

7-8-41

Dropped down to edge of Columbia river S. east of the Vancouver barracks. Time sundown. Trend of Gulls in every case down river. At this same time groups of blackbirds (Brewers) flew to the edge of the river to drink. A few killdeers fed upon the sandy river shore line. Sparrow hawk and pheasant present. The river edge in this area is essentially sandy from the dredgings of the river channel. The area takes on more the appearance of a desert with sand dunes. Gulls in groups of 1-2-3-4-5, mainly in smaller groups.

7-12-41

Scenic Mt. Hood Loop. Started from Vancouver at about 7:00 A.M. and returned at 8:00 P.M. same day. The manner of transportation on this trip and all trips in the future will be by the somewhat newly applied hitchhiking method. During the course of a days travel will generally ride with from 4 to 5 different parties, each one of course offering his or her interpretation of the area. Followed north side of Columbia river to White Salmon, hence south across interstate bridge to Hood River City, hence south up Hood River Valley to Bennetts Pass, hence around to Government camp, hence to Timberline lodge, hence to Portland & Vancouver. Muscifraga Columbiana at Timberline lodge. Several Citellus lateralis (sub. sp.) were found here and at different points along the way. Timberline lodge commands the attention of the tourist and Mt. Hood becomes secondary. The development of the area and the large aggregations of people inhabiting it on Sundays has, in my way of thinking defeated the real purpose of bringing the public to the attention of the natural wonder of the mountain. To me this area is at its best during winter time because it is not of the extent or caliber for the amount of effort expended in creating such a fine lodge. The snow line had receded well above the upper limits of the lodge. The mountain at this point is subdued and does not lend itself to the dramatic views gained from more distant points. Distance lends enchantment in the case of these bold towering volcanic cones. Would appear to me that the deeper erosional gullies have been formed since the last ice age. Glacial erosion is observable in canyons leading down from peaks. The north exposure of the mountain appeals to me and will unquestionably receive more popularity as it become more accessible. Certainly the skiing will be better on the north exposure.