

# BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE HISTORY OF THE COLORADO, ITS CONQUEST

(IN FIVE PARTS)

## Part One.

A most interesting story is that of the taming of the mighty Colorado. The Boulder City Journal purposes to give its readers an outline of that story, during the next four or five issues.

From the early days of difficult exploration by frail craft, days of flood and mystery, down to the period of Hoover dam construction, many events of great interest are recorded.

Now, a year after the start of the building of Hoover dam and Boulder City, a summary of the more important historic events, arranged chronologically, is made possible here thru kindness of the local office of the bureau of reclamation, thru first release, in this fashion, of a series of facts taken from the records of that office.

This series, clipped from day to day, will give Journal readers something valuable to preserve for reference:

1537—Francisco de Ulloa with three caravels (light sailing ships) came from Spain to the mouth of the Colorado. The tide prevented his exploring the river.

1540—Hernando de Alarcon with three ships explored the river to a point 50 miles north of where Yuma now stands.

1843—John C. Fremont expeditions touching the shores.

1857—Lieut. John C. Ives in his stern wheeler "Explorer" journeyed up as far as Black canyon, where his boat was damaged on a rock. It was repaired and return trip made. His was the first trip upstream as far as Black canyon.

1869—J. W. Powell's expeditions

1878—Southern Pacific finished from Colton to Yuma.

1884—Flood, worst in recent decades, estimated at 284,000 to 384,000 second feet.

1896—Imperial Valley development started.

1901—Completion of the Imperial canal.

1901-02—J. P. Lippincott and Jeremiah Ahern made trip by boat, on Colorado river. Dam sites noted at Boulder canyon and Black canyon.

1902—June 17 — "Reclamation

Act" approved by President Roosevelt, that money from sale of public lands reserved for reclamation of government lands.

1903—E. T. Perkins surveyed along Colorado river, 25 miles south of the Black canyon to the Mexican boundary. Recommended investigations of the dam-sites at Parker, Bullshead, Las Vegas Wash (Black Canyon) and the Boulder canyon.

1904—Construction on Yuma project approved.

1905—Break on the Colorado river, endangering Imperial valley. Repaired by Southern Pacific railroad company.

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