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that they had a nest in this tree and in order ^{not to make too much} commotion I left for the observation station. The birds did not follow me or make any signs of ~~my~~ being disturbed about my departure. All my movements were slow and deliberate except, of course, my first surprise contact with them. Planned to watch the actions of these birds for the rest of the day but an incident intervened which changed the intentions. At 12:10 A.M. it started to rain and hail followed by dense fog. At 12:35 it stopped. From the time it started to rain to 12:25 P.M. the two birds remained 150' above the nest and made peculiar noise and croaking like a frog. After 12:25 P.M. they stopped and neither bird nor sound was heard for the rest of the stay at the observation station. Except one croak at 1:45 P.M. west of me. At 2:00 P.M. left station and inspected nest in tree by climbing to it. No birds in evidence while at nest. Weather now cold, slight rain and misty. The abrupt change of weather conditions may have altered the actions of these birds from one of concern when favorable weather to one of disconcert with change of fair weather to one of adversity. The suddenness of the change of weather conditions at the most crucial period of my inspection of these birds was evident so recorded to bear evidence of its effect upon their actions. Certainly I could not have had a more opportune occasion to contact these birds with so many varying factors operating in such a short time. At 11:50 A.M. Utah Valley was free of any clouds formation except those clouds above the mountain range proper. A few minutes later a storm cloud left Cedar Valley and pushed S. E. towards Looper mountain, hence swung around to the north and shortly enveloping my position. It approached with a cold front attended with strong wind, mist and rain. The up canyon wind would almost blow a man down. This storm advanced with lightning. One noticeable bolt struck an area near Bullock Fur Farm in the valley below. The ground was received with a perked of white hot light for several seconds. At one twenty P.M. it lightning near in Slide Canyon and the vibrations precipitated 3 snow slides on the north end of Mt. Flat mountain. This far was followed by a hail storm immediately after. Some of the hail large enough to cause one to shelter head. The initial storm was accompanied by a fog or mist which changed a light airy environment to one of dark, dull situation. It reminded me of turning off the electric lights in a room at home. The wind, as mentioned before at this thunder storm front was a severer gale. At about 1:50 it started to snow. Snows and rains continued the rest of the day. Left at 2:00 P.M. because I could not remain in such a trying environment and only