

Investigations of Original 1880 Surveys

Late in the fall of 1912 considerable time was spent investigating old 1880 surveys in the Greybull area at Wood River Valley to determine the need for resurveys in that area. I found the old 1880 surveys very defective. It seemed ~~the~~ contractor ^{had employed} ~~would contract~~ surveyors who ^{had} ~~would~~ just set a few corners along the river valleys where they thought settlers might take up homesteads, ^{but} ~~and~~ set very few corners in the rougher country between the valleys. The work along the valleys was poorly done, ^{such as crooked lines and poor corners} ~~also~~. Great distortion in the few lines they ^{had run} ~~ran~~ was found. Cottonwood stakes were not the best of corner stakes but had they done a good job of it and dug ^{pits} ~~ditches~~ like they were supposed to have done, ^{The stakes} ~~they would~~ have ^{made} ~~been~~ very good corners, ~~because~~ ^{would} we often found evidence of the old pits, thirty to forty years after the survey was made, ^{The old pits could be found} ~~and they would prove that we had the actual corner~~ because the soil in the pits was of a different texture than the surrounding soils. The township plat^s and field notes filed by the contractors making the old surveys indicated ^{whole} ~~old~~ townships were surveyed ^{left unsurveyed.} ~~in~~ ^{Topography} on the plat^s often showed creeks running the wrong way, and ^{showed} ~~there~~ hills where ~~there~~ creeks and washes were supposed to be. ~~were supposed to be creeks and washes.~~ And ~~The~~ field notes ^{and} ~~were~~ ^{evidently} ~~were~~ ^{Therefore,} ~~fictitious.~~ I recommended a complete dependent survey of the areas. As the close of the surveying season drew near,

Willis, my younger brother, and I spent some time on the west

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1911 side of Hart Mountain hunting deer. But they were very scarce and the ones we saw were wild and wise.

One day on such a hunt I saw in the deep snow where a bobcat had caught a grouse. There were feathers and blood in the snow. I saw where he had drug it a ways and another bobcat track joined up and a great battle had ^{taken} ~~took~~ place. Bloody snow, leaves, sticks and chicken feathers were evidence of ^a the battle royal. ~~That is all there was left.~~ We got 2 deer + 1 beaver

Went to Canyon