

DEVELOPMENT IN AREA LOOMS RESIDENTS TELL VEGAS CHAMBER

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Vast Mining Properties
May Be Opened Thru
Use of Cheap Power

ASK POWER LINE

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A mining empire in the Pioche district second to none in the United States, a vast development of all of southern and eastern Nevada, thru stimulating the great mines of that area by the use of cheap Boulder Dam power, was pictured vividly last evening when representatives of the Pioche and Las Vegas chambers of commerce met for a preliminary discussion of various plans for realizing early construction of a power line from Boulder Dam to Pioche.

The Lincoln county district was described as the most highly mineralized area in the United States, with 100,000,000 tons of ore waiting to be turned into the markets of trade. This ore contains lead, zinc, and ferro-manganese in large quantities, with a small amount of silver. For many years it has been mined largely for the lead and zinc values, with the important content of iron and manganese going to the smelters solely for flux.

White Pine county was pictured as ready to use a large block of power if a power line were available for the copper smelters in that district, while the Bunker Hill and Sullivan operations at Tybo in Nye county, would be greatly benefited thru use of cheap power from Boulder Dam, outstanding engineers declared.

Chief discussion centered around the development of the Pioche and Las Vegas areas, with one being dependent on the other, in the minds of those studying the matter.

In Pioche, three large mining concerns, W. F. Snyder and Sons, International Smelting and Refining company, and National Lead, have for several years been quietly consolidating their holdings, clearing title and buying out small stockholders, representatives stated.

Work on all of the properties has been confined almost wholly to development, with very little ore shipped. The next step is the erection of milling facilities to handle

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the ore, and it is here that the Boulder Dam power is expected to be used.

J. H. Beuhler, president of the Lincoln county chamber of commerce, and general superintendent of operations for W. F. Snyder & Sons, declared his company would be ready to contract for 5,000 horsepower almost immediately, for their operations. He stated he was certain one of the other concerns could do likewise, and predicted that within the next few years a total of 20,000 horsepower would be used in the district for mining and domestic purposes.

"We anticipate the ore will be milled at Pioche and the concentrates shipped to Las Vegas for refining," Beuhler said. "That makes it a problem of importance to both Clark and Lincoln counties, and I believe we should work together in this development."

His remarks were supplemented by David B. Gemmil, president of the Prince Consolidated Mining company, who pointed out that the cost of extracting the values from ore mined in the Pioche district