

Human Opinions

We sometimes wonder at the great divergence of opinions which exist among peoples who live under the same environments. When we listen to the answers that are given by some people to questions which are propounded to them and learn of the greatly differing meanings of the replies our wonderment continues. Quite recently a man who was widely traveled in the American and European continents, when asked if he had seen Boulder dam, replied "No," and further stated that "he had seen lots of big dams and another one would not be interesting".

After some persuasion, however, he was taken to the dam and saw it from the great generators to the far-flung shorelines of Lake Mead. For a time he seemed lost in contemplation and then remarked: "Well, a man sometimes thinks he has seen it all and knows it all, but here is one time when a really super-gigantic project only becomes known through actual contact with the physical conditions. If I had not been urged to come here I would have missed the greatest example of man's work that the world knows."

There are a lot of things in this world of which we have only a slight conception. With this slight conception we are mostly satisfied and we pass along the opportunities to further inform ourselves, content with the small amount of knowledge we possess. The proof that our people are not informed of many things with which they should be conversant is undeniably present when we listen to the varying answers that are given by different people to the same identical question.

A man who has been working in the mines of the county for several years the other day replied to the question asked by a tourist: "What supports this town?" The reply was, "Well, there are some cattle on the ranges and there are a few ranches on the Sandy."