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Snowed in Provo seven inches last night letting up at 8:30 A.M. On way to school heard robins singing as well as meadowlark and a few flukes just as the storm was breaking. These birds have a way of foretelling the end of a storm even before man sees visible signs of a let-up in the weather. While the ground was completely covered with snow these birds were singing as if spring had arrived. It appears to me that it is not the conditions but the degree of change that initiates birds to rejoice, as it were this morning. From frigid to cold is the same as from warmer to sultry weather, that is, birds respond to degree of change rather than conditions. N. Evening Grosbeaks in evidence.

3-15-39

Reinwald Lethy, a graduate at University and a very dependable observer, and a fellow who has spent considerable time in rock canyon trapping and running cattle relates the following: "In 1935, while following a set of deer trails on the 'Y' mountain east of Provo, came to a point in trail where 5 or 6 deer had departed from their regular course in a rather abrupt manner. Further investigation disclosed the whisp of the scared deer. At the point of deer dispersal he saw a dead deer partly eaten around the shoulders. At the same moment he looked up at cliffs of limestone above and saw a large cat working over the brink to escape beyond. This took place 1/3 way up Y. mt and 3 blocks south of Rock Canyon, Provo, Utah.

"In 1935 Homer Wakefield and myself caught a large footed bear up North Fork. This brown bear was trapped on flat between Aspen Grove and Stewart's Flat at base of Elk Peak. A rather large animal but very poor with fur torn and ragged. Stub foot calloused and had evidently been used regardless of the handicap of being short."

"Have never failed in seeing at least tracks of the brown bear up rock canyon on every trip for the last 10 years 1926-37 inclusive."

"Have caught coyotes, bear, mt. lion, bob cats, and Badger