Bleached Skulls And Deadly Rattlers Are Seldom Seen On Desert

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 des ert was a long stretch, 1,000 miles or so, of desolate land, flat as a floor, inhabited by nothing but rattlesnakes, and upon which the daring traveler would find, every mile or so, scattered skulls of those who and protection from baking sun. The desert isn't cooled by electric it is far shy of being the hideous

Perhaps at one time it was all that the average imagination pictur es it, but the great modern American institution, the gasoline filling a region which can be travelled in

strikes semi-desert country in Texas, New Mexico and in Arizona beer is not struck until the traveller leaves the Grand Canvon in Arizona and heads for either Los Angeles or San Diego. The best known trail, especially until recent years, goes by way of Douglas, Arizona, and Yuma, California, across the Gila desert, and Imperial or Death Valley. However, of recent years the route across by way of Kingman and Needles is found to be good traveling with less desert to cross-in fact the worst portion may be crossed in one night, as was the case in the writer's party.

The Mojave Desert.

The desert at this section 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 eaving the East was that only the hardy could survive the trip across unless the automobile be loaded down at the last town before hitting other supplies, as the general idea prevails, back here, that no one lives upon the desert. All of which are filling stations with water-such. as it is-gas, oil and eats.

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 than the most imaginative person west; the lion and monkey farms, N. D. Francis returned to her home the east, and into Los Angeles by 9 o'clock, From 6 until 8 o'clock in minutes it seemed as if the heat could not be borne. Wave after minutes it seemed as if the heat rabbits in the highway. The longcould not be borne. Wave after eared jack rabbit, several sizes largwave of near blistering heat would er than our cotton-tail, could orsweep against the car, but once the dinarily give an automobile a fit sun was down semething resembling before being run down, but at night a cool breeze set in. Thereafter ex- they become blinded in the glare cept for a numbing warmth which of the headlights and stand stupealmost forced one to sleep it was fied until struck. During the daynot so bad. At that hour the ther- light hours one sees almost as Ramsey and Sons is running on full mometer may register from 105 de- many gophers (prairie dogs) and grees, to 115, and occasionally prairie chickens. The gopher re- time in order to keep up with the above, but heat of 105 there, where sembles very much our squirrel. demand for tile. They are constructit is entirely dry heat, does not Hearing a car approach the gopher ing a new home for Mr. Roy cause one to suffer as much as under 95 degrees in the East and shadow of a mesquite bush and of their tile products. South. Real exercise is necessary to stands high on his rear legs much Mr. and Mrs. Lee Devinney and raise drops of perspiration.

Heat Cools Water. 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. At all service stations and towns just before reaching the desert at Needles it is noticed that water-bags are soldbags which hold from one to two gallons of water. Tourists fill these bags before starting and hang them on the front bumper of the car. Soon after starting the throat and lips become parched, but the water by the side of the naked hills, one cool water. Just why the heat waves striking the car in front keep the water cool, we do not know. Neither do we know why the same water will soon reach the boiling point when hung from the bumper on the rear, "It's the manner in which the car cuts across the heat waves," the desert people say. The same method is used to preserve meat. Steaks. and whatever meats may be on hand are hung in the open air and will not spoil over a period of months mountains to the coast, 10 to 20 near Granite Falls. due to the dryness. At several of the service stations on the desert geles port; Long Beach, the bath- Grover spent Tuesday with Mrs. Ii. the drinking water for passers-by is ing resort; Hollywood, the movie J. Willis. kept cool by circulating in a coil of colony; Pasadena, where the mil- Mr. Hartsell Canipe of Pleasant despite the 110 to 120 degrees of lions have added to the world's Mr. A. C. Canipe.

heat striking it during the day.

erate the service stations no one homes or seeking new homes, and Dry Heat Waves Either Cool Or lives upon the desert. However, off there appears to be plenty of work, from the main travelled roads the and prosperity to go around with remaining Indians live. The heat much left for the countless thousmeans nothing to them; it is home, ands yet to come.

Those Rattlesnakes. In the semi-desert section, sage the desert proper the few mesquite and resort, the movie industry, more bushes are dwarfed in size and not oil wells and millionaires. near so numerous. Somehow, though the jackrabbits survive, and the Angeles, or rather in Long Beach. rattlers, too, it is said. But the idea that rattlers crawl about in large numbers upon the desert, infailed to carry along enough water that in covering a dozen western states-desert states, semi-desert states, mountainous states, and refrigeration, or anything else, but states with rolling prairies—only one rattlesnake was seen outside of thing pictured by those who have a cage. Now, doesn't that ruin your dreams, cr, rather, your night-

Another Surprise.

reason or another, considered that may be seen while driving the city station has transformed it, especial all of the desert country was level streets, ly where traversed by highways, as a floor. Such is not the case. In try "naked" meuntains, some of the public buildings, business build-Mountains without a single tree or among which are the open air, unor is a yellowish brown.

fore striking the mountainous sec- gage in the West come at numerous cation. Their school buildings are places and the most unexpected per- unexcelled and numerous, and their iods. Contrary to the east the in- high school football stadiums and spections and searches are not for playgrounds put to shame our colyour beverages, but for your cats. lege buildings and stadiums in the The West, frankly, doesn't care south and east. much whether you drink, or what you drink

you which was purchased in New At night a cool breeze sweeps over Mexico or Texas. They say they're the entire region-or rather two looking for some type of fruit pest, breezes, one from the mountains or pests in general, but others say nearby and the other from the it is "spite work" upon the part of coast. Two blankets feel good and several states. The Arizona search three feel better. cost our party a nice jar of honey. was dispensed without accessories tors seemed very concerned about to the south is mentioned. our pillows, blankets and old-fashforth and devour them.

the desert after entering California Angeles and Southern California and Mrs. C. L. Ramsey.

Jack Rabbits Galore. could hope to see. In fact, one etc.) morning's drive across the desert and other far western sections will dashes from the roadside to the Newman in Belvedere Heights out like our squirrel does in eating. His children are visiting her parents, antics in thinking he is hidden by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wells of One of the phenomena of the standing up make of him the most Cherryville. interesting of the desert animals.

them? is a question frequently ask- and Mrs. J. S. Glenn of Dallas. ed. Yes, the desert roads are real Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young and litroads along the main trails. In the tle daughter, Elsie. accompanied nights drive across the main Mojave Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bowling on a desert about fifty percent of the visit to relatives in Georgia the past highway is oiled sand, while the week. California side is paved. The by- Mrs. C. D. Adams and son, Ben, roads, for the most part, are beds and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jay spent of rivers which do not have water the past week in Atlanta. in them except for a short time after the snows in the spring.

Here and there across the desert, with relatives at Spindale. sees abandoned mining shacks dat- and Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. ing back to the gold rush, or shacks S. L. Gantt of Belwood. still used by those mining for other

The Western Paradise." From Barstow on in by San Bernardino to Los Angeles the motorist week with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pargradually creeps into the Paradise ris of the West. The desert gives away yards, orange groves, apricot or- Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jones. chards and forests. Then in the Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dover are narrow strip, from the peak of the spending this week with relatives miles, the car speeds into Los An- Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Toms of greatest natural beauty.

Other than the folks, three or Mr. McIntyre, who tried to steal of Delight, visited Mr. and Mrs. four people to the station, who op- our thunder by visiting Los Ange- Clem Willis and Mrs. N. J. Willis

about it, says that within 10 years the city will be one of the three largest in the world. So says Mr Brisbane, the writing fellow who draws the big check; and so say we Thereabouts the natives (those who longer) say that nine out of 10 who visit Southern California want to come back, and that seven out of every 10 do come back. They seem to. Los Angeles is a steady stream of newcomers, all building new

All the citrus fruits-oranges so luscious one never gets enoughbrush, cactus, mesquite bush and walnut groves, vineyards, and oil other desert vegetation grow, but on wells, the hustle of a great seaport

Right in the city limits of Los vade tents and shacks, appeared to along the suburban streets of Los be bunk. An honest confession is Angeles into Long Beach it is no odd sight to see a front porch torn away from a residence with a bi; wall and the street. Or wells sunk so they tell you there, an ordinance was passed which says that no more wells, regardless of how much oil you may have under your lot, may be drilled within the city or sub-The writer, for some unknown urbs. Hundreds of the oil derricks

Much of Los Angeles' beauty and from a bleak, dangerous land into the semi-desert and desert coun-charm is due to the architecture of comparative safety and with a cer- them very high, rise before you. ings and residences, intermingled Travelling to the West Coast from bush, resembling large piles of sand covered fruit stands and markets. Shelby by the Southern route one seen back here, except that the col- Apparently nothing is built there until it is built right. And one real Inspections of your car and lug- ly sees why California leads in edu-

> There the climate must approach the perfect for the person seeking The first real search comes in comfort. The mercury may climb Arizona. There they take from you above 100 during the day but the -the state horticultural inspectors heat is never half so oppressive as -the fruit you might have with is the ordinary summer day here.

Some day, or we miss a guess Just what kind of pest might have New York and Chicago will be urgbeen in that jar of toothsome sweet ing the census takers not to miss a ness we never learned, we do know person for fear that Los Angeles that the loaf of bread that night will pass them. San Francisco has Friday. already given up and snorts with

(The next installment of the ioned quilts. They were afraid huge motor cruise through the west, from of the past week with Miss Cathboll weevils would come stalking Carolina to California and back, will take up the suburbs and nearby Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams The second inspection comes on scenic points which have made Los and baby spent Sunday with Mr entire belongings from the soiled possible by the gum-chewers; Hol- is doing construction work there. dena paintings, natural and other-The rookies tourist to the west wise; Long Beach, where the retirmay not see as much of other things ed farmers of Iowa pitch horse- Taub. as he anticipates, but there'll be a shoes; the Rose Bowl, the Coliseum; few more thousand jack rabbits Venice, the Coney Island of the who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs.

NEWS GLEANINGS

The Lay-More-Tile plant recently

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Glenn and Roads on the desert, do they have children spent Sunday with Mr.

> Mrs. Dewey McDaniel and children are spending their vacation

Mrs. J. T. Ramsey spent Monday Mrs. Ann Talley of Cleveland Cloth visited Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Ramsey Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Greer Williams of to the coastal mountain range, vine- Newton spent the week-end with

Miss Eva Parris is spending this

pipe out in the open-and it is cool lionaires live and where their mil- Hill, spent Monday with his brother Mrs. Jason Turner and children

(Is The Place)

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.

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.

You may scoff at this and say, "How absurd!" But we do practice habits in Summer that we never think of in other

You would not think of deliberately sitting in a draft in the Winter time. Neither would you expose yourself to the danger of frostbite or its equivalent. Yet in Summer when you are overheated,

you sit before an electric fan or in a direct breeze. Of course, it is the most tempting thing to do. But it is a dangerous thing, too.

The food you take, too, should be given special consideration in Summer. It is unwise to eat the heavy, rich foods which heat the blood. Such foods make the entire system work hard, unduly hard for a hot day.

Dainty, tempting meals, consisting of jellied

or hot soups, as you prefer, plenty of fruit, vege-tables, salads and the lighter desserts, are called for on these hot days. Eat meat only once a day DR COPELAND. and then sparingly. 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 di-rect rays of the sun for too long periods. If you must be out-of-doors give your head and body adequate protection. I need hardly remind you that the clothing and headgear should be light in weight.

Frequent baths add to the comfort. But do not jump into a tub of cold water when the body is overheated. Walt a half hour or so to cool off.

then bathe and change to fresh cloth-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. Q.-What can I do for

A.—Shampoo the hair every week with a good pure soap and use a stimulating tonic. For particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question. H. M. Q.-What causes rheuma

other information send a self - addressed, stamped envelope and re-

weigh who is 19 years old and 5 feet, 11 inches tall? 2.-How can I gain weight?

A .- For his age and height he should weigh about 155 pounds.

2.—Proper dieting and deep breathing is the secret. You should eat ing is the secret. You should eat nourishing foods and have plenty of sleep and rest. For full particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question.

L. N. Q.—How much should a girl of 19, 5 feet 5 inches tall weigh? 2.-What do you advise for re-

A .- You should weigh about 125 2.-Eat very sparingly of starches z.—Eat very sparingly of starches sugars and fats. Get regular syste-matic exercise. A gradual reduction in the amount of food consumed with the regular exercise will work

C. G. Q.-What will remove moles?

A.—Moles may be made less no ticeable by the use of the electric needle handled by an expert. Con -Some infection in the system suit a skin specialist.

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Miss Maude Silver of Asheville fuls of grape juice will improve the other than "pork-and." The inspec- disgust when the neighboring city is visiting Mr. and Mrss. J. W. flavor of roasted ham. Silver on Clegg street.

Miss Mildred Ramsey spent a part erine Wilsen of Catawba

There the tourist is forced to until one of the most popular regions in Mrs. Paul Peeler and children and unpack every bag and spread the world-Wm. Wrigley and his have returned from a month's stay out upon the desert sand his or her wonderland on Catalina island made at Washington with Mr. Peeler who linen through last night's pajamas. lywood, her glamour and sham, Pasa Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McKinney and children of Hickory, spent the

week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. Miss Georgia Condrey of Marion Saturday.

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

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> Charles L. Eskridge

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ed valuation of Real and Personal Property-year 1928-1929

(a) Assessed valuation of Real and Personal Property—year 1920-1929	\$38,000,000.00
(b) I. Itemized Debt Of County:-	
Court House Bonds2,000	
Bridge Bonds	The Address of the Land
Bridge Bonds94,000	
Bridge Bonds	
Bridge and Fund. Bonds16.000	
12 Months Notes	
Total County Bonds and Long Term Notes	243,000
I Itemized Debt of Townships:—	
No. 1 Township Road Bonds21,000	
No. 2 Township Road Bonds40,000	
No. 3 Township Road Bonds27,000	
No. 3 Township road Bonds 30 000	
No. 4-Kings Mt. Road Bonds30,000	
No. 4—Grover Road Bonds10,000	
No. 5 Township Road Bonds40,000	
No. 6 Township Road Bonds100,000	
No. 7 Township Road Bonds50,000	
No. 8 Township Road Bonds50,000	
No. 9 Township Road Bonds72,500	
No. 9-Lawndale Road Bonds12,000	
No. 10 Township Road Bonds20,000	
No. 11 Township Road Bonds25,000	
Total Township Road Bonds	497,500
No. 6 Hospital Bonds	94,000
(a) State Loans	
Boiling Springs5,200	
Earl9,000	- 1.54
Patterson Springs9,000	
Lattimore26,100	
Mooresboro18,900	
Fallston23,350	
Belwood37,450	
Piedmont25,900	
Casar17,000	
No. 8 Township47,500	
Park-Grace20,000	239,400
Park-Grace	300,800
	ar ass as
Waco Schools19,333,34	35,000,00
Total Special School District Bonds & State Loans	275,900.00
Total Bonded and State Loan Indebtedness of County, Town-	
ships and school Districts	\$1,110,400.00
(d) Taxation Levied for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1929-	
County Wide Purposes: Rate 88c - Amount Produced	334.000
June 30, 1930—County Wide Purposes: Rate 73c — Amount Pr	oduced 277,000
You will notice here a County Wide Tax reduction of 15c on levy	
making our County Wide Tax rate this year only 73c. This, we	
low rate when compared to the rates used in some of our neighbor	ing counties.
1928-29 1929-30	Amount

No. 1 Township Road Tax Rate No. 2 Township Road Tax Rate 9,000 No. 3 Township Road Tax Rate 7,000 K. Mt. Prec. No. 4 Township Road Tax Rate 9,000 10c K. M. Rd. Dis. No. 4 Twp. Road Tax Rate 2.300 No. 4 Township Road Tax Rate 2.200 No. 5 Township Road Tax Rate 6.800 No. 6 Township Road Tax Rate 32,000 No. 7 Township Road Tax Rate 11,750 No. 8 Township Road Tax Rate 8.300 35c No. 9 Township Road Tax Rate 11,000 No. 9 Township Road Tax Rate No. 10 Township Road Tax Rate 5.050 No. 11 Township Road Tax Rate 4.900 115,100 No. 6 Township Hospital Tax Rate 8c

Special School Tax Rates:-Boiling Springs 1,300 Patterson Springs 1,700 3,400 500 1,300 Bethware Stubba Lattimore Mooresboro Fallston Belwood Moriah Park-Grace

No. 8 Township Uncollected Taxes (Including Lands Sold for Taxes.) June 30, 1927-Insolvents 1,286, Errors-released 2,993, Land Sales 1,529 June 30, 1928-Insolvents \$920. Errors-released 2,638. Land Sales 1,196 84,754 June 30, 1929-Insolvents \$900. Errors-released 3,635. Land Sales 3,175 \$7,710 (f) Miscellaneous Revenues Other Tan Taxation Received for the Fiscal Year

Ending June 30th, 1929. In County General Funds In County School Funds 32,390.56
In County Schools — State Equalization 47,735.47 \$103,319.78

Surplus Revenues at June 30th, 1929:-In County General Funds In County Debt Service Funds16,022.40

County Bridge Funds Deficit In County School Funds including Sinking Funds and Capital Outlay No. 1 Township Road Funds\$ 2,870.67 No. 2 Township Road Funds No. 3 Township Road Funds No. 4 Township Road Runds-Kings Mtn. ______10.647.38 No. 4 Township—Grover Precinct ______4,933.82 No. 5 Township Road Funds No. 6 Township Road Funds No. 7 Township Road Funds

No. 8 Township Road Funds No. 9 Township Road Funds No. 9 Township Road Funds-Lawndale No. 10 Township Road Funds No. 11 Township Road Funds (The above Road Funds include both maintenance and sinking fund moneys.) No. 6 Hospital Maintenance & Sinking Funds: ___

School Districts No 6-Boiling Springs No. 12-Earl No. 14-Patterson Springs No. 5-Grover No. 21-Dixon No. 79-East Kings Mountain No. 19-Bethware No. 10-Waco No. 32-Stubbs No. 16-Lattimore No. 17-Mooresbore

No. 22-Fallston No. 23-Belwood No. 20-Piedmont No. 24-Casar No. 25-Moriah No. 40-Beaver Dam No. 41-Beams Mill 13.50 No. 3-Shoal Creek 24.31 131.66 110.20 Park - Grace

Total Surplus Revenue Amount School District Deficit We feel that the above statement reveals a healthy financial condition of the affairs of our good county of Cleveland and we gladly submit it as information to

Amount School District Surplus

the tax payers and ask their careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. CLINE, County Accountant.