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hand trail worked up hillside, hence along an elevated moraine
valley with a stand of aspen trees & then to Ridge Crest proper.
This trail is the upper one and is not to be confused with the govern-
ment trail below which leads over into the head of Bear Canyon.
As I followed along this trail found the bear tracks
always in evidence, some with claw marks attached and many
other somewhat extended by sliding backwards. They con-
tinued to the ridge and they the bear evidently left trail
and went down into Bear Canyon. I continued west below
ridge crest and finally arrived on flat on ridge between
Rock Canyon and Bear Canyon. I want to mention that
while walking at ~~at~~ normal gate from camp this morning
observed 10 Cut mounds in the first 10 minutes. From
the above mentioned flat continued to the south and
conforming to the trend of the ridge. Followed up the
grade of the Rock Canyon-Timpoonche Curque ridge. The
stretch of ridge from flat to the first set of cliffs indicated
that the sheep had so effected the ground that an erosional
problem would be in order eventually. Since this is the
only way in which the sheep can gain the sky pastures of
Timpoonche Basin, except direct approach over brinks, one
cannot expect anything else but the results of an erosional
gully. The connecting and rather confining stretch of land
here is fairly well protected by vegetation but the trailing
tendency is unavoidable. The prospects then will be a
large erosional gully in the future if means are not taken
to build a trail across the constriction. In a way this
approach is the logical one into the Timpoonche Basin
not over the brink of the Curque. From this point
followed the back bone of the ridge to point where the
high towering peak limits one's progress. This higher part-
ion of ridge is above the conifer growth. Along this
ridge took several pictures of the country to the north
and to the west showing the granite range and Am. Fork
Canyon. Picture 1-9-13-39 of sledge runner or thermometer
mountain with granite peaks in the background. Completely
framed with Conifers. This picture was taken on the
ridge among cliff living conifers. Deer tracks among shrubbery
of the point. Picture 2-9-13-39 was taken on ridge and
looking down upon the high erosional level above American
Fork Canyon. The north wall of American Fork Canyon on right hand