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## WATER USERS' ANNUAL MEETINGS START THE WORK FOR YEAR 1914

### WATER USERS' Annual New Board and New Council Ready for Organization Sessions Starting at 10 o'clock This Morning. Other Meetings

### VAN DER VEER MAKES REPORT

#### Story of Project Work for Last Fiscal Twelvemonth Contained in Letter addressed to Board—Predict Good Future

With the newly elected directors and councilmen in office for the first time, the 1914 year of the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association opens today. Today will be a day of meetings—winding up old business, starting new. There will be four sessions today:

9:00 A. M.—Meeting of old board of governors.  
10:00 A. M.—Organization session of council.  
12:00 A. M.—Organization meeting new board.  
2:00 P. M.—Joint meeting new board and council.

President John P. Orme and Vice President E. W. Wilbur will be on hand. Secretary Van der Veer, Treasurer George Lutering and Counsel George D. Christy will also attend. It will be at the meeting of the new board that the last three named officers will be discussed as incumbents for next year's work. It is believed that all three are candidates for re-election.

The work of the association for the year past will be found laid out in the following report.

To the Board of Governors,  
Salt River Valley Water Users' Ass'n, Gentlemen:

In accordance with the custom of recent years the following brief outline is given of the events which have marked one of the busiest years in the history of the association.

#### Reorganization of U. S. R. S.

The year commenced with the president and legal adviser in Washington on general conference with the secretary of the interior over the policy to be pursued by the national administration in carrying on the business of the reclamation service. One of the results of that conference was the practical reorganization of the reclamation service and its establishment on a commission basis with five commissioners, each at the head of a distinct department of the work. During the year the association has received visits from three of the commissioners, the last being Mr. E. D. O'Donnell, supervisor of irrigation. As an eminently successful practical farmer and irrigator, Mr. O'Donnell is able and willing to give much valuable advice and helpful direction in solving questions of cultivation, use of water, crop rotation, concentrating products for the most profitable marketing and like subjects. His promise to be the "shock absorber" between the secretary of the interior and the water users will probably result in many future visits to the project.

Another result of the May conference is a closer relation between the association and reclamation officials and the consultation with the governing body of the association before anything of moment is undertaken by project officials.

A prominent example of the new spirit of co-operation, deference to the wishes and regard for the advice of the association was shown in the constitution of the board of survey for limiting the project and determining the irrigable area. Mr. Frank H. Parker, one of the three members of this board was appointed by the association and has done the bulk of the detail work in preparing the findings of the survey board, of which the final report will soon be made.

#### Time Extension

A second trip to Washington was made by the president and legal adviser, this time to further the bill for extension of time of payment of construction charges to twenty years and also to prevent the immediate opening of the project. In the latter case they were successful and in the former the extension bill, with extremely favorable provisions, has passed the senate and has prospects for early and equally favorable prospects in the house.

#### Arizona National Park

The association has initiated the movement for a national park to be established to embrace the Roosevelt reservoir and approaches. In this movement hearty support has been given by commercial bodies of the country and a satisfactory bill has been prepared and sent on for introduction in congress.

#### Operation Amendments

A special election was held last summer for the approval of important amendments to the articles of incorporation and also for an expression of opinion on the advisability of the association taking over the operation and maintenance of canals in whole or in part. While the vote cast on the last proposition was overwhelmingly in its favor, it was subsequently deemed wise to await any definite action looking to this end until the distributing system is more uniformly completed

#### Board of Governors

District 1—Rudolph Johnson  
District 2—P. M. Wilkinson  
District 3—H. J. Hanson  
District 4—J. J. Casey  
District 5—L. Lassen  
District 6—E. J. Bennett  
District 7—Foster Rockwell  
District 8—W. J. Clemans  
District 9—H. B. Morris  
District 10—W. W. Dolson

#### The Council

First District—Geo. W. Walters, H. K. Patch, Rudolph Kuchler.  
Second District—Hosca Greenhaw, Henry M. Weiborn, W. H. Wilky.  
Third District—George R. Kay, Henry Hilbert, L. E. Graham.  
Fourth District—S. Reed, A. G. Smoot, E. E. Jack.  
Fifth District—J. R. Bradshaw, K. S. Townsend, J. L. Irvin.  
Sixth District—J. H. Fleming, Gordon Tweed, W. J. Murphy.  
Seventh District—Chas. Miller, W. J. Osborn, Wm. Creighton.  
Eighth District—M. O. Swallow, J. H. Dolson, A. G. Austin.  
Ninth District—M. C. Phelps, Ed Tway, Alma W. Davis.  
Tenth District—Chas. Peterson, J. W. Heffner, W. T. Tweedy.

and water supply conditions more favorable.

#### Increase Water Supply

At the regular election this year at which was cast the largest vote ever balloted in the history of the association, it was decided by a large majority the policy of increasing the available water supply first by installing pumping plants and next by a reservoir on the Verde, if it is found feasible. This is in accordance with the recommendations of the survey board, endorsed by the governing bodies of the association and finally by vote of the shareholders.

The association was visited and received a most instructive address, full of valuable suggestions on "Bural Credits" by Professor Kenyon L. Fetterfield, president of the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

#### Power Development

Work has progressed the development of the power possibilities of the project, in accordance with the contract for such construction previously entered into. The Arizona Falls plant was completed and put in operation early in the year. At the Cross-cut plant the connecting canal, with its necessary concrete structures, has been completed and has been in use to carry water. The pressure pipes are completed and the plant itself is almost 30 per cent completed, with all machinery on the ground ready for installation as soon as each unit of the water passage is cast and ready for the generating machinery. It is expected this will be accomplished by the end of the calendar year.

In connection with the power development is its proposed use by community distribution. This is being worked out for one proposed company with the aid of the association engineer, an office established and filled during the year.

There have been twenty-four meetings of the board of governors, or an average of two a month. In addition the board has met jointly with the council four times and the council has held six meetings, for the transaction of business.

#### Added Acreages

During the year just closed there have been received and filed 74 new subscription contracts, ranging from two to 150 acres each, and adding 4,772 acres to the total now subscribed within the boundaries of the reservoir district, leaving out the acreage excluded by the restricted boundaries of the district, as defined by the survey board and practically now adopted, there is left approximately 219,000 acres in the association. Of this number about 11,000 acres are state school lands, and about 17,000 acres homestead entries.

Deeds of record are the only transfer of land recognized by the association and these there have been 1645 filed during the year, an increase of 21 per cent over last year. The total number represents more than double the transfers of title there were five years ago.

This large increase in transfers is shown in the compiling of the register of voters for the recent annual election. That book contained this year 403 names as compared with 228 for the previous year and that after leaving out a number of owners of land under the Utah and Tempe canals, which is withdrawn from the district, this made an increase, this year, of 19.7 per cent. In five years the election register has almost doubled or from 2130 to 4034. In the same time the possible vote has increased from 119,204 to 170,581.

#### Finances

Starting the year with a balance of \$421,386.59, there has been received from all sources \$71,735.14, for this amount there were issued 867 individual receipts. There have been paid out by means of 652 warrants the sum of \$289,663.35, leaving a balance on hand of \$123,458.38, deposited as usual at interest in Phoenix, Mesa, Tempe and Glendale banks.

Close co-operation with the reclamation service, more frequent consultations with the officials and the steps necessary preparatory to the assumption by the association of the control

## HUERTA MAY BE PLANNING A GET-AWAY

### Rumors That Will Not Down Have It Provisional President of Mexico is Looking for His Successor in Office

### AFFAIR MIGHT BE SETTLED

#### If Dictator Steps Down and Permits Minister to Assume Office, With Whom All Nations Could Treat for Peace

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] VERA CRUZ, May 3.—Persistent reports continue to circulate here that Huerta intends to retire from the provisional presidency, on condition that he be assured of safe conduct to a port, and placed on board a foreign warship. It was declared in Mexican circles here that Huerta was ready to resign a week ago, but was prevented from doing so by internal dissension in his cabinet. The disappearance of Portillo Rojas from the foreign ministry, coupled with reports that there is a growing undercurrent of feeling in Mexico City against the Huerta government is interpreted here as foreshadowing a change in the situation at the capital. Arrivals from Mexico City assert the populace is beginning to learn Huerta is deceiving the people by losing false reports of federal victories, over the constitutionalists.

Some of the closest observers of the government's situation assert that Senor Portillo's resignation may clear the way for the appointment of a foreign minister who, under the Mexican constitution could succeed General Huerta as president. In these circles it is pointed out that while Carranza has declined to treat with Huerta, he might consent to enter into negotiations with his successor and thus facilitate mediation. The effect of the continued rebel success in the north and the outcome of the pending attack on Tampico may, according to well-informed opinion, bring about a rapid change in Mexico City.

The news of the peaceful way in which the Americans are occupying Vera Cruz, it is said, has convinced the Mexicans there that the American invasion of the port is not for conquest or aggression. Refugees assert the inhabitants of the capital fear the coming there of Francisco Villa more than they fear that of the American troops.

#### Carranza's Troubles

EL PASO, May 3.—Carranza formally declined the suggestion of the mediators that he cease hostilities against Huerta, and his note sent to Washington and made public here, states that it is inconvenient for the rebel cause to suspend hostilities, because such can only accrue to the benefit of Huerta. Carranza expects to visit Durango this week and establish a civil government in Durango state, under the terms of an agreement with the Arrieta brothers, who recruited 3000 or 4000 men. The first refused to fight outside of Durango state, and then failed to take the position Villa assigned them at the battle of Torreon, with the result that Federal General Velasco had no difficulty in escaping from the city. Later the Arrietas agreed to join the general rebel movement.

The situation at Durango has caused the supreme chief much anxiety, because of the dominance of the Arrieta brothers, Benjamin and Donato. These men, having recruited 3000 or 4000 men, announced allegiance to Carranza, but it is alleged that they merely have used the rebel banner as a cloak for looting and outrage.

At the battle of Torreon, General Villa assigned them to a position forming a link to his lines around the city. The Arrietas, intent on their looting in Durango, declared that they would fight only in that state. By their non-arrival, it was said the federal general, Velasco, had no difficulty in escaping when he concluded to evacuate the city.

For their disobedience General Villa ordered the brothers under arrest, but as the execution of the order would have required an army, it was never made effective. The Arrietas, however, resenting Villa's action, offered their services to Huerta, but experienced a change of heart before the plan was carried out.

They re-opened negotiations with Carranza under the terms of which

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and direction of the officers of the project all tend to increase the actual work and responsibilities of the office force of the association. The routine duties are ever on the increase as is shown by the figures quoted.

CHARLES A. VAN DER VEER, Secretary.

Phoenix, Ariz., May 4, 1914.

## BUSY DAYS.

By John T. McCutcheon.

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## FIVE HURT IN ROUNDING BEND ON GLOBE ROAD

### Judge Kingsbury and Party Thrown from Machine Twenty-three Miles Out of Roosevelt Yesterday

J. B. Bourne of Florence is in the Sister's Hospital suffering from a broken wrist and an injured ankle, his father J. P. Bourne of Kahoka, Missouri has a gash on his forehead, Judge W. J. Kingsbury is at his home in Tempe suffering from a number of serious bruises and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Sanders, also of Tempe, were badly shaken up, as a result of an automobile accident on the Roosevelt road yesterday afternoon about 4:30, which nearly resulted fatally to all parties concerned. The party was returning from a trip to the Roosevelt dam and had reached a curve about twenty-three miles this side of Roosevelt, going at a pretty high clip. Judge Kingsbury was driving and as soon as he saw the curve and the danger that the big car would not take it, he shut on the brakes and the effect of which threw nearly all of the passengers out of the car, but the car itself stopped twenty feet down off the road, just at the brink of the yawning chasm.

The occupants were stunned by the fall each of them encountered. One of them was thrown through the windshield, which one is not known. All were shaken up and bruised as is recounted above. They are all considering themselves fortunate that they were not hurled to the rocky depths of the canyon below. J. L. Dolson driving back from Roosevelt came along in time to render assistance, bringing some of the party back with him, and Dr. Nelson D. Braxton came along after relieving Dolson of part of his load and giving some preliminary medical assistance to the injured.

The automobile which did not turn over was left out on the edge of the precipice. It is not badly mangled. A fender is broken and a lamp twisted and the windshield smashed, while the big box of delicious lunch carried by the party was broken open. The trip back was made in somewhat slower time that would have been the case had the accident not happened, the injured arriving here shortly after dark. J. B. Bourne was taken immediately to the Sisters Hospital where he was

## FLOOD CARRIES BIG BRIDGE AWAY

BRIDGEPORT, Okla., May 3.—Three men are reported missing and three others reported marooned in the tops of trees on the Canadian River, as a result of the flood which carried away the new \$125,000 steel Rock Island railroad bridge. The low lands are flooded and 100 families have abandoned their homes.

## Huerta Promises Ryan To Be Sent On To Vera Cruz

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] MEXICO CITY, May 3.—Dr. Edward Ryan, the American condemned to be executed at Zacatecas a few days ago, is on his way here, under a strong escort of Mexican troops. The minister of war officially notified the Brazilian minister that Ryan would be delivered to his care, as representative of the interests of the United States. Huerta gave the assurance that Ryan will be sent to Vera Cruz.

It was expected that about 500 American refugees would leave the capital today or tomorrow.

More than 200 Americans reached here last night from the Guanajuato and Zacatecas mining camps. They went to the Brazilian legation to request that arrangements be made for their departure for Vera Cruz.

A train filled with Germans left last night for Vera Cruz. It was learned today that Roberto Esteve Ruiz, the new foreign minister, had made application on Friday to the Brazilian minister for passports to take him through the American lines at Vera Cruz on the way to Washington on a mission of state, but the requests for passports were cancelled on Saturday by the Mexican government.

Word has been sent from the war office to all federal commanders to cease hostilities against both Americans and rebels on account of the arrangement of an armistice.

Officers reaching here from the north state that the 2,500 federal troops which defended Monterey have arrived at Saltillo.

## GEN. SICKLES, WAR HERO, IS TAKEN BY DEATH

### Center of Series of Romantic Tragedies Dies in New York—Wife, Who Was Once Estranged, at His Bedside

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] NEW YORK, May 3.—General Daniel E. Sickles died at his home here today. His wife was at the bedside at the end.

General Daniel Edgar Sickles was the last of the great commanders who fought the battle of Gettysburg. For a decade he was a fighter by profession—all his life he was a fighter by nature.

The gruff old warrior, with one leg shot away in battle, his massive head resembling Bismarck's, was a picturesque figure as he bobbed along on crutches during the last half century of his turbulent life.

His indomitable fighting spirit remained to the last. Born in New York City in 1825, Sickles, at the age of 22, fought the Whigs as a democrat in the New York legislature. At 28, he displayed his fighting spirit as corporation attorney of New York. It was he who secured for his city its great Central park. At this time his military career began as major of the Twelfth regiment, National Guard, New York.

Before he was 32 years old, Major Sickles had served as secretary of legation at London under Minister James Buchanan; he had won a state senatorship through a bitter campaign, and he was seated in the thirty-fifth congress at Washington.

It was at this time that an event occurred which became the sensation of the day. Sickles had begun his second term as congressman in 1859 when the national capital was stirred by the news that the young representative from New York had shot and killed Philip Barton Key, the United States district attorney for the District of Columbia. Sickles declared that Key had mistreated Mrs. Sickles, who was Therese Bagozi, daughter of an Italian music teacher. The trial lasted twenty days, ending in the acquittal of Sickles on the ground of "unwritten law." He then took his erring wife back.

"I am not aware of any statute or

## CO-OPERATION THE THEME OF ANNUAL DINNER

### Fifty Employees of The Arizona Republican Enjoy Hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight B. Heard at Banquet

### DELIGHTFUL MENU BRILLIANT TALKS

#### True Spirit of Good Fellowship Prevails and Regret is Expressed That Once a Year Does Not Come Oftener

Unanimously fifty employees of the Arizona Republican agreed that the second annual fellowship dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight B. Heard, president and treasurer, respectively, was enjoyable to a superlative degree. Unanimously fifty young men and young women, representing the brains and brawn that go to make of The Republican, Arizona's greatest newspaper wished that once a year came oftener. The discussion of a menu that would satisfy royalty, did not dull the senses or retard oratory. It seemed rather to sharpen the wits and loose the tongues of those who usually occupy at such functions the position of "innocent bystanders." The occasion was fraught with surprises, developing from unsuspected sources latest eloquence and in-born story-telling ability.

More important than all else, the gathering at Donofrio's yesterday afternoon of the greater part of those who are devoting the best that is within them to the advancement of The Republican more nearly to the high plane of the ideal newspaper, was an exemplification of the true spirit of co-operation that pervades the columns of the paper and the walls of the building in which it is written and published. In the responses it was as if a plea of sympathy to each other had occurred in the Republic was being renewed and a lasting brotherhood established.

Like all gatherings of the sort there were tinges of sadness, due in some instances to the inability of some of the most popular attaches of the paper to be present and in others to the absence of those who in the year that had intervened since the first fellowship dinner was given, severed their connections with The Republican. Of this latter class however, there were remarkably few, many less, perhaps, than it might be expected would occur in a family the size of The Republican's. In fact the dinner of yesterday, in the point of those attending, might have been almost a replica of that of a year ago. Dan Huntington, who for nearly a score of years has been continuously employed as pressman, and who is now absent in California, and Eugene Pierson, cashier and bookkeeper, who by reason of a serious accident a few days ago, is at St. Joseph's hospital mending broken bones and recovering from shock, were of those absent, most in a mind and were the inspiration for a delicate toast, given while standing.

And to Pierson's bedside, at the conclusion of the dinner, were sent the table decorations, sweet peas grown by Mrs. Heard and picked by her in the early Sunday morning hours while she was almost a replica of that of a year ago. Dan Huntington, who for nearly a score of years has been continuously employed as pressman, and who is now absent in California, and Eugene Pierson, cashier and bookkeeper, who by reason of a serious accident a few days ago, is at St. Joseph's hospital mending broken bones and recovering from shock, were of those absent, most in a mind and were the inspiration for a delicate toast, given while standing.

A cathedral chime intoned the hour of one as the guests ascended the broad staircase to the banquet room on the mezzanine floor. Donofrio had become imbued with the spirit of the occasion and contributed to the decorations of the approach to the tables a wealth of carnations and yellow lilies. These served to prepare the banquettes for the vision of loveliness presented when the tables, the preparation of which had been accomplished under the supervision of Mrs. Heard, came into view. With gentle care and the taste of an artist, the hostess had grouped the sweet-scented, sun-kissed, rainbow hued stems in their own classes and imbedded them with maiden-hair ferns assigned them to places not too prominent but completely pleasing to the eye.

One table had been placed lengthwise down the banquet room while another presenting three sides of a square gave room for the covers laid and brought all within the realm of the toastmaster. There was a studied carelessness in the arrangement of the name cards, a member of the mechanical department being placed between a man from the local force and a bookkeeper from the business department, a pressman at the side of an editorial writer, the hostess at the left of the telegraph editor upon whose right was a happy girl from the biminy, while the foreman of the mechanical department occupied a post of honor at the left of the toastmaster upon whose right was a member of the linotype force.

Little time was lost in getting down to the real business in hand. Mrs. I. E. Shaw, proprietor of the cafe, herself a caterer with a reputation in New York and New Jersey, had personally attended to the baking of delicacies and the preparation of the host of other

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