

# LAWLER NAMED BUILDING CHIEF ON GREAT DAM

San Franciscan, in Charge  
of Hoover Project, Given  
Praise by Wattis

H. J. Lawler of San Francisco, for many years manager of the Utah Construction Company, was last week appointed general manager of Six Companies, Inc., contractor who will build the \$48,890,000 Hoover dam.

"Lawler has built dams, railroads, power lines and highways. In fact every kind of construction job in the deserts has fallen to his lot, and like Frank T. Crowe, the construction superintendent, who will run things at Las Vegas and at the dam he just eats up that sort of thing and is never happy except when engaged in desert work, the tougher the better," said W. H. Wattis, president of the Big Six.

Lawler will make his headquarters at the San Francisco office of the Six Companies, Inc., but expects to spend at least half his time at Hoover dam, once the big job gets under way in another year.

## CROWE FLIES TO S. F.

Crowe, running true to his reputation of doing surprising things in an unexpected way, dropped in at the offices of Six Companies, Inc. one day last week. As soon as he was informed that Lawler was to be general manager, Crowe flew to San Francisco, conferred for five hours with the new manager and the higher officials, and hopped back to Las Vegas.

"He did not even change his clothes or bring a grip," said Wattis adding "but that's just like him."

The directors of the company held two meetings last week in the room of the president at the St. Francis Hospital. Major details of the new dam job were gone over and arranged. At the meeting held last Friday, M. S. Eccles, director of the Utah Construction Company and vice president of the First National Bank, Ogden, was present to advise on financial details.

## WAITING FOR CONTRACT

The company is still waiting receipt of the contract from the Federal Reclamation Service. It is being drafted at the Denver office of the service and is expected to arrive any time. The Big Six received official notice of the award of the contract two weeks ago.

"Delay in signing the contract is not causing any trouble," said Wattis. "Crowe is about ready to start construction of some of the smaller camps, the railroad to Boulder City is under way, the power company is erecting its line, and things are moving along in fine shape. One must remember that this is a big job, just about the biggest on record. It may look slow now, but wait until things get going on all fronts. It will take two years of preliminary work before work on the dam itself is started."