

History of Mound House 1869-1941



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Before the railroad:

1841: First to pass through the “Carson Pass Route” - Bidwell-Bartleson party.

1861: James Fair builds “Halfway House”

1862: Toll road opens from Eagle Valley

Mid-1860s: Mound House toll station opens.

1869 (Late October)



Rails reach Mound House

1869 (November)



Nov 19: Rails reach Virginia City (shop building)
Passing siding built
Telegraph office in place now

1872



October 3: Combination depot built

October: Section crew stationed here by now

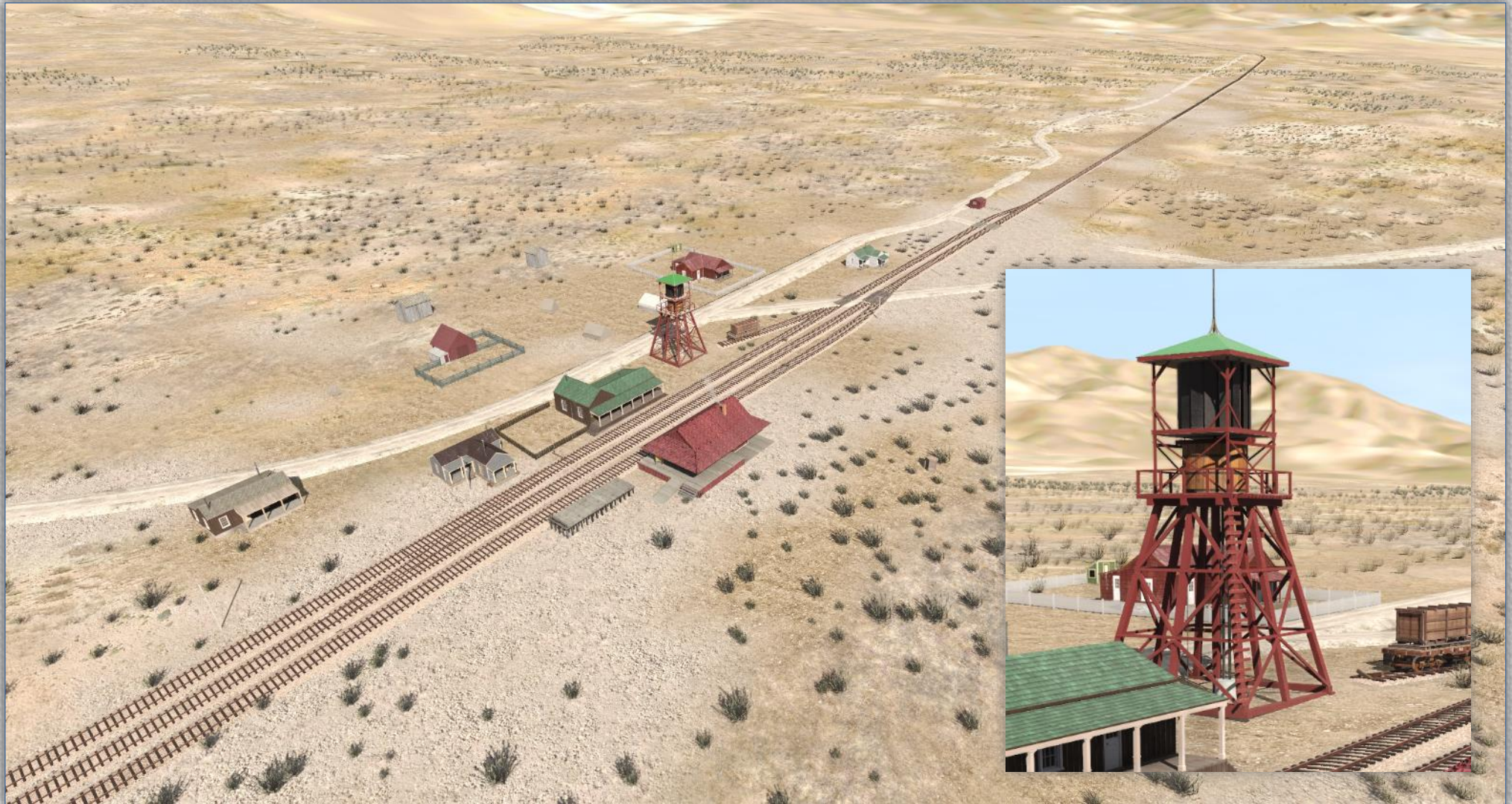
November 4: McLean's saloon open by now

1874?



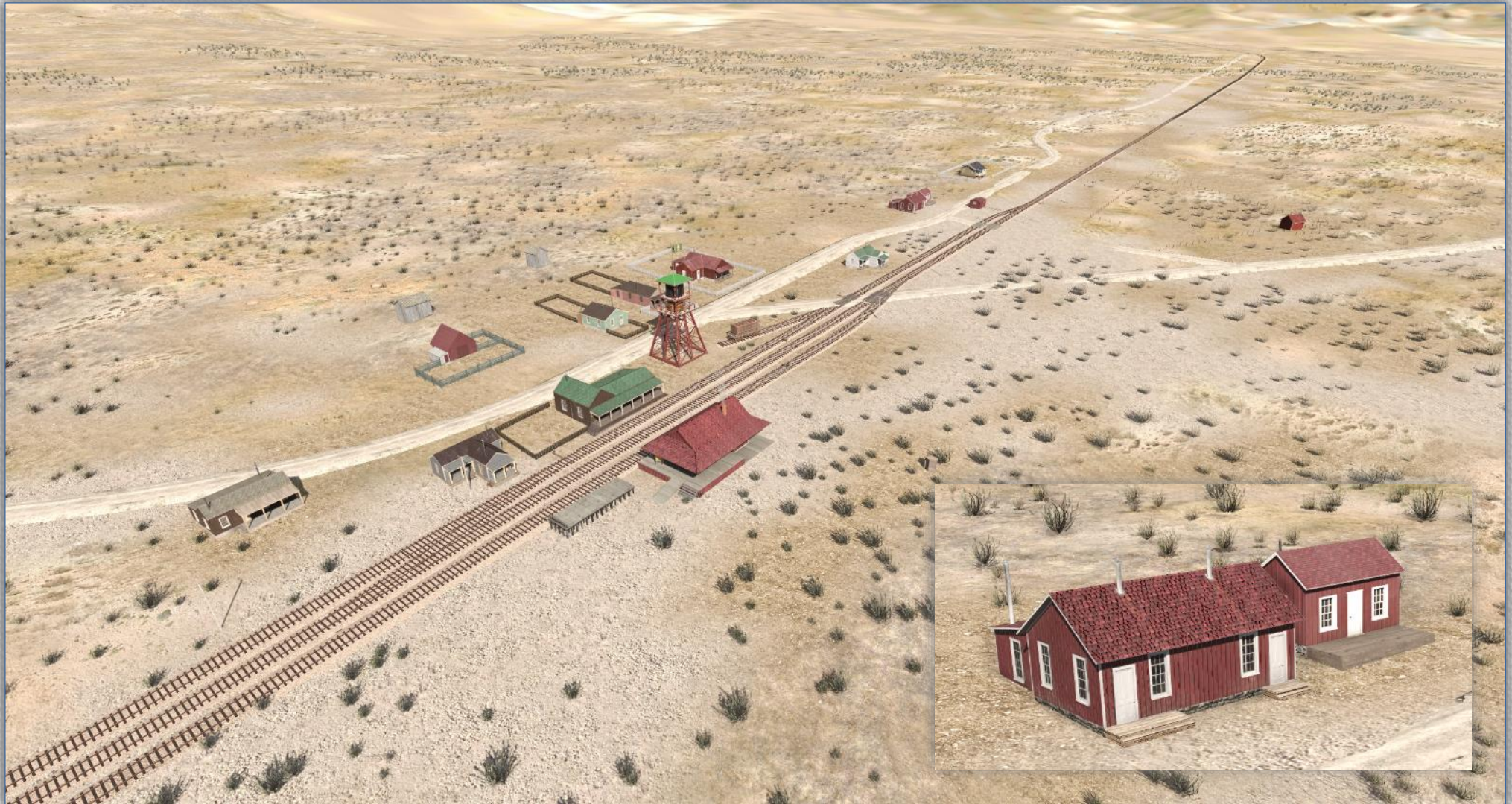
Dexter windmill built by V&T?

1876



Feb 10: Windmill blows down
Rebuilt by McLain by April; used for irrigation

1877



Section crew bunk house and foreman's house built. Living in tents until now? Boxcars?

1879



Sept. 13 – Original 20' x 40' depot burns down
October – new, larger (20' x 50') depot built

1880



Construction started on C&C
Dual-gauged most of the Mound House trackage
Dual-gauge turntable built

1881



Depot moved to Dayton
New passenger and freight depots built
April / May: Track scales moved from Scales

1886



Feb: Engine house burns down; car shed taken over for locomotives.

1888



Ore transfer trestle built

- Ore from the Savage → Rock Point Mill

1893



Stock yards built

- Cows, pigs, and sheep from Wabusca

1900



Carson and Colorado sold to Southern Pacific

1901



Water Car No 90 replaces No. 42

1904



Western Ore Purchasing Co is built
SP standard-gauges to Dayton

1905



Western Ore Purchasing Co moves to Tonopah

1906



January: Water Car No. 2 replaces No. 52

1908



August: SP now operating joint depot

1909



February: Nevada Gypsum mill opens

1914



The Lincoln Highway is built through Mound House

- Graveled; one lane

1922



Added 180' to Pacific Portland Cement Co siding.
Replaced 1,350-feet of 56 lb. rail with 60 lb. rail.

1924



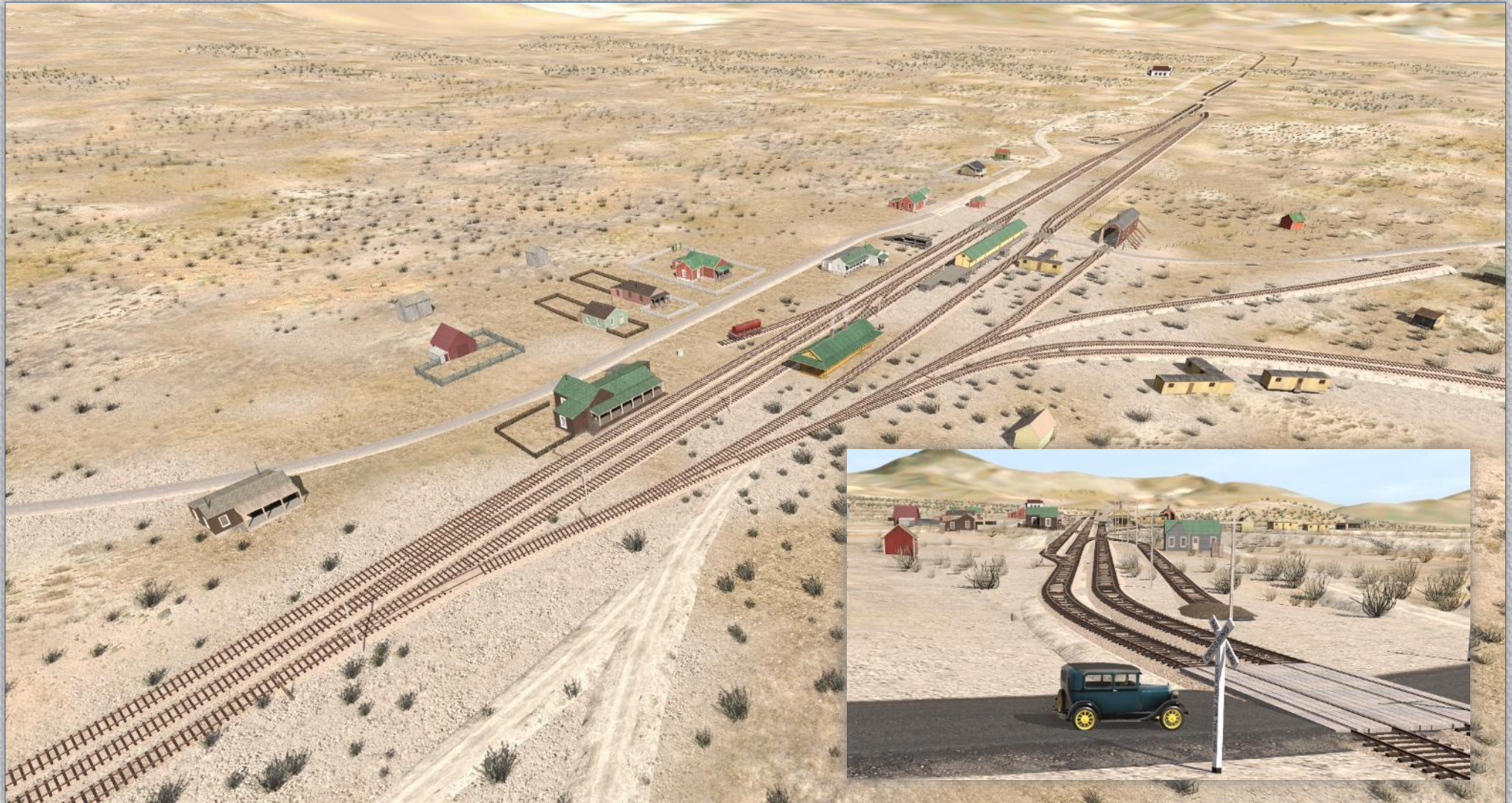
Pacific Portland Cement Co moved to Gerlach.
Dismantling complete by September.

1930



Section crew consolidated with Scales crew
Water car No. 1 replaces Water Car No. 2

1931



Highway 50 is built; crossing the tracks just to the south

1932



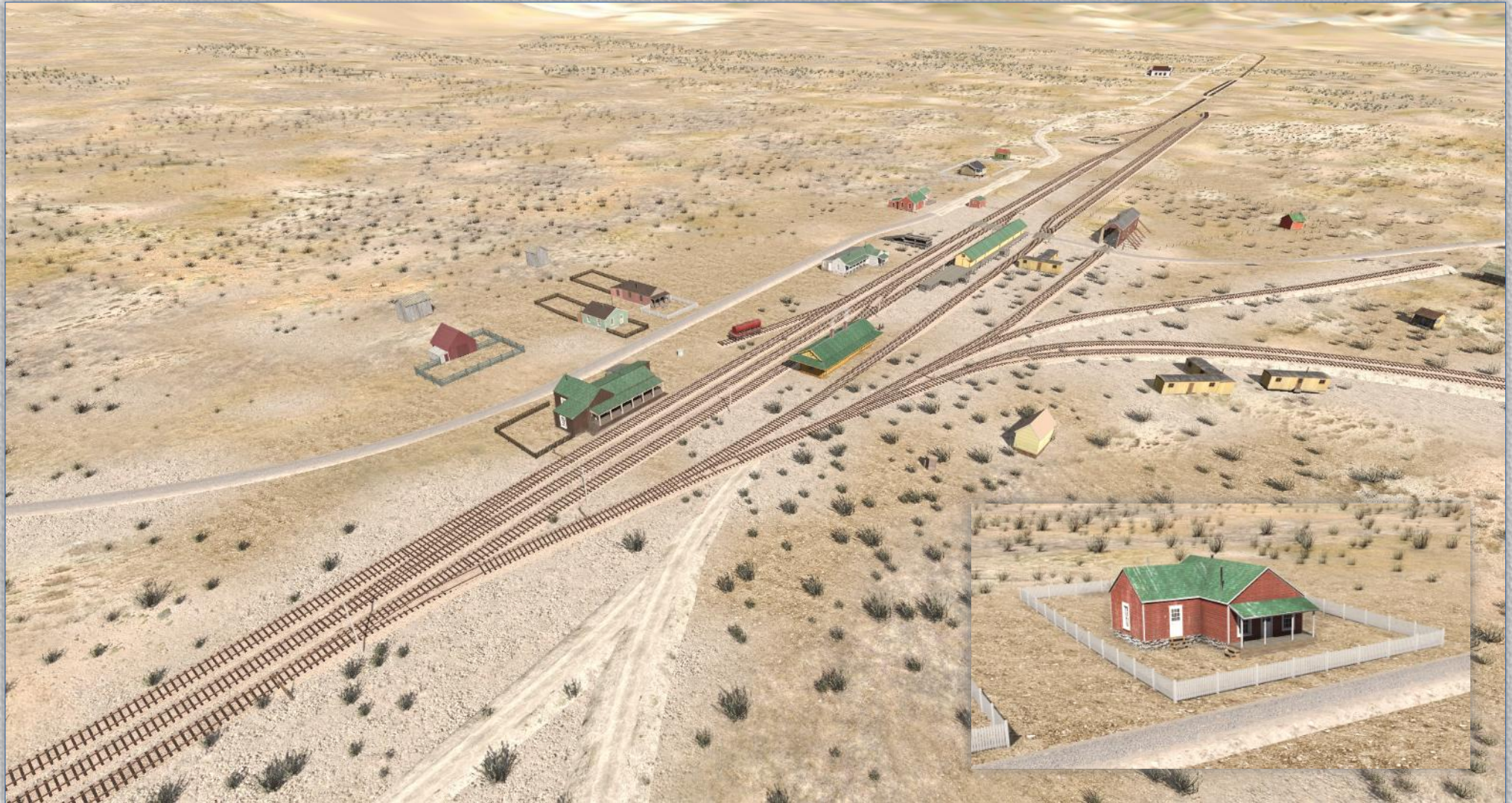
Retired 654-foot old Scale Track "G" (Regan Track)
Retired PPC Mill tracks "J" and "K"

1933



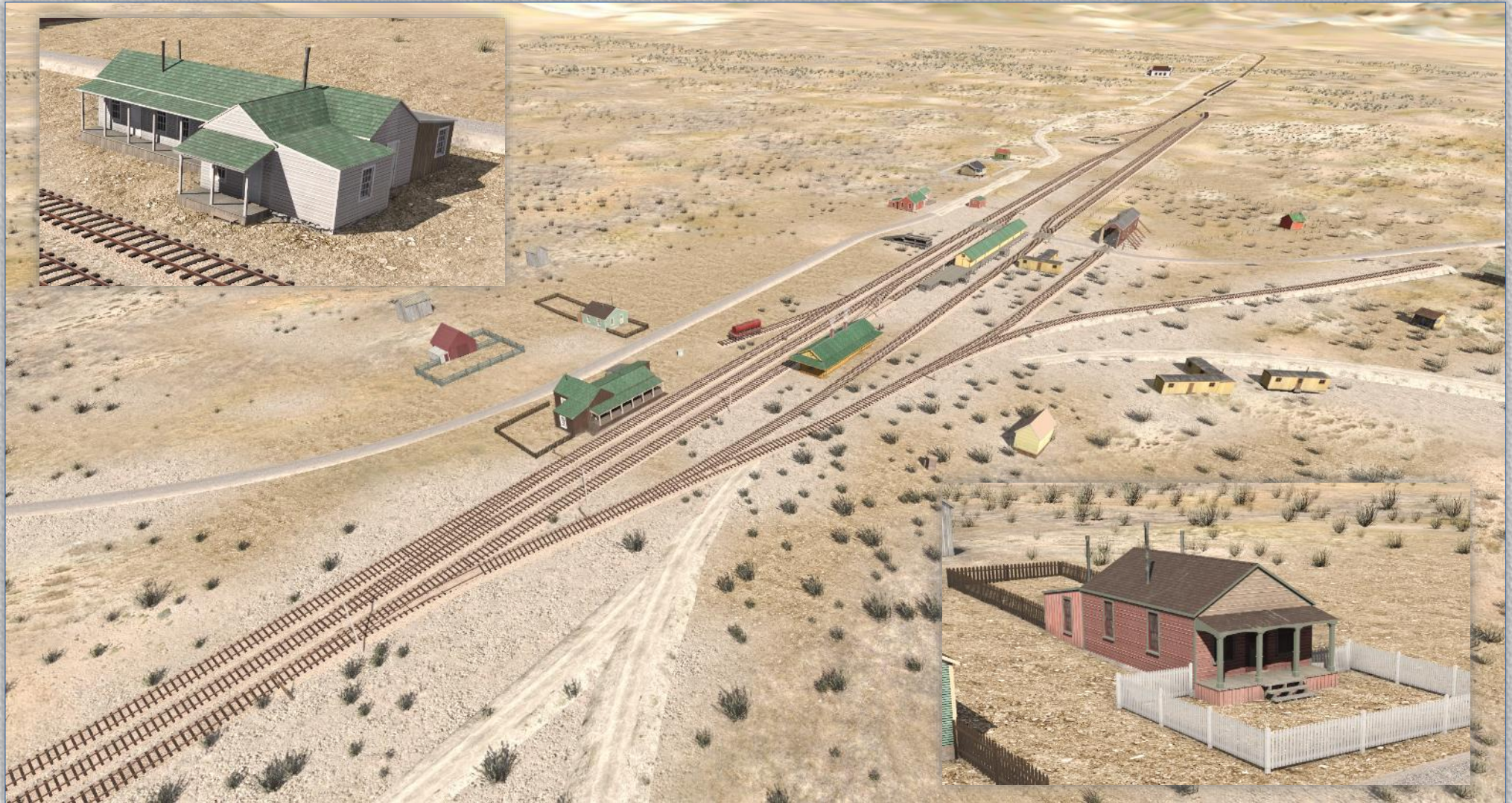
Teasland House sold for \$30 and removed.

1934



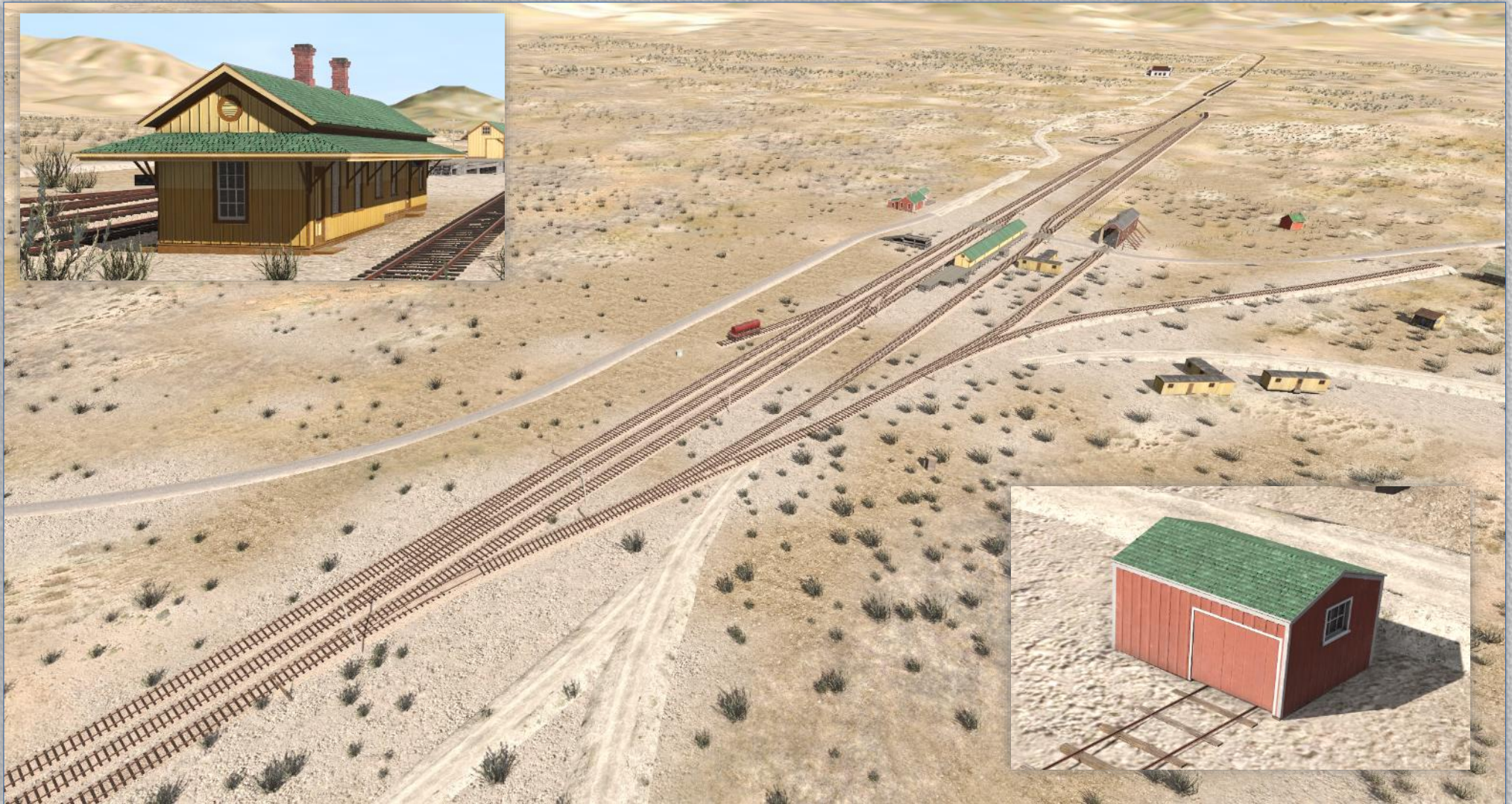
Agent's House sold and removed.
SP abandons the line between MH and Dayton

1936



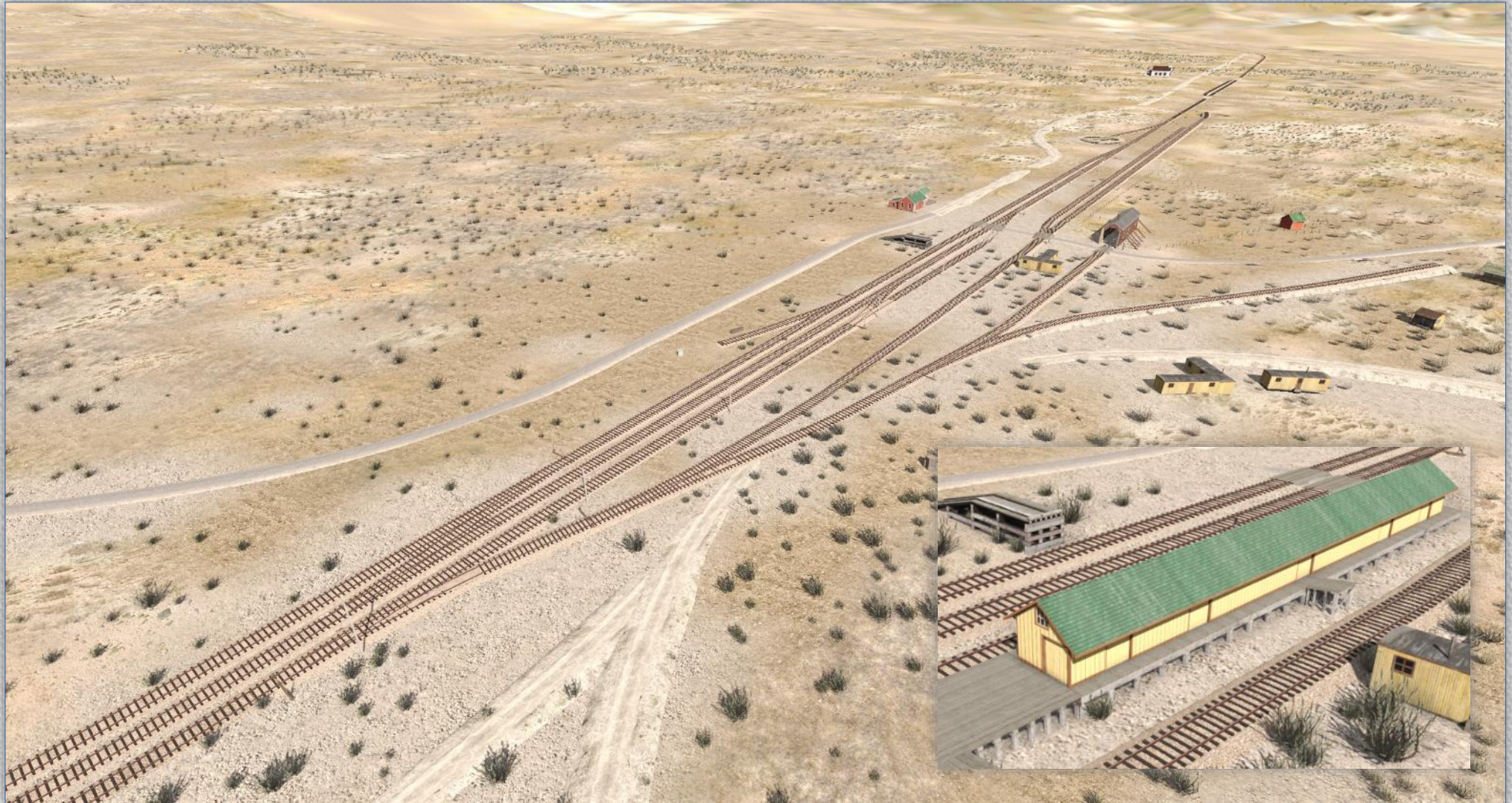
SP rails removed to Dayton.
Boarding House and Fireman's House sold (\$50 ea.)

1938



Virginia City branch abandoned.
Passenger depot sold and moved to Carson
Section Tool House sold for \$125

1939



Freight depot sold

1941



Rails removed
Section House; Bunk House sold for \$45

Other shots...

Late 1870s:



Ca 1888



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Ca 1905



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