

MINES BUREAU OFFICIAL HERE FOR MONTH JOB

Trip Is Planned to Reveal What Boulder Dam Power Can Do for Area

The first step in a definite program looking toward the development of southern Nevada thru the medium of cheap power to be available upon completion of the Boulder canyon project, has been taken by the Nevada State Bureau of Mines, with the dispatching to Las Vegas for an indefinite period, of A. M. Smith, mining engineer, to make a complete survey of the non-metallic resources of this section.

Clark County has long been known to harbor within its borders almost every known non-metallic mineral, the majority being in commercial quantities, and the state bureau of mines proposes to gather together accurate data on the location, quantity and utility of all deposits, to be used by the Colorado river commission in attracting industries to this section.

SMITH WILL be in this section at least a month, and if his investigations require a longer time, he will remain until they are completed.

"Clark county is rich in non-metallics," Smith declared this morning," and will undoubtedly absorb a big block of Boulder dam power. Our problem is to get the data in such shape that we can interest large firms in coming in to develop these vast resources."

Smith is stopping at the National hotel and has issued a request for all prospectors and miners who have claims or know of the existence of non-metallics to get in touch with him, calling personally or leaving their address or telephone number so he can contact them himself.

"IT IS ESSENTIAL that we have the cooperation of the owners of these properties, and those who know the location of deposits, for it is virtually impossible to make a survey of every inch of ground in the county ourselves," Smith said.

"If we can get a comprehensive list of all the non-metallic resources of the county, to supplement the data we already have on the metallics, it will go a long way in aiding our campaign to bring industries to southern Nevada to absorb Boulder dam power.

"WE HAVE large number of inquiries coming in now regarding Clark county's resources — they have been increasing in number ever since the Boulder dam was started, and we must be in a position to answer them intelligently if we are to render the service we should," he said.

Smith will devote his first activities to the St. Thomas district which boasts of vast deposits of sodium sulphate, magnesite, silica, salt and other non-metallics, and will then visit the other sections of the county.

DURING HIS stay here, he expects to check up on mineral deposits as well, and will visit the Key West district in the northern part of the county, Goodsprings, Searchlight, Eldorado canyon and other known mineralized areas.

"I am interested in metallics as well as non-metallics," Smith said, "and would like to have all prospectors who have anything of value get in touch with me during my stay here."