

Protecting Nevada's Industries

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Few steps have been taken so far to assure Nevada a continued income from the 18 per cent of power allotted to this state from the Boulder dam congressional action. In the event that Nevada does not use this power, and present indications are that it will not be used in this state, it will be used in Southern California. Nevada will realize an income from this sale, but how long will that income last? Isn't it possible that California will take action later to have this power allotted to her upon the grounds that it is not being used in Nevada and consequently should be assigned to California? This is only a surmise, but it is worthy of consideration.

Various suggestions have been made for the use of this power throughout the state of Nevada. One of these came from Judge E. P. Carville today and it is worthy of consideration. The Judge believes that it would be possible for the power companies of the state to get together upon a plan for the extension of a power line thruout the state of Nevada, so that the power could be put to use in Nevada's various cities. He points to the possibilities of diverting such power into areas for mining development and feels the state should not be negligent in making early preparations for the use of this power.

His stand is well taken. It may be that an engineering survey of the project he suggests will prove it to be impractical. However, if this plan is not good, others might be tried.

In commenting upon the subject the judge pointed out that Nevadans are prone to let opportunities slip by, which other states capitalize upon. "We raise fine cattle and sheep," he declared. "They are shipped out, dressed and shipped back to us for sale. A chance for revenue is thus lost by such action."

What he says is true to a great extent. Nevada has but few industries upon which to capitalize and it should do the best it can to build up new sources of revenue.

There is no time like the present to give consideration to such subjects. The best minds of the state should be at work devising ways and means for Nevada to realize its natural resource—the Boulder dam.