

Mount Carmel, Utah.
June 13, 1948.

Mr. Ed. H. Watson, State Engineer,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

As secretary of the meeting of water users recently held at Orderville I am submitting herewith the minutes of the same for your approval.

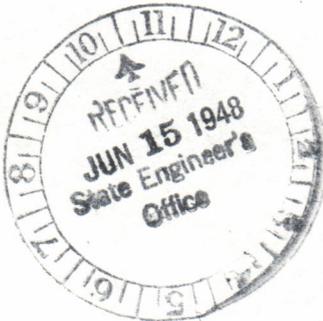
Also I am sending herewith a check for \$5.00 to pay the premium on the water commissioner's bond. *///*

You will note that I went and got myself appointed. It is about the kind of a job I usually get. But I have to help see about it anyway, so what?

I was to the hearing held in Kanab on June 9 on the application of Howard Spencer No. 18304 for a water right up the canyon above our land. It developed that he was asking for an additional, (to the high water rights already established) high water right to be pumped out onto "Spencer Bench". On the face of it this request seemed innocent enough and your representatives were in favor of granting it. But I still feel that there is a "Nigger in the woodpile". The amount of high water available during the irrigation season would not seem to justify the proposed expense of pump and canals, etc. The days when such water would be available are very uncertain, usually few and far between. Without storage, which they do not propose, it seems to me the only thing that could justify this project to it's promoters would be the chance, very hard to control, of getting water that rightfully belongs to someone else. Every year the farmers here in Mt. Carmel suffer for want of water when it is most needed. Pardon me for putting in another protest.

Sincerely,

Bert Gardner



*/// Letter to Roy Taylor 6/15-1948
Asking for bond. City Endorsed
to Roy Taylor.*

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