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Bopelder Peak environs. This area is situated north of American
 Fork Canyon and east and north of Alpine City. Trip involved
 pack and overnight equipment. Left 3:50 P.M. on the 8th and
 returned 7:00 P.M. the 9th. Started ascent from the Alpine
 Power House, hence to mouth of Phelps Canyon, hence up steep
 ridge bordering Phelps to high peak on ridge between Bopelder
 and Phelps. Camped about 150' west or down ridge of the
 last pass before point, beyond which, it levels off to base
 of Bopelder Peak. Weather stormy few days previous.
 Commenced to rain lightly as I left Power House. Arrived
 camp site at 7:00 P.M. Upon arrival at camp it proceeded
 to snow and half rain which gradually increased thru-out
 the night and next day up until 3:30 P.M. as snow at
 which time it measured 8". Snow line down to last flat
 of this ridge before abruptly dropping down into Alpine valley.
 Temperature at 7:00 A.M. 30° F. The bird life on trip
 up as usual. There is a noticeable number of birds in this
 type of situation that is the oak brush flat to mouth of Canyon,
 including the most typical and more frequently heard bird,
Pipilo maculatus montanus. These birds are generally found
 singing, sometimes 5 or more at a time. Six *Hedymeles m*
papago singing in about same situation as *Tawbees* above.
 One *Falco mexicanus* flying across canyon. *Zenaidura*
macroura marginella calling in Phelps Canyon. Frequently
 heard *Spizella passerina arizonae*. *Vermivora celata* a common
 caller. Occasional *Turdus migratorius propinquus* also a
 group of *Penthestis* (Sp?). In ascending ridge found the area
 relatively barren except 2 *Dendragapus obscurus obscurus*, one
 on first ridge flat among the maple and the other one near camp.
 As I entered the conifer zone heard *Penthestis* (Sp?), *Sitta* (Sp?)
 and *Hyllocichla guttatai auduboni*. While it was raining at
 this time the bird life was still in evidence. A most unusual
 record of bird activity is recorded in a negative sense for the
 period from 7:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. the following day during the
 period of snow and winds. Except for one chickadee, which