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Creek.  
M. V. Watson, general  
manager, returned to the city yester-  
day, and reports the work again un-  
der way, after a month of the most  
severe rain storms the country has  
ever experienced, and a few days  
ago, at Edan's ranch, opposite Camp  
Verde, was reached. This place is  
eighteen miles from the plant on Es-  
sill Creek, or twenty-two miles from  
Jerome, the destination. About one  
and one-half miles of cables are be-  
ing laid daily, and it is expected  
connection with the United Verde  
will be made within the next thirty  
days.

In speaking of the heavy rains,  
and of the Verde River, particu-  
larly, Mr. Watson states that for near-  
ly thirty days it was impossible for  
the workmen to make any progress  
with line work. At three different  
times the river carried a very heavy  
volume, and before it receded, ten  
days were passed in each instance.  
So heavy was the downpour in that  
watershed that the river rose five  
feet in less than ten minutes on one  
occasion, and this occasioned the em-  
ployees much discomfort as well as  
the suspension of line work. The  
oldest residents of that section were  
astounded at the long duration of  
the storm, and had never seen the  
river running such a body of water  
as was in evidence for over one  
month.

The advent of the new power line  
to the Verde Valley, has created con-  
siderable interest among the farm-  
ing element, and seven pumping  
plants are to be installed on ele-  
vated lands, to irrigate fields that  
cannot be reached by the gravity  
flow of the various ditches taken  
out of the river. This will in-  
crease the productive acreage of the  
valley materially, in the lower sec-  
tion, and in Upper Verde, it is ex-  
pected, as many more plants will be  
installed. In addition to the above  
service, it is probable that Camp  
Verde in a short time will have elec-  
tric lighting, and the propelling of  
manufacturing devices from this  
source also.

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