

Business Permits at Boulder City

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ER City, the construction now coming into being in connection with the building of Hoover Dam, is the ordinary construction camp. The Boulder Canyon project, involving the building of the world's greatest dam and an artificial reservoir, has aroused the interest of the people of the United States to a greater degree than any other project of the Government, with the possible exception of the Panama Canal. The new town shares in this interest of the country. Notwithstanding the interest and the old-fashioned instinct of our people, because of existing economic conditions, thousands of people have been referred to the Bureau of Reclamation to go to Boulder

other two principles, the ordinary rules of competition in business communities be not interfered with.

Guided by these principles, various plans have been considered in connection with business permits in Boulder City. The system obtaining in the National Parks is in effect a monopoly given to one organization which submits to regulation of its charges and pays the Government a percentage of its net profits. The granting of such a monopoly has been found necessary in order to make possible needed facilities for the public, because of the short season, the remoteness of the areas involved and the limited patronage. These conditions will not obtain at Boulder City, and hence the idea of exclusive permits has not been adopted.

At the present time there is much to be developed, and how much will develop there is in connection with the matter of speculation upon the project greatly vary. The need for regulation chiefly comes from the fact that

Later, when the town is established, when any person desires to do business there can come into being and see for himself the amount of business of the town under conditions of competition. Limitation will very likely be necessary. Hence, it is expected that a circular, that when completed shall have become standard, that upon permits will largely be subject always to competitive regulations involving