

HEAD OF BOULDER CONTRACTORS LIVED HERE

W. A. Bechtel, who heads the Six Companies, Inc., which will build the great dam and other main works at Boulder dam on the Colorado river, is a former resident of Nevada, having been employed here for about two years as a civil engineer when the Southern Pacific Company was straightening its line through this state. While here he made his headquarters at Reno and Wadsworth.

"I came to Nevada in 1902," said Bechtel yesterday. "Al Barkley was in charge of the railroad's construction work and I was one of his employes. After the work was completed I returned to California."

Bechtel visited Reno and Carson yesterday on business connected with the Six Companies, Inc. He said he was not related to William H. Bechtel, for many years manager of the old Reno, Power, Light & Water Company.