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Casual observations of deer hunt at Indian Springs, head of Indian Canyon in the Strawberry Country. Bob, Dad and myself made trip. Hunted usual area N.W. of camp. Left Pecos 1:00 P.M. and arrived at 3:30 P.M. via sheep creek. Put up tent with new muscung side. Temperature at 5:00 P.M. = 42°F . Temp. at 6:00 = 40°F . 6:09 P.M. Great horned owl called above camp like magpie then normal. At late twilight moon visible but surroundings still light. 6:30 - Temp. 39°F . To bed in anticipation of an early hunt tomorrow.

Deer hunt (Continuation)

10.20-39

Next morning and ready for hunt. Temperature 32°F at 4:30 A.M. Had breakfast and left at 5:35 A.M. Turned up first right hand canyon and gained head, hence went to long flat ridge and waited for dad to come up second right hand canyon. At 6:45 A.M. a ♂ and 1 doe and 3 fawns came by. Collected the buck. Sun on lone sheep peak north of here for first time. 15 minutes after cleaning the deer 3 Rocky mt. jays were feeding on the fat. Utah jay near. Saw 2 other ♂ during the day. Also 2 eagle, magpie. One large western white tail rabbit at 7:10 A.M. One hunter reports a cougar. Returned to camp in evening. at 6:00 P.M. Horned Owl called. Temp. = 42°F . at 7:30 P.M. the temperature was 39°F .

Deer hunt (Continuation)

10/21/39

Temperature at 5:30 A.M. = 33°F . On trail before daybreak. Sun on top of highest peak to west at 6:45 A.M. at 6:52 A.M., just before sun arrived at this spot, a badger ran from edge of clearing into aspen and Symphoricarpos where several holes were located. It sounded like several grouse running over dry leaves. Clouds directly over Strawberry lake with a film of haze like smoke directly above the clouds as if sealing them down. Haze zone thin and perfectly horizontal. No clouds in sky otherwise. Birds and animals observed today:

Gray ruff Grouse. Groups of 1-1-2 and very tame
Snowshoe rabbit. White in color. 2 in number

Deer 3 bucks 8 does in breeding ground area.

Porcupine. 1. Found this animal feeding among dry aspen leaves at edge of clearing of Conifers on the west side and aspen on east side. Approach to within 6' before being recognized. Regardless of how I would ~~ste~~ force it to enter the opening it resisted and made way to aspen cover. Other common birds also observed. At 7:00 P.M. Temp = 39°F

Deer hunt. (Continuation)

10/23/39

Temperature 5:30 A.M. = 34°F . 6:15 A.M. 2 snowshoe and dusky grouse