

Considerable activity of the Matoms in the cliff area.

The second nesting of the eagle was taking place in a very unusual setting. The crater of Pavant Cone west of Flavell. Earlier this morning we spotted an eagle flying west from the Pavant Range and crossing in course that would have ultimately taken it to its nesting site. As the lighting conditions were fading could not make too many secure observations of this pair of birds. The nest is located in the most westerly situated crater of the cone and about  $1/2$  way down from rim on a rock face directly above the last talus slope. It was easily accessible from below but well fortified from an above approach. Dad got within 4 feet of bird before it left the nest. It flew out of west gate and did not return until we had left the nest and had almost gain the upper rim via south slope. When it crested out of crater to the north and entered N. E. where it flew across crater to nest. It paused for a second and then flew out of west gate again. Nest as usual with 3 foot platform on top.

It was unusual to the extent that 12 feet of sagebrush debris tailed the main nest downward to edge of small drop. This trailing accumulation suggested a massive structure. It appeared as if it were purposefully placed but was probably a natural accumulation of misplaced nesting material.

The two eggs were placed west east in alignment with the position of the incubating bird. Eggs usual one lightly marked the other more heavily mottled.

The view from the top of this crater is indeed an inspiring one with distant horizons in all directions and extensive lava flows radiating out from these highly pitted volcanoes. As we left the nest found numerous rabbit legs at the base of the cliffs, animals apparently having been eaten by the eagles. 4 jack rabbits were in road about 1 mile east of cone. Several small lakes at outer edge of lava flow. 4 small mice ran across road in 100 miles of highway travel on return trip.

