

Merritt, Chapman and Scott, veteran contracting firm, retained by the Union Pacific to build the Boulder dam railroad a couple of years ago, made an error of \$500,000 in a recent dam job bid in the Los Angeles area, according to recent reports. The mistake was not discovered until after the bid had been accepted, and now they're being held to the contract. Nice prospect ahead—\$500,000 lost before a shovel-full of dirt has been turned. But it happens, in the best regulated families—only some are bigger than others.