

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Events Leading to the
1941 Creation
of the
Southwestern Water
Conservation District

COLORADO'S LIQUID GOLD

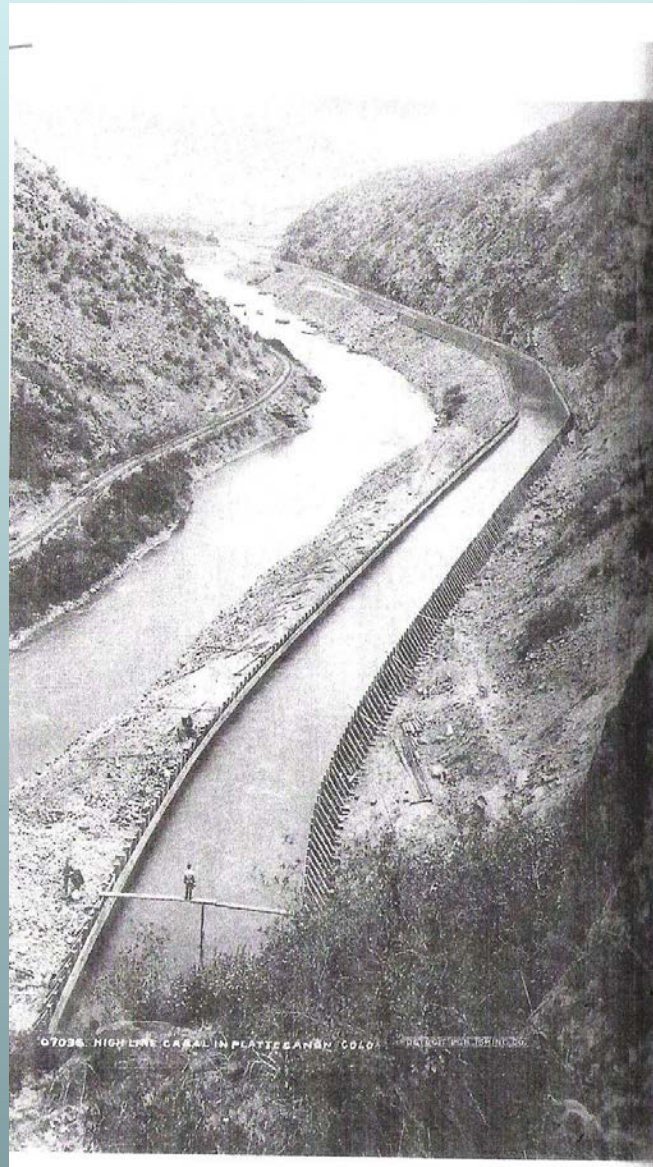


Rotunda Mural, Colorado State Capitol

DENVER CITY DITCH

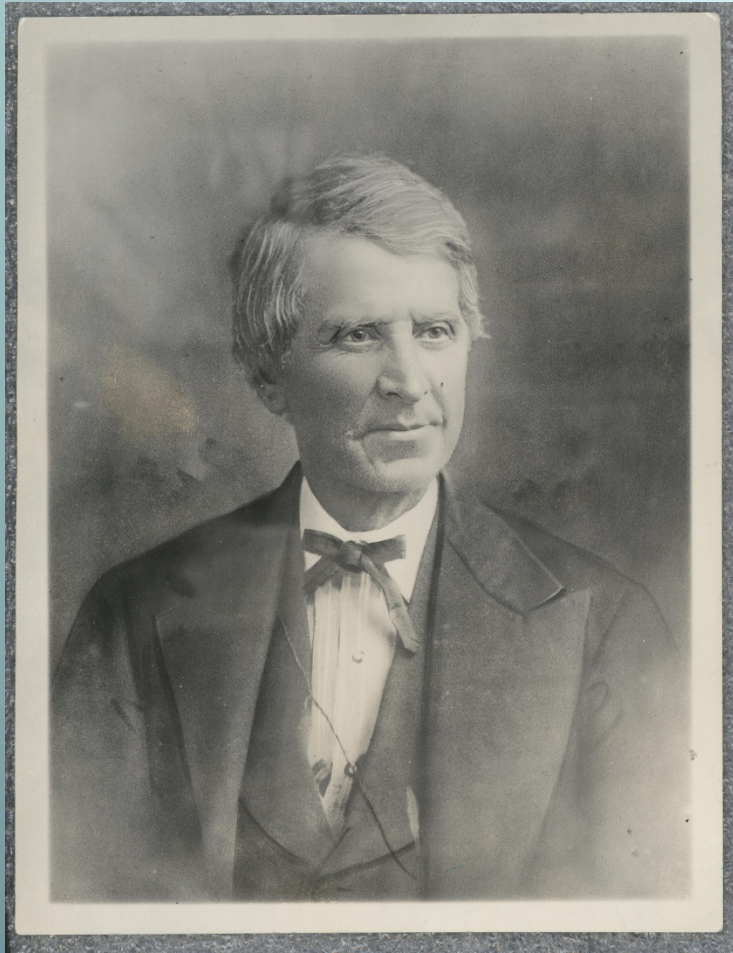


HIGHLINE CANAL



07038. HIGHLINE CANAL IN PLATEAU, COLO. PHOTO BY THE U.S.G.P.

GO WEST YOUNG MAN, GO WEST



Meeker



Greeley

UNION COLONY



Harper's Weekly was one of the most popular illustrated newspapers of the 1800s. In this 1874 edition, the Union Colony and Colorado irrigation made the front page in an engraving captioned "letting water into a side sluiceway" in reference to what are now called "headgates."

UNION COLONY DITCH No. 2



CORPORATE INVESTORS



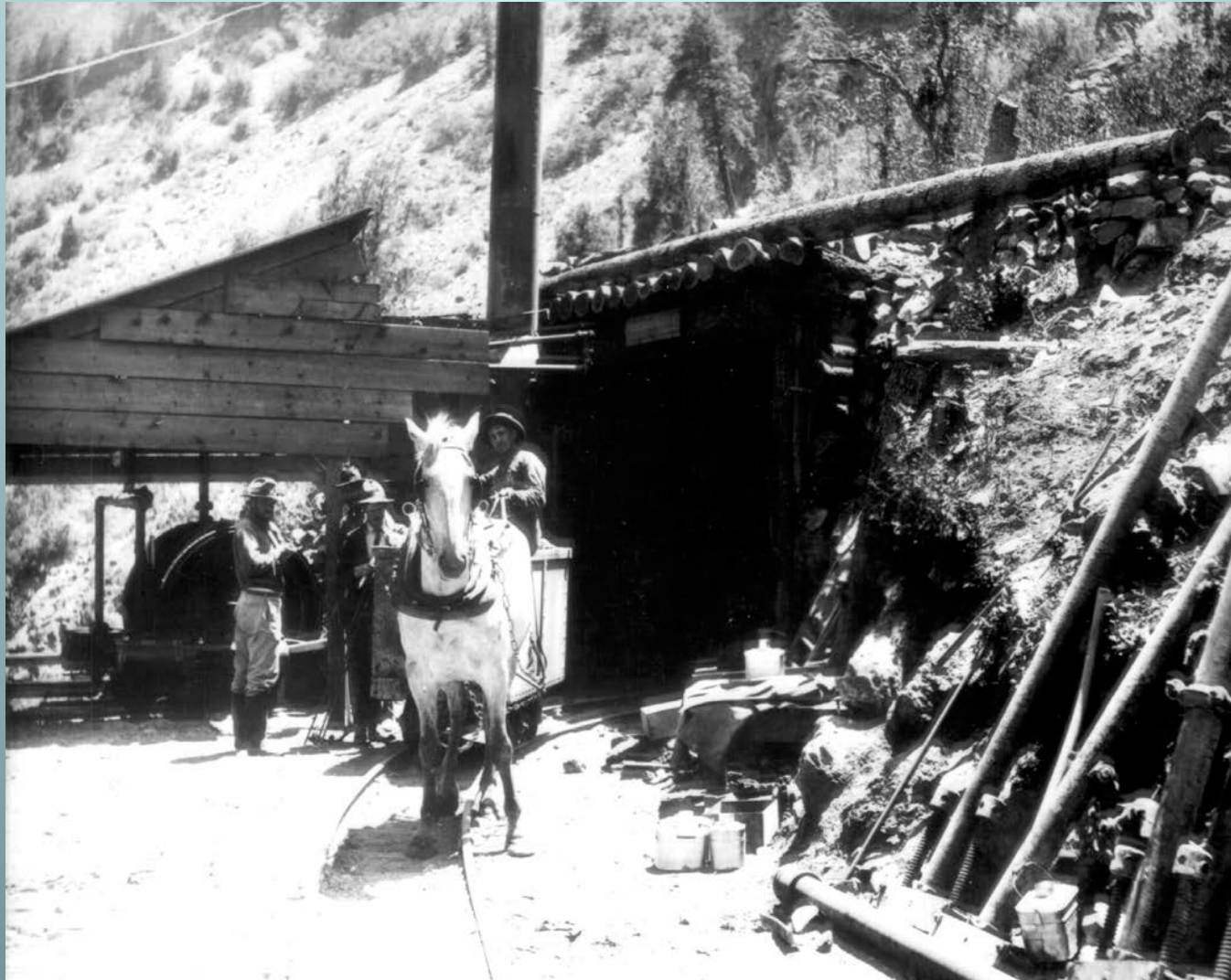
T.C. Henry

TEDDY RIDES TO THE RESCUE



Pres. Roosevelt (center) at Grand Valley Project

GUNNISON TUNNEL



READY FOR PRES. TAFT



INTERSTATE LITIGATION



Starting with *Kansas v. Colorado*, 1907

THE FATHER OF COMPACTS



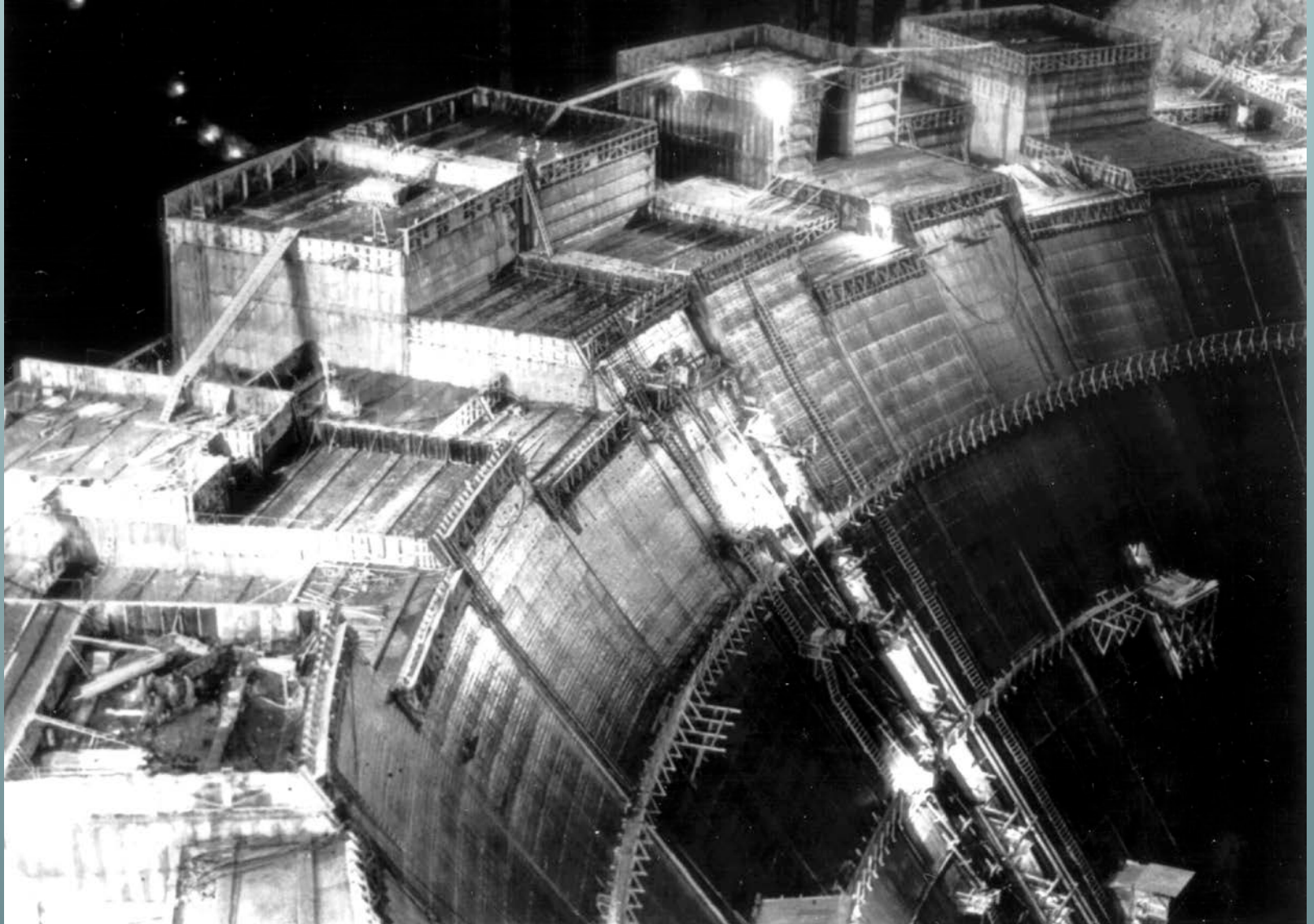
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COLORADO R. COMPACT COMM.



HOOVER DAM



CALIF.'S UNQUENCHABLE THIRST



All American Canal Under Construction

PUEBLO, 1921



1921 Pueblo flood

DUST BOWL & DEPRESSION



Prowers County, 1937

THE NEW DEAL COMES TO COLO.



FDR at the Colo. State Capitol in 1936

STATE PLANNING COMMISSION



Gov. Edwin C. Johnson – with a yo-yo!

N. Colo. Water Users Assn.



John Dille

THE WEST SLOPE'S CHAMPION



Congressman Ed Taylor

WESTERN SLOPE PROTECTIVE ASSN.



Frank Delaney

Gov.'s Water Defense Comm.



Governor Teller Ammons

1937 GENERAL ASSEMBLY



COMPENSATORY STORAGE



CWCB's DUTIES – “DEFEND AND DEVELOP”

- Foster and encourage irrigation and other water user entities
- Devise plans and cooperate with U.S.
- Formulate state and federal legislation
- Investigate plans of other states & U.S.
- Protect and assert the state's rights

SW Colo. Members of the CWCB 1937-1999

- 1937-44: Three West Slopes members-at-large
- 1945: Four West Slope members by basins
- Members for San Miguel/Dolores/San Juan basins
 - Judge John B. (Jack) O'Rourke, 1937-47 (at large)
 - Dan Hunter, 1947-54
 - Ira Kelly, 1954-57
 - Lew Williams, 1957-64
 - Fred Kroeger, 1964-84
 - Susan Sanfilippo Keck, 1984-89
 - Janice Sheftel, 1990-99

LONG TENURES

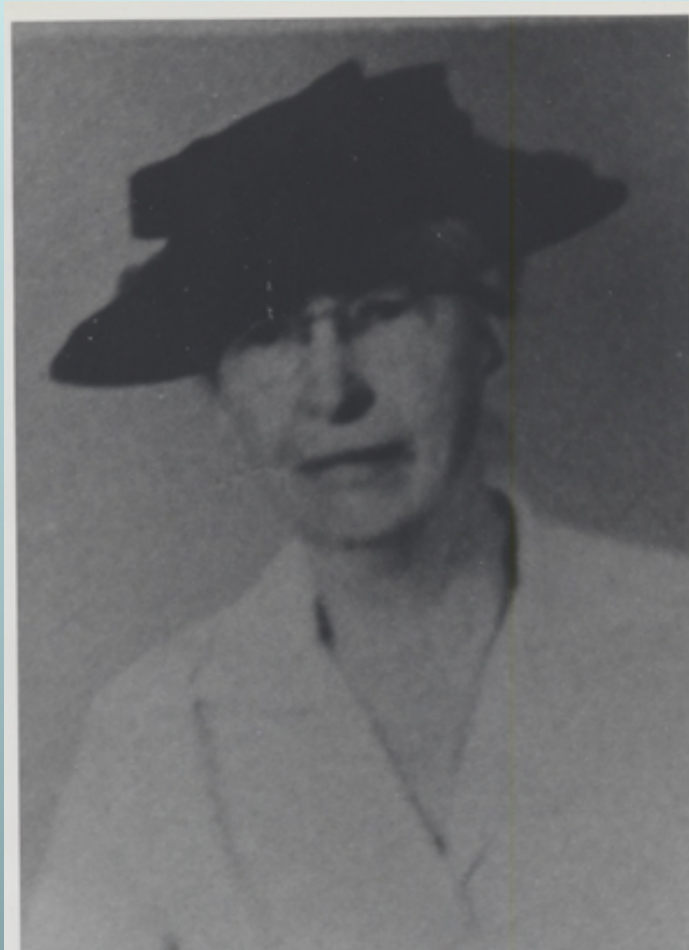


Ben Stapleton, Jr.



Fred Kroeger

FIRST LADY BOARD MEMBER (1937-48)



Vena Pointer, Pueblo Water Lawyer

West Slope Conservation Districts

- 1937 – Colorado R. Water Conservation Dist.
 - Outgrowth of WSPA
 - Counter balance to Northern Colo. WCD
 - Did not include southwestern Colorado
- 1941 – Southwestern Water Conservation Dist.
 - H.B. 795
 - Paralleled 1937 River District enabling statute

Statutory Purpose of Both Districts

- Safeguard waters to which Colo. is equitably entitled
- Through the conservation, use, & development of the waters of the basin
- In order to promote the health & general welfare

The District Is Organized – Fast!

- Bill signed into law on April 17 by Gov. Carr
- 7 members appointed by their county comm.
- Governor's May 22 executive order
- First board meeting on May 27 in Durango
- Judge O'Rourke was temporary chair
- Dan Hunter elected president
- First topic – money!

MEXICO GETS ITS SHARE



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SIGNING OF THE 1944 WATER TREATY at Washington, D. C. on February 3, 1944. At end of table, seated, is United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull signing the document, and to his right, also seated, is Mexican Foreign Relations Secretary F. Castillo Najera. Seated to Secretary Hull's

Negotiation of 1948 UCRBC



Judge Clifford H. Stone

1956 CRSP Act



Glen Canyon Dam Under Construction

San Juan-Chama Project



THE 1968 FIVE FINGERS PROJECTS



COLO. R. SALINITY CONTROL



Salt springs on Dolores River, Paradox Valley

CWCB INSTREAM FLOW PROGRAM



Colo. Ute Indian Water Rights



COLO. R. ENDANGERED FISH



RICDs



DROUGHT ON COLORADO RIVER



Glen Canyon Dam and Lake Powell, 2004

Here's to Another 75!

