

I will also state that in many instances in taking my back sights I could see ~~three~~ three or more of my objects or monuments on line that were ten, twenty and even fifty miles distant.

No pains were spared to run this line correctly. I ran the line myself in person, assisted by a most competent Engineer Mr. John D. Hoffmann, to whom I am indebted for the Topographical portion of the work.

I destroyed the marks mounds and monuments of the first line ran by me from Major's Corner.

I will here add a general description of the Country along the line of survey, viz:

From the north east corner of the State for a distance of fifty miles South, the Country is of volcanic formation lying in Tables, cut up by deep ravines and Canons, and covered with a very hard iron bearing rock. There is but very little water, <sup>with</sup> here and there a little bunch grass and a few scattering Juniper Trees.

A short distance to the westward of the seventh mile post, is the northerly Boundary of Surprise Valley, a Tract of land extending South to near the 59<sup>th</sup>.