

our way through cedar dotted gulches to rest our ears at the old Saturday Saint Church's only quarry. From this point we were to trek westward to the base of Lake Mountain and ascend by way of a ridge to just under the summit. This mountain is an offshoot of the Oguvuk Range, one of the older Utah ranges and is probably 8,500 feet high. It derives its name from its guardianship position to Utah Lake.

It was but a short time until we realized fully that our assignment was much of an undertaking. The heavy snows of the north slopes were difficult to negotiate and at times out of the predicament to again fight our way up the steep ridges. When possible we kept to the south slope, avoiding the deeper drifts. About half way up the ridge, a cottontail rabbit left its cover just ahead to trip lightly over the snow surface to a pass beyond. Its sure-footedness was quite in contrast to two awkward bipeds. Its pattern against the white background of snow could be distinguished readily and one could visualize why in the presence of a hawk, raven and eagle, that these mammals choose for self preservation to hide out during the day. This habit does not offer complete protection, however, as the great horned owl is on the alert at night to secure for itself a meal from such a ball of fur and flesh. Shufeldt juncos and spurred towhees were active on the slopes.

Gaining the second of four hogbacks we had left half of the descent behind us and had come out onto a more inviting terrain where we could keep to the north slope on a more gentle ascent and climb without encountering the heavy drifts previously met up with. Our waning strength was taxed to make time lest we arrive at the nesting tree after the setting of the sun, too late for pictures. Alternating between crested snow areas and the rocky going of the drier areas, we continued to the third hogback. From this point to the fourth, then out on top to a point above the gulch where we located the eagles nesting trees, our gait slackened and our strength was taxed. Coaching and promises that our goal was just around the next