

Arizona Repents

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Dr. Elwood Mead, a frequent visitor to Phoenix almost ever since the organization of the U. S. Reclamation service and who has consistently demonstrated his friendliness to the valley, has come and gone again, and left nothing of his views concerning our problems, save such as he may have imparted to Governor Moeur and the Colorado River Commission.

His visit was for the gathering, and not the disseminating of information. He will make known the result of his visit to the secretary of the interior and we feel that we will not be unjustly dealt with in his report.

There is only one problem which we can conceive was given any consideration in Dr. Mead's conferences on Friday—one relating to the Parker-Gila project which also impinged upon another problem, the Parker dam. We suppose Dr. Mead gave no attention to a proposal to re-open the subject of our rights in the Colorado. That appears to have been finally disposed of. And in the disposition of it we would no doubt have fared much better if we had not made the subject a foolish, local political issue for six years in which neither the government nor the other river states had any concern.

But in spite of our supreme folly in dealing with the Colorado question we have no doubt that ultimately we will get every benefit from the river that could possibly accrue to us from the construction of the Boulder Canyon dam.

Considering the jackassical gyrations of Arizona, every two years, capped by its repudiation of an agreement with the federal government which we had incorporated into our constitution, in an attempt to repeal an act of the federal congress. we think we shall finally fare better than we could have expected to fare, in the disposition of the waters of the Colorado.