

Ogden, Utah, Mar. 5. (AP)—William H. Wattis, president of Six Companies, Inc., low bidder on Hoover dam, was born in the outskirts of Ogden, August 14, 1859, a son of pioneer parents. He worked as a farmer, laborer and miner and with his brother, E. O. Wattis a vice president of Six Companies, Inc., later entered the contracting business and in 1900 aided in organization of the Utah Construction company. That firm's largest job was a \$20,000,000 construction contract for the Western Pacific railroad.

William H. Wattis was nominated by the Republicans in 1918 as representative from the first Utah district, but he was defeated in a Democratic landslide. He was nominated as Republican candidate for governor of this state in 1928 but was defeated by George H. Dern, Democrat, seeking reelection.

He is a bank director, coal mine operator and recently retired as general manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company.