney Harley A. Harmon and County Clerk Wm. L. Scott completed the attendance.

This morning's session was devoted to the passing of the claims, reading of reports of county officers, and other routine business. This afternoon will probably dispose of all remaining affairs, including the drawing of the jury panel for the year 1929.

Monday morning E. G. McGriff of Las Vegas and Albert L. Jones of Overton will be sworn in, and will serve with James Cashman, holdover member for the ensuing two years.

The Outgoing Commissioners W. J. Stewart, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for the past eight years, and Henry Rice, Sr., who has completed ten years in the service of the county are the outgoing commissioners.

Mr. Stewart's office as chairman of the Board of County Commissioners has been characterized by conservative economy, combined with shrewd progressiveness and in this he has been joined by Mr. Rice.

When the outgoing Board took office in January of 1921, finances were in a somewhat precarious condition. There was a crying need for highways in place of the dirt roads which the county had been struggling to maintain at great cost.

The new Board at once tackled the job of solving the problem of how to provide the needed highways on our then scant resources.

Working with C. C. Boyer, who had just been appointed division engineer, they spent many days studying maps, contours, and fining up the shortest and least expensive routes. Once decided on, the same procedure was again gone through with Federal engineers, who had refused Federal Aid on the route which had been adopted by the previous Board, for two reasons. One of these was the probable construction of the Boulder Dam, and the other was the great expense necessary in construction.

Too much cannot be said in praise of Mr. Stewart's role as "watch-dog of the treasury." The finances were not quite keeping step with our growing needs and desires. The transition period during which Las Vegas began to develop a real civic consciousness resulted in innumerable calls upon the county for assistance in one enterprise or another. Most of these calls had some merit, and it required a great deal of nerve and sound judgment to be able to distinguish the least worthy from the most worthy, and to make only those expenditures which could be afforded, and which would bring the greatest return to the taxpayer. Mr. Stewart watched the taxpayers' money as though it were his own. More can be said in praise of any officer charged with expenditures of public funds.

The close of their term of office sees the completion of a first class gravelled road from the California to the Arizona state lines, a large portion of which has been oiled, and plans practically completed for the oiling of the balance. In addition they have purchased a valuable tract of land for the poor farm, erected a first class building and drilling a well on the same.

These are only two of the accomplishments of the old Board, which has been long on action, and short on boasting.

To these retiring commissioners, W. J. Stewart and Henry Rice, Sr., the Age extends the appreciation and thanks of a large number of the citizens of Clark county for

## SICKNESS WILL KEEP ATHLETE OUT OF MEET

GLENDALE, Calif., Jan. 4, (AP)—All hope that Frank Wyckoff, sprinting star, will be able to compete in any track events this spring faded when, although he was reported improved, the doctors attending him declared he was in a very weakened condition.

Wyckoff has been seriously ill at his home here suffering from pneumonia following an attack of influenza.

## 'QUESTION MARK' IN 100TH HOUR

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5, (AP)—The 100th hour of a consecutive flight which has established a new world's record for endurance flying, was reached by the giant aircraft "Question Mark" at noon today when she sailed out of the south from San Diego and loafed above San Fernando valley under clear skies.

The motors appeared to be functioning perfectly.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5, (AP)—After making a perfect refueling contact to take on 150 gallons of gasoline this morning the giant airplane "Question Mark" resumed its old course between Metropolitan Field at San Fernando and San Diego.

Major Spatz, commander of the now famous ship, expressed utmost confidence in the plane and the men aboard. He said that the motors were in perfect condition.

Instructions were sent to Lieut. Moon, in charge of refueling, to again form a contact at noon and four o'clock today.

As the plane dived away it was on the last leg of the 100th hour of continuous flight. This is already a world's record.

Their ceaseless and untiring efforts for the advancement of the community.

The Incoming Commissioners Edwin G. McGriff, newly elected commissioner from the southern end of the county needs no introduction to the community he will serve. In his capacity as pioneer orchardist of this section, he has shown what hard work and intelligence will do towards producing fruit unequalled for taste and appearance. His ranch eight miles south of town is one of the show places of the county.

Mr. McGriff has served the public before, both as chairman of the Fair Board, and as a member of the Farm Bureau. His knowledge of the needs of the county, his broadmindedness, coupled with his honesty of purpose make Mr. McGriff a man who can be safely entrusted with our county government.

Albert L. Jones, commissioner from the northern end of the county, is also well known. About the year 1916 he ran for the office of county clerk on the Republican ticket, being defeated by Harley A. Harmon.

His long residence in the Moapa Valley, where he has reared a family, make him well acquainted with the needs of that section. While progressive in spirit, Mr. Jones is not impulsive, but possesses a sound sense of judgment.

An accident years ago, which resulted in the loss of one leg, did not down him, for his indomitable spirit helped him continue in the struggle, although odds were large against him.

To these gentlemen we extend the good wishes of the community, and assure them that as in the past, the Age will cooperate with them in their efforts for the welfare of the county.

The Holdover Commissioner James Cashman, commissioner from Southern Clark county for eight years will be the holdover member of the Board.

Mr. Cashman has been the progressive member of the Board, but with this progressiveness has combined a knowledge of the financial conditions of the county. He has worked harmoniously with Mr. Stewart and Mr. Rice, the retiring commissioners, and shares in the credit due this Board for its accomplishments.

## DRAMATIC TURN IN HANGING OF LOVE KILLERS

FRANKLIN, La., Jan. 5, (AP)—Sheriff Pecot has just announced that Governor Long has again reprieved Mrs. LeBouef and Dr. Dreher until next Saturday.

FRANKLIN, La., Jan. 5, (AP)—The legal aspects of the hanging of Mrs. Anna LeBouef and Dr. T. E. Dreher grew even more tangled later today when Governor Long rescinded his stay of execution and asked the Louisiana Supreme Court for instructions.

FRANKLIN, La., Jan. 5, (AP)—Governor Huey P. Long granted an 11th hour reprieve to Ada Bonner LeBouef and Dr. T. E. Dreher, who are under sentence to hang for the murder of Mrs. LeBouef's husband.

Gov. Long telephoned the penitentiary to halt execution proceedings until the legal snarl over the appointment of a sanity commission was disposed of.

## ARIZONA AGAIN OFFERS REBUKE

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 5, (AP)—The Arizona Colorado Commission has again gone on record as blocking the Boulder Dam project.

In a conclusion today they again asked that the legislature request the Attorney General to file a suit to protect their interests.

There is no alarm, however, in dam circles over this action on the part of Arizona since they have urged this action several times before.

Since Utah has signified her intention to ratify the six-state compact, Arizona's bone of contention may well be dug up now and then.

## KIWANIS WILL FETE MOAPANS

The Las Vegas Kiwanis Club will entertain the members of the Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce and their wives at a banquet in the social rooms of the Methodist Church tonight.

More than 35 members of the Valley Chamber will attend the banquet at which Bert Henderson, Las Vegas philanthropist and official toastmaster will preside.

There will be a program of addresses which will be interspersed with musical selections. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gilder will render a selection of songs. Mrs. Roscoe Thomas will play a violin number.

Following the banquet the guests will be entertained at the El Portal theater.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Methodist Church will serve the dinner.

## Watch Out For Spurious Silver Dollars

The Age wants to warn the merchants of Las Vegas against the acceptance of spurious and counterfeit silver dollars which the Age has learned are in circulation in the city.

The dollars are easily detected if they are weighed a moment in the palm of the hand since they are much lighter than the legitimate silver dollar.

The metal with which the coin was made is of low grade. It is much duller than the legitimate dollar.

The date upon the face of the coin is 1924.

An attempt has been made by the counterfeiters to imitate the newer issue of silver coins.

## REALTORS ARE BUSY CLOSING LARGE DEALS

### MARTIN - FERRON SITE SOLD TO CORRADETTI FOR CASH

Another important real estate transaction was negotiated in Las Vegas yesterday when Dr. Roy W. Martin and E. A. Ferron of the Boulder Realty Corporation sold the two story property on Fremont street occupied by the Oasis Confectionery to A. Corradetti of the Las Vegas Cleaning Works.

The terms of the deal were a trade for Mr. Corradetti's lot across the street and \$9500 in cash paid by Mr. Corradetti.

Both lots are 25 feet wide.

A new business block loomed today when a deal was completed whereby Mr. and Mrs. Morris Newkirk sold their 50 foot lot adjoining the Las Vegas Funeral Home to an unnamed buyer.

The transaction was made through O. A. Kimball, local realtor. The price paid is reported to have been \$10,000 cash.

The Boulder Realty Company sold block 23 today for \$4500 cash. This section is bounded by the intersection of Fifth and Third streets in Boulder Addition. An auto camp will be erected on the premises.

In order to take care of the many newcomers who are arriving in Las Vegas daily, the 20-30 Club has decided to remodel their clubhouse to assist in housing the visitors.

Plans are under way and it is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy within the next week.

## EVERY ROOM IN CITY MUST BE OCCUPIED

The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce sends out another call for rooms.

The housing situation in the city is critical. Hundreds are coming in daily, according to the Chamber and there must be some provision made for shelter.

The officers of the civic clubs state that many local people are averse to registering their rooms because they don't want to "make a rooming house out of their home."

This is not the case in this extreme emergency it is pointed out.

Every effort to extend the hand of hospitality ought to be made and every available room and bed ought to be registered with the Chamber of Commerce or with the hotels.

## YOUNGSTERS IN TROUBLE

Five youngsters appeared in Justice Court this morning charged with second degree burglary and were certified to the Juvenile Court before which they will appear Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The charge against them is the robbing of the B.R. Jefferson ranch near town. One of the boys has already been in the Industrial School, but was paroled some time ago. Since then, according to the statements of authorities, he has broken over twice.

## TONY ANDRINO DIES HERE

Tony Andriano died this afternoon at his residence on South Main street after months of illness.

Mr. Andriano was born in Italy, coming to this country about 40 years ago. He came to Clark county in 1910, and has made his home here since.

Plans for the funeral have not been announced.

Paraguay and Bolivia are threatening to go to war and we hope that both countries have their nives in good shape.

D. Pecetto is in town on business.

## TEX RICKARD DYING IN MIAMI BEACH AFTER OPERATION

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 5, (AP)—Tex Rickard, noted sports promoter and maker of champions was in a critical condition in a hospital here after having been operated on for gangrenous appendicitis.

Rickard's condition took a turn for the worse last night and his physicians were alarmed to the point of calling for relatives.

Jack Dempsey called at the hospital but was refused permission to see the patient.

A bulletin was issued this morning stating that Rickard's pulse was 196 and that his temperature was 102.4. Last night he registered a temperature of 104.

## LAS VEGAS GETS DIGEST NOTICE

In an interesting discussion entitled "Discord Over the Colorado Dam" in the Literary Digest of January 5 current, Las Vegas receives a goodly amount of favorable comment.

Quoting the Digest: "Shotguns and frying-pans were prent into service just before Christmas by a joy-mad populace in Las Vegas, Nevada, intent on the proper celebration of the enactment into law of the Swing-Johnson bill, generally known as the "Boulder Dam" bill, providing for the construction at the Black Canyon site in the Colorado River of a huge dam—the highest in the world. Men, women and children of the little railroad city joined in a parade led by the Mayor and the municipal band, and traveled in motor-cars the twenty-eight miles to the canyon, in order to offer prayers of thanks for the gift from the Government and the people of the nation."

Speaking of Las Vegas again the Digest remarks: "Las Vegas and the State of Nevada seem to have good cause to welcome the new legislation. They would profit enormously from the estimated expenditure of \$165,000,000, to be used in providing water, controlling floods, and generating electricity in seven Southwestern States."

And if a representative from the Literary Digest were to spend a day in this city he would learn that Las Vegas indeed has "good cause" to welcome the Boulder Dam legislation.

## TO BE OR NOT TO BE

Somewhere in San Pedro there is a honeymoon couple whose marital status is somewhat in doubt.

On New Year's Day there appeared at the home of Dr. Roy W. Martin the Rev. J. F. Fitzwater, who had acquired a divorce here in December 1927, requesting permission to use Dr. Martin's living room for the marriage of his son.

Although the Martins were giving a dinner party for which the guests were already assembling, the doctor very graciously consented to grant the favor. The ceremony was performed, joining in marriage, George Raymond Fitzwater, 26, of Los Angeles and Sela Evelyn Knott, 19, of San Bernardino.

This morning County Clerk Wm. L. Scott received a letter from the Rev. Fitzwater, at San Pedro, enclosing the marriage certificate for recording. Mr. Scott consulted the records and found that Mr. Fitzwater had never been granted a license to perform marriage ceremonies in Clark county, and consequently County Recorder S. R. Whitehead refused to record the certificate.

The law requires that before any minister of the gospel shall perform marriages he shall receive a license from the District Court and that a copy of this license shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk of every county in which he shall perform marriages.

The question to be unraveled is whether the newlyweds are married, and if so, how much so. Also did the Rev. Fitzwater commit any offense in performing a ceremony without the license required by law.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Beckley will leave this evening for Los Angeles. They plan to be gone three or four days.

## U. P. BRANCH LINE TO DAM UNDER WAY

### EXPECT TO COMPLETE PROJECT IN SIX MONTHS

Actual work of laying out the road-bed of the Union Pacific rail line to the Boulder Dam site in the Black Canyon was begun this morning when a group of 11 of the best engineers on the staff of the railroad company set out upon their trek across the desert in search of a suitable camp site.

With them came a carload of equipment.

The engineering party is led by W. S. Woodworth, assistant chief of the engineering staff of the Union Pacific who will direct the important work.

Requires Skill Perhaps no stretch of trackage in railroad history will have required the skill to lay out as will this thirty-two miles of road-bed which these workmen began this morning.

Railroad engineers usually have an alternative course or many alternatives. But it is not so with this project. The branch line must leave the main line at or near Las Vegas and it must reach Black Canyon, a short distance of 23 miles away. There is not much room for deviation. Whatever problems confront these engineers will have to be solved.

Howard A. Mann, Chief Engineer for the Union Pacific system told the Associated Press last night that the company had received full cooperation from the Bureau of Reclamation and that both Raymond Walter, the government's chief engineer in charge of the Boulder Dam construction and himself will come to Las Vegas to assist in the laying of the new branch line.

The headquarters of the engineering staff of the railroad company will be in Los Angeles, according to Mr. Mann. This is the general headquarters for the Union Pacific engineering corps, it was stated.

The construction of the 30 miles of railroad will take approximately six months. This is in accord with the plans of Dr. Elwood Mead, Commissioner of Reclamation, that the work on the dam will commence during the last part of the year.

A representative of The Age will keep in constant touch with the local engineering staff and this paper will report the step-by-step progress of the work as it proceeds.

## MISS WITHERS BACK HOME

Miss Luciel A. Withers, county nurse returned to Vegas at noon today after taking little Martin Eaton to Los Angeles where he is to be fitted with new feet.

Martin will remain in the city for another week, at least, as the feet have to be cast and fitted, and he then must be taught to walk all over again.

Martin is the six-year-old nephew of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stewart and since the terrible accident which robbed him of both feet has spent much of his time at their home and in their care.

Through the activities of the service clubs of Las Vegas, the artificial feet are made possible, and Martin is a most happy and appreciative youngster.

Although Miss Withers made the return trip in just 8 hours, the journey down was quite another story, requiring 14 hours. A sand storm was encountered this side of Bartow, which made travel impossible for considerable periods of time, and scarred the windshield of the car to the extent that it will require a new one.

## A Harvard professor has invented a machine capable of exerting 600,000 pounds of pressure per square inch. Just think how valuable this machine will be for the politician who is trying to get his congressman or senator to do something for him.