

BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE HISTORY OF THE COLORADO, ITS CONQUEST

(IN FIVE PARTS)

PART FOUR

1930—John C. Page, Ralph Lowry and Earl R. Mills, were engaged on the Hoover dam project as office engineer, field engineer and chief clerk.

In September a celebration was held at Boulder Junction near Las Vegas, with Ray Lyman Wilbur, inaugurating construction work of Hoover dam project by driving the initial spike of Nevada silver into a railroad tie on the branch railroad. At this time Secretary Wilbur named the dam in Black canyon as Hoover dam, and the construction camp at the summit, Boulder City.

Contract for power for construction purposes awarded to the Nevada-California Power company and the Southern Sierras Power company, 222 miles of three-conductor transmission line and a substation built. Camp No. 2 was established for diamond drillers. Test tunnels started to determine the geological structure of the dam abutments. An employment office was opened in Las Vegas by Leonard T. Blood, commissioner of the United States department of labor, handling employment matters on the Boulder canyon project. Survey work started on laying out Boulder City according to the plan submitted by Consulting City Planner S. R. DeBoer, in December.

1931—The headquarters of District Counsel, J. R. Alexander, were transferred from Montrose, Colorado to Las Vegas, Nevada, on January 1st.

Contract awarded to the General Construction company of Seattle, Washington for construction of 7.3 miles of highway between Boulder City and Hoover dam. Contract completed on July 31, 1931. Contract was awarded to Lewis Construction company of Los Angeles, California for construction of 10.2 miles of standard gauged railroad, completed September 4, 1931. In February the Union Pacific branch of the Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad to Boulder City was opened to traffic.

On February 14, congress appropriated \$15,000,000 to continue construction of Hoover dam approved by President Hoover. March 11, Secretary of the Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur approved award of contract for the construction of the Hoover dam, power plant and appurtenant works to the Six Companies, Inc. Frank T. Crowe, general manager in charge of construction for the Six Companies, Inc., established offices at Las Vegas. Contract was awarded to Wheelwright Construction company, Ogden, Utah, for the construction of the Boulder City water supply pipe line. Contract

completed September 8, 1931. Contract was awarded to Storm and

Mahoney, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada for the construction of a steel warehouse, contract completed May 27. In May the Six Companies, Inc., awarded the contract for the operation of all its mess houses to the Anderson Brothers Supply company of Los Angeles and San Francisco. The Six Companies started excavation of the Boulder

City highway. A contract was awarded to Pickering Brothers, Salt Lake City, Utah, for the construction of telephone line from Boulder City to the Hoover dam, the contract completed May 29, 1931. Contract was awarded to the Newbery Electric corporation of Los Angeles, California for the construction of 7 miles of trans-

mission lines on the project, contract completed July 9, 1931. A contract was awarded to California Steel Products Company of San Francisco, California for the furnishing and erection of Tanks and air vants for the Boulder City water supply system, completed August 19, 1931.

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