

almost perfectly bare: The descent on line
 is over a series of sharp high ridges
 running almost at right angles to line,
 till it reaches Fish Lake Valley at 347th
 mile; thence in the Valley to 367th mile, where
 it leaves Valley, crossing the Road leading
 from Lone Pine Inyo County, to Lida
 in Esmeralda County Nevada: Fish
 Lake Valley is nearly all Desert, sandy,
 covered with sage brush and greasewood,
 excepting a little patch near the foot
 of the white mountains, where the line comes
 into the Valley, and at Pipers Ranch,
 near the 360th mile: after leaving Fish Lake
 Valley, the line ascends a Range of broken
 Nut Pine covered Hills and mountains, con-
 taining considerable lead and silver bearing
 ores: At the 378th mile the line descends
 into the head of Death Valley and crosses
 a sandy rocky wash. At 388th mile enters
 series of very broken mountain washes
 of sand and gravel, and in a short
 distance ascends the Range of mountains
 known as Grape Vine Range, which consist
 of a very rapid succession of very sharp
 jagged peaks, one above and after each
 other, over which it was impossible to pass
 on line, composed of perfectly barren rock