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Top Buckley mt, Utah Co., for the purpose of recording the ghost
trees on top and to check upon the crow situation on the south
exposure of Buckley. Left mouth of Little Rock at 8:55 A.M., 2
cottontail in Hackberry. Followed up north ridge but varied
course at base of mountain. Upper course required snow shoes. As
has been the policy and requirement of previous trips have always
taken along either snow shoes or skis. Snow shoes are easier to
carry during preliminary climb to snow level. Being alone I feel
the snow shoes are also much safer but not as desirable for
maneuverability. At 9:10 A.M. heard G.H. Owl and 3 deer 9:15 a
magpie and Turkey Vulture flying to the south the Turkey Vulture
inspecting the cliffs on the south side of the canyon. Prairie
Falcon calling above. Canyon Wren nervous. Several cliff
nest, one of which appears to be an eagle located in perpendicular
exposures. The sheerness of south wall interesting, as if having
slipped only a short period of time ago. Aggregation of Utah Jay,
Woodhouse jay and L.S. Towhee. The two large nests near
mouth of canyon appear like eagle to me. Watched 4 vultures
and 2 raven fighting in canyon. Used snow shoes on upper limits.
Deer tracks from base to near top. Observed one set of deer tracks
crossing a treacherous stretch which I would not particularly
care to cross. At 12:00 observed Clark Crows and eagle. Arrived
at top at 1:30 P.M. and after spending the afternoon among this
sky flat left at 4:15 P.M. and returned as of the ascent but
thoroughly checking juniper, conifer and mahogany stands for the
Clark Crow. No success but realized how fortunate we were in
locating Clark Crow nest in Slide Canyon. While on top recorded
several pictures. A *Tamiasciurus* hole on top. *Peromyscus*
tracks common. Dusky drumming in Kalob Canyon valley.
Snowshoe rabbit tracks very common to on top also. From
top found 80% of mud lake burnt over. Arrived just in
time to procure pictures before the sun had interfered too
much with the melting of snows from the tree branches,
however the more delicate features had been obliterated
as is evidence in comparison with the pictures of previous
trip of yesterday.