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Boulder Dam Power

About October 1, 1935, according to estimates, the first electrical power will be available at Boulder Dam. At that time the first of the 18 per cent of the firm power which will ultimately be generated at the dam apportioned for use within Nevada, will be ready for the taking if application is made in accordance with the contracts entered into by the Secretary of the Interior for the sale of the power to the primary contractees.

But few of the people of Nevada realize the vast importance of this power to the development of the state. Power is a creator of wealth more potent than any other factor entering into the financial and economic life of a community.

It has been estimated by engineers that power, put to use in a community in various forms of manufacturing, creates new wealth in that community equivalent to approximately \$2,000 for each HP of electrical energy in use. That wealth takes various forms, the first and most obvious being the investment of vast sums in plants and machinery and transmission lines; the creation of payrolls and construction of homes for workers; the creation of new business enterprises to fill the needs of the workers, meaning new business districts with hundreds of employees; and in general the stimulation of development of natural resources, in this state particularly mining.

It may be beyond the mark, but engineers have estimated that the use of 100,000 HP of electrical energy within the state of Nevada, would approximately double both the population and the wealth of the state. If it were only half that, Nevada has the opportunity to achieve wealth and population far beyond anything which the state has ever experienced through the development of its Comstock lode; the silver of Tonopah or the wealth of Goldfield.

But, as with most good things, there is a hidden string tied to this prospective prosperity. That is the desire of politicians to use this Nevada power for peddling to the highest bidder; or the placing of a profit, tax or royalty upon the power for the benefit of the state treasury.

At first glance it would seem a noble political purpose to place a charge for use of this power sufficient, theoretically, to carry on the business of the state. But it is obvious that such a charge, or any charge if attempted, would defeat its own end. The power would not be used and there would be no revenue. And the natural resources of the state would go undeveloped while southern California reaps the profits from what should be ours.

The danger is that politicians, especially those of the northern part of the state where Boulder Dam power is still but a myth, will use this tremendously valuable power opportunity as a political football.

We of the south must keep it clearly in mind that, to be of value to the state, this power must be available to industries at absolute cost. And industries must know, before they will invest their millions that the power charge is fixed and unchangeable at the lowest possible minimum.

WIFE WAS PUNISHMENT

SEATTLE —(UP)— Lester Stick, 36, salesman, fears his wife and so was sentenced to report to her when he got intoxicated. Judge Joseph A. Sweeney, of the police court, told Stick to go home and tell his wife as a sentence for intoxication. Stick said his wife handles a mean skillet.

COLORADO RIVER FISH BURNED

MARBLE FALLS, Tx. —(UP)— With the Colorado River here lower than for years, State Game Wardens burned dead fish left in dried pools. Drying pools were cleared of fish, which were carried to deeper parts of the stream.

PHILADELPHIA CRIME DOWN

PHILADELPHIA —(UP)— Crime in Philadelphia decreased 28 per cent during the last four years, ac-

HUGE BASS EXHIBITED

CONCORD, N. H. —(UP)— Perhaps the biggest bass ever taken from the New England waters has been mounted and placed on exhibition at the Museum of New Hampshire Natural History. It weighs 9¾ pounds and is 23 inches long.

BLACK FALLOW DEER BORN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. —(UP)— The birth of a black fallow deer to a white fallow doe in the Swope Park Zoo here has increased the number of recent births to ten and turned attendants into nursemaids for the new arrivals.

According to the report of the Philadelphia Criminal Justice Association in its annual report for 1933. In 1930, 9,567 cases were reported, compared with 6,838 cases in 1933.

SOCIETY

Hostess to Contract Club Wednesday

Mrs. W. E. Ferron was hostess to two tables of contract Wednesday evening. Guests included Mesdames A. W. Ham, R. B. Griffith, C. L. Ronnow, J. F. Cahlan, A. E. Cahlan, W N Schuyler, Guy Baker and C C. Boyer.

Entertains Community Bridge Club Wednesday

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Will Beckley entertained the Community Bridge club at the home of Mrs. J. T. Watters. Those present were: Mesdames W. N. Schuyler, Roy W. Martin, R. B. Griffith, W. E. Ferron, S. J. Lawson, J. T. Watters, Guy Baker and C. C. Boyer.

Entertain Members of Aerial Bridge Club

Mrs. Chas. L. Dimock entertained members of the Aerial Bridge club and a few guests Wednesday afternoon. Luncheon was served at the Apache Cafe after which several hours of contract was enjoyed on the mezzanine floor. Mrs. J. M. Ullom won the club prize for high score, while Mrs. W. S. Park won the consolation prize. Those present included: Mesdames J. R. Stephens, C. S. Wengert, C. C. Boyer, J. M. Ullom, W. B. Mundy, Mary Hewetson, W. N. Schuyler, Roy W. Martin, Frank Gusewelle, C. D. Breeze and W. S. Park.

REMODELED HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Lawson plan the complete remodeling of the family home at Third and Lewis streets, and expect to have work begun early this coming week.

Plans include extensive alterations of the interior, the addition of several new rooms, and the installation of heating and cooling systems.

TO MOTOR TO FILLMORE

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mundy plan to motor to Fillmore, Utah Saturday to visit their son and daughter in law Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mundy. On their return Sunday they will bring with them their grandson, William Mundy, for a visit.

BOB ADAMS RETURNS

Bob Adams, for several years connected with the Nevada bar has returned to Las Vegas after an eight months trip through the western states and a voyage to the Hawaiian Islands. Bob says he is glad to be back at the old stand and his many friends wish him well.

TO LEAVE FOR GLENDALE

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ronnow expect to leave tomorrow for Glendale where they plan to spend a portion of the summer.

VACATIONING ON COAST

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blanding and the children plan to leave Saturday to spend a vacation of several weeks on the coast.

OUTDOOR OPERA GETS CROWD

ST. LOUIS, Mo. —(UP)— Crowds of approximately 10,000 are frequently drawn to the St. Louis Municipal outdoor opera which plays at night. The average crowd at major league baseball games here is about 2,500.

HARVARD CAT FOR RUM

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. —(UP)— Benjamin Pumpkins, official cat in Leverett House at Harvard University, reportedly is very fond of rum punch and light wines, but cannot drink whisky, straight or otherwise.

CAR STOLEN

The Chevrolet coupe belonging to Sam Stearns and stolen from its parking place on North First St. Wednesday night has been recovered by the Sheriff at Kingman, Ariz.

Insull Family Hold Reunion

