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Desert Coolers A Summer Boon

DEATH VALLEY JUNCTION, (By The Rambler)

. Aug. 15.—The recently developed coolers, or air-conditioning units, many of which have been installed this summer, here in Death Valley, are making for comfort on the desert, making this Death Valley district a delightful place of residence even during the hotes months. A few of the coolers—very crude, home-made affairs — were put in last summer, but they have been added to and increased so greatly, this summer, that now most of the

homes, business houses, and hotels are cooled and comfortable.

The first one the Rambler observed and tried out, was in the home of Mr. David Fuller, T. & T., R. R. trainman, living in the southern part of the village; this was in the summer of 1937. This crude, home-made cooler, instigated and planned by his daughter Rosalind, was built up and installed by Mr. Fuller, himself, and proved so simple and satisfactory, that it led most of the residents here, to install, this summer, similar contraptions. So that now, most of the homes and business houses are cooled. Also, in the summer of 190; we visited and investigated one of the home-made air-conditioners, which had been installed, in the

old Furnace Creek ranch house. right down on the floor of Death Valley, 170 feet below sea-level, where it sure gets some hot, in summer. We were informed that this apparatus when operating at capacity, would reduce the temperature in the large living-room, about 20 to 25 degrees, lower than the adjoining rooms, or without the cooler in operation, and the doors thrown open, as formerly. Just recently more elaborate units, built on scientific lines are being installed. Ore of these was recently put in his home by Mr. Paddy Miles, and another by David Fuller, Sr., and both are giving splendid satisfaction. These units were purchasedmotor and fan, combined, at nominal cost.

Forcing Socialism Upon the Public

The New York Herald-Tribune, in its issue of July 1, has a remarkable review of the drive now being made by the Public Works Administration to force San Francisco to go into the distribution of electricity.

A technical construction of the Raker act of 1913 making Federal lands available to San Francisco's use in building the Hetch Hetchy reservoir in the Sierra Nevada mountains, is that the city cannot sell its power as San Francisco has been doing, for more than \$2,000,000 a year, but must distribute it itself.

On six occasions between 1925 and 1937, the people have voted down bond burdens for the city to acquire its own distributing sysem, and as late as a year ago, the city turned down in a popular referendum, a proposal for municipal ownership.

Now San Francisco has been served with notice that \$100,000,000 ir local PWA construction projects will be held up indefinitely unless the city establishes a municipally-owned power distribution system, displacing the local private utility which incidentally, is rendering one of the best services in the United States.

Just why the Public Works Adminis ration should seek to destroy a private electric company's business and hold up public relief funds. as a club to force a socialistic undertaking on a large city, is hard o understand. If San Francisco had no e'ectric service, there would be reason for using the taxpayers' money to get it. But what good reason is there for using taxpayers' funds to force a private company out of business in a given territory, lead a city with debt, destroy revenue which a city is now getting, remove some of the most valuable private property from the assessment rolls, in return for giving people what—the same electric service they are now receiving?

What a farce in the face of statements that government wants to
co-operate with business to help it
create real jobs instead of political
relief jobs! How can the utility industry or any industry or investor
feel safe to go ahead with needed
improvements and expansion which
would put men to work, when government treats established undertakings in this manner? Is there
anything fair, democratic or American about such a bulldozing policy?

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