

# H. C. GARDETTE TELLS CROWD OF PLANS OF L. A. POWER AND LIGHT

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mission Line

What members of the Las Vegas chamber of commerce consider as one of the most enthusiastic meetings in the history of that organization, was held in the U. P. dining room at noon today, when nearly 100 persons comprising city and county officials, business and professional women gathered to greet H. C. Gardette, chief construction and designing engineer of the bureau of light and power of the city of Los Angeles.

They heard him recite some of the incidents occurring in the past few years, and listened intently as he recounted many of the obstacles that had to be overcome before this great project—second only to Boulder dam in magnitude—could finally be launched. He declared that his department is deeply gratified over the earnest co-operation shown it by the citizens of Clark county. He said that

the great task of building the power line from Los Angeles to the dam has barely started; that it will extend for a distance of 165 miles and over \$13,000,000 will actually be expended in construction of the line. Fully a third of this amount will be spent in Nevada, and all labor, as far as possible, used on this side of the state line will be performed by residents of Nevada.

“WE ARE NOT coming into Nevada as a construction outfit,” Gardete said, “but expect to be with you for a great many years to come. We will be an operating agency in Clark county, and you may be assured that we will, at all times, gladly co-operate with you in any manner that may prove for the best interests of your community. There will, of course, be many problems arising that must be ironed out, and we will, in the future, as in the past, do our share toward continuing the friendly relations that now exist between us.”

A. C. Grant, president of the chamber of commerce in introducing Gardette, pointed out that the biggest thing right now is close co-operation, declaring that the city of Los Angeles did much toward bringing about construction of Boulder dam. Grant assured the speaker that he will have the whole-hearted support of this community in the vast undertaking, which is bringing thousands of dollars into this section and giving employment to many men who might otherwise be idle.

A LARGE delegation of business men of Boulder City attended the meeting, at which was also represented nearly every civic organization of Las Vegas.

Several officials of the bureau of light and power were in attendance, as were also representatives of the Nevada state highway department.

Ryland G. Taylor stressed the fact that the city of Los Angeles comes here in "great humility, with no blare of trumpets or broadcasting of what is to be done, simply getting down to the big task ahead of it, and asking nothing but a simple thing—our friendship." At his suggestion, a rising vote of thanks was tendered the visitors, as an evidence of the spirit of cooperation that is manifest here.