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Power Canal and Other Preliminary Enterprises Almost Finished.

Engineer L. C. Hill arrived here yesterday from Roosevelt and will be in town a day or so, having various things to look after. He will probably be in conference with the board of governors. Governor Kibbey, the railroad and the county officers in respect of different things in connection with the Roosevelt enterprise.

Mr. Hill brings news of rapid progress in construction work generally done and the machinery is on the ground ready to be set.

The saw mill has been closed down, torn down and moved to Roosevelt, the engineers having finished their lumbering enterprise with the exception of hauling to Roosevelt about a half million feet that is still in the hills. The saw mill since first erected has been moved five times and all the available timber in the immediate vicinity of its last stand has been worked up. About two and a half million feet of lumber has been sawed and it is not believed much more will be required in construction and what little may be needed will be bought.

The sand crushing machinery is in Mesa now and its hauling will begin next week. This machinery is for the purpose of crushing rock into sand to be used in the construction of the dam. It might appear to the uninformed that there is already sand enough in this country to build several dams but it should be borne in mind that most of that in the vicinity of the dam site will be submerged shortly after construction begins. The principal reason though for making the sand is that it will be of a much better quality than natural sand and will make a stronger dam.

Mr. Hill gave some figures that will add materially in showing something of the magnitude of the freight business on the Roosevelt road at this time and what will be the situation later. At this time he says there is being hauled one and a half million pounds of freight, approximately, every month the value of which is approximately $125,000, this including only five tons of oil daily. When the oil men get to hauling from eighteen to twenty tens of oil per day as their contract calls for there will be a monthly total of about two and a half million pounds. Some idea of the stock necessary for this transportation can be drawn from the fact that at one station on Monday, 126 head of stock were watered. And not all the teams water at that station either.

Another item of interest is that bids will be opened in Los Angeles on November 2 for furnishing the water wheel and dynamos that will ultimately form a part of the power plant for the pumping of water in this valley.

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