

# Final Step In Legal Procedure Completed Before Orr Today

## SUITS ARE FILED

All Action Taken This Morning On A Friendly Basis In Court

Payment of \$180,913.77 in taxes by Six Companies, Boulder City company and Anderson Bros. Supply company will be made to County Treasurer J. M. Ullom within the next few days as a result of the completion of the final step in legal procedure before Judge W. E. Orr in the district court in Las Vegas this morning.

This procedure consisted of the filing of a suit by District Attorney Harley A. Harmon against the three companies, setting up the full amount of taxes alleged due for the years 1931 and 1932, the filing of an answer by Six Companies attorneys, Leo A. McNamee of Las Vegas and Samuel S. Stevens of San Francisco, setting up the compromise agreement, and the rendering of judgment by Judge Wm. E. Orr on behalf of the state in accordance with the terms of the compromise.

ALL OF THIS action was taken at the morning session of court and at 10:10 was completed, the action being on a friendly basis to settle the issue once and for all.

McNamee requested a stay of judgment of fifteen days "in order that the vouchers can be prepared" and following the adjournment of court Stevens stated the checks would be in the hands of the county treasurer "within a week or ten days."

There remains only the dismissal in the federal court in Carson City of the actions instituted against F. C. DeVinney, county assessor, by Six Companies to restrain him from collecting the taxes, and this is expected to be done within the next day or two, according to District Attorney Harley A. Harmon.

SIX COMPANIES and its subsidiaries, will therefore pay 1931 and 1932 taxes in accordance with the judgment of the court, and 1933 taxes according to the terms of the compromise, Stevens said.

The 1931-32 taxes amount to \$40,692.48, the 1933 taxes \$37,929,

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and poll taxes for the three years total in excess of \$39,000, bring-

ing the total amount to \$180,-913.77.

THE \$39,000 will go directly into

the county road fund in accordance with the statute governing poll taxes. The remainder will be distributed among the various

county and school funds, with the state receiving approximately one-

fifth.

District Attorney Harmon, commenting on the final settlement declared: "It's been a long hard fight and I'm glad it's over. I regard

the winning of this case before Judge Norcross in the federal court and the subsequent settlement which was completed today as the crowning achievement of my long career as district attorney of Clark county, for I feel that through my efforts this county is about to collect taxes on all property within the Boulder dam reservation.

"I WISH ALSO to pay tribute to Sam Stevens and Paul Marrin, attorneys for the dam contractors," Harmon continued. "They were good fighters, but gentlemen all the way through, and everything was conducted on a friendly basis at all times."

County Assessor F. C. DeVinney who has also taken a leading part in the fight, expressed himself as well satisfied the question was settled once and for all, and particularly that Clark county gained its much needed revenue from the dam properties.

DeVINNEY SAID he had all 1931 and 1932 taxes collected from those within the so-called reservation and expected to complete the 1933 collections within the next few weeks.