

Bleached Skulls And Deadly Rattlers Are Seldom Seen On Desert

Dry Heat Waves Either Cool Or Boil Water. Los Angeles A Paradise.

(By RENN DRUM)

The one big illusion to the green Southern or Eastern Tourist about the entire West is the desert.

The average person has the idea, at least it was our idea, that the desert was a long stretch, 1,000 miles or so, of desolate land, flat as a floor, uninhabited by nothing but rattlesnakes, and upon which the daring traveler would find, every mile or so, scattered skulls of those who failed to carry along enough water and protection from baking sun.

The desert isn't cooled by electric refrigeration, or anything else, but it is far shy of being the hideous thing pictured by those who have not traversed it.

Perhaps at one time it was all that the average imagination pictures it, but the great modern American institution, the gasoline filling station, has transformed it, especially where traversed by highways.

Travelling to the West Coast from Shelby by the Southern route one strikes semi-desert country in Texas, New Mexico and in Arizona before striking the mountainous section of Arizona.

The Mojave Desert. The desert at this section is known as the Mojave, a northern extension of the Gila and not exceeded in heat by any in this country except the main portion of the Gila itself—and Gila is the inferno of the known world.

Our general impression prior to leaving the East was that only the hardy could survive the trip across unless the automobile be loaded down at the last town before hitting the desert with water, oil, gas and other supplies, as the general idea prevails, back here, that no one lives upon the desert.

Our party left Needles, California, "where the real desert begins," about 6 o'clock one evening, and was across to Barstow, California oil town on the other edge, by the time the sun crept into sight from the east, and into Los Angeles by 9 o'clock. From 6 until 8 o'clock in the evening especially the first 30 minutes it seemed as if the heat could not be borne.

Heat Cools Water. One of the phenomena of the West is the fact that water is cooled by the heat. Incidentally, good drinking water is unknown in the west except for a few mountain points covered by forests.

Here and there across the desert, by the side of the naked hills, one sees abandoned mining shacks dating back to the gold rush, or shacks still used by those mining for other ore.

The Western Paradise. From Barstow on in by San Bernardino to Los Angeles the motorist gradually creeps into the Paradise of the West. The desert gives away to the coastal mountain range, vineyards, orange groves, apricot orchards and forests.

Other than the folks, three or four people to the station, who operate the service stations no one lives upon the desert. However, off from the main travelled roads the remaining Indians live. The heat means nothing to them; it is home.

Another Surprise. The writer, for some unknown reason or another, considered that all of the desert country was level as a floor.

Inspections of your car and luggage in the West come at numerous places and the most unexpected periods. Contrary to the east, the inspections and searches are not for your beverages, but for your cats.

The first real search comes in Arizona. There they take from you—the state horticultural inspectors—the fruit you might have with you which was purchased in New Mexico or Texas.

The second inspection comes on the desert after entering California. There the tourist is forced to untie and unpack every bag and spread out upon the desert sand his or her entire belongings from the soiled linen through last night's pajamas.

Jack Rabbits Galore. The rookies tourist to the west may not see as much of other things as he anticipates, but there'll be a few more thousand jack rabbits than the most imaginative person could hope to see.

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THE PARAGON DEPARTMENT STORE (Is The Place)

WEST SHELBY NEWS GLEANINGS. The Lay-More-Tile plant recently erected on Gardner street by J. T. Ramsey and Sons is running on full time in order to keep up with the demand for tile.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Devinney and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wells of Cherryville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Glenn and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Glenn of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Greer Williams of Newton spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jones.

les at the same time and writing about it, says that within 10 years the city will be one of the three largest in the world.

All the citrus fruits—oranges so luscious one never gets enough—walnut groves, vineyards, and oil wells, the hustle of a great seaport and resort, the movie industry, more oil wells and millionaires.

Right in the city limits of Los Angeles, or rather in Long Beach, or where the two join, are more oil wells than in any other section of similar size in the world.

Much of Los Angeles' beauty and charm is due to the architecture of the public buildings, business buildings and residences, intermingled among which are the open air, uncovered fruit stands and markets.

There the climate must approach the perfect for the person seeking comfort. The mercury may climb above 100 during the day but the heat is never half so oppressive as is the ordinary summer day here.

Some day, or we miss a guess, New York and Chicago will be urging the census takers not to miss a person for fear that Los Angeles will pass them. San Francisco has already given up and sports with disgust when the neighboring city to the south is mentioned.

The next installment of the motor cruise through the west, from Carolina to California and back, will take up the suburbs and nearby scenic points which have made Los Angeles and Southern California one of the most popular regions in the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams and baby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ramsey.

Miss Mildred Canipe is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Crawford of Forest City a few days.

SITTING IN DRAUGHTS HARMFUL IN SUMMER

This Is the Season When Good Health Habits Are Tossed Aside in the Interest of Comfort, Says Authority, Urging Common Sense Precautions.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D. United States Senator from New York. Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

WE have been having intensely hot weather for several days. Knowing my own discomfort, I am impelled to talk to you a little about your special hot weather habits.



DR COPELAND.

Beverages are necessary and perfectly proper to take, but they should be taken when the body is not overheated. Between meals is the time for cold drinks.

Do not expose the body to the direct rays of the sun for too long periods. If you must be out-of-doors give your head and body adequate protection.

Until you become accustomed to the extreme heat you should exercise in moderation. You can gradually do more as the body becomes used to the change in temperature.

Exercise temperance and common sense. This is the season when caution is demanded.

Answers to Health Queries

- A. U. Q.—Is cocoa fattening? A.—Not a fattening as chocolate. C. B. Q.—What can I do for dandruff? A.—Shampoo the hair every week with a good pure soap and use a stimulating tonic.

Friday. Miss Maude Silver of Asheville is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Silver on Clegg street.

Miss Mildred Ramsey spent a part of the past week with Miss Catherine Wilson of Catawba.

Miss Georgia Condey of Marion who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Francis returned to her home Saturday.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF CLEVELAND COUNTY AS OF JUNE 30TH, 1929.

Table with multiple columns and rows detailing financial data, including assessed valuation of real and personal property, itemized debt of county and township, and school district surplus/deficit.