

NUGGETS OF BOULDER COLOR

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RIVER ON HIS SIDE

The Colorado river, greatest conspirator in the southwest, conspired with C. A. Williams to win him \$135.

And here's how it all came about.

Early in May someone remarked to Williams that a pool was being gotten up, with guesses as to high water flow between May 10 and July 1. Five dollars a crack. Winner take all.

Thought they didn't allow any gambling on the reservation.

But this is not gambling. It's a game of skill.

The river already had shown signs of rising to fierce proportions during the spring, and what with all that snow up in her headwaters, there would be a high flood this year.

And some of the boys were making pretty high guesses.

"Well," said Williams, "here's my five dollars that she'll reach 99,999 second feet at her peak between those dates."

"Hm, that's a low guess."

But that guess stuck. The other guesses were as follows:

Bernard Williams, 89,000 second feet; T. M. Price, 101,000; Ralph Lowry, 103,000; Leigh G. Cairns, 107,500; Chas. A. Shea, 118,000; Floyd Huntington, 118,000; J. P. Yates, 122,000; W. L. Moreland, 126,500; F. T. Crowe, 129,000; Edw. Brockman, 132,000; Wm. R. Ellis, 133,000; H. E. Anderson, 133,500; H. J. Lawler, 145,000; W. A. Betchel, 147,000; Felix Kahn, 157,000; C. P. Bedford, 157,000; N. S. Sansteby, 158,000; B. T. Goodenough, 161,400; C. J. Seymour, 167,000; Mike Miller, 176,500; A. H. Ayers, 177,000; N. S. Crocker, 173,500; N. S. Gallison, 182,000; B. A. Peters, 192,000; Walker R. Young, 196,000; and Henry J. Kaiser, 200,000.

Nobody knows where Williams went to conspire with the Colorado river, whether he bribed it or just plain intimidated it into line—but the fact remains that his conspiracy worked.

Recently all the participants re-

ceived word that the highest flow was 97,200 second feet, at 8 a. m., May 30, according to the Geological survey gauge near Topock, Arizona, which station was selected by the contestants as the official one for the pool.

The river is now showing signs of rising again, and may yet approach some of those higher guesses, but the breaking of a certain hot spell aided the arch conspirator, the Colorado, in handing C. A. Williams a nice pool, \$135, thru the hands of J. F. Reis, administration manager for Six Companies Inc., and who was custodian of the funds until the "contest" period was over.

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