

Los Angeles Times Article

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Dennis Cassabier has the original 1905 article in the museum

In early 1905 the Los Angeles TIMES sent a reporter over the desert to the new gold mine discoveries at Bullfrog and up to Beatty, NV. To get there, the reporter, Harry C. Carr, took a Santa Fe train to Goffs and then a California Eastern Train to the end of track at Ivanpah. This is not the Ivanpah you know. This was before what is now the UPRR was completed and the California Eastern tracks extended out another six miles or so from where Ivanpah is now. The "end of track" was called Ivanpah then. Not much left of it now.

Anyway, at Ivanpah he switched to a stage coach. The road followed by the stage coach went up through State Line Pass (which is up behind where Primm or Whiskey Pete's is now) and then to Goodsprings and then on beyond that.

While approaching State Line Pass (which would mean between State Line Pass and Whiskey Pete's) he makes an unusual observation about a band of burros. The implication of his language implies there is something special about these burros ... and, of course, that isn't that far from Clark Mountain. In fact, you have a clear shot from this point to Clark Mountain. I'll include enough text here so you can draw your own conclusions about where he was. Here's the quote:

"The start of the ride was interesting enough to console one for the \$\$ stage fare.

"The famous band of wild burros which tantalize the prospectors, which no man can catch, and which a good many men have killed their horses trying to, was seen peacefully browsing in the desert. They seem built on the same general specifications as tame burros.

"The Swiss gentleman described the autumn army maneuvers; the Jap worked himself up to a wild pitch of tangled words trying to explain that Japan doesn't cook fish after the American plan; the girl said she could be happy if she had to live always in a desert, and all was well.

"The road passed the mouth of the picturesque State Line Pass, through which it was proposed to build the Salt Lake road originally."

Sorry I didn't see this sooner. It is actually new to me. I don't recall ever seeing a similar reference, but I haven't been watching for it either. Please acknowledge that you've received this - seems like I'm always getting your email address mixed up and I want to be sure you have it. Dennis

