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Left Gravo with Dad at 1:30 P.M. to Golden Eagle nest on Lake Mt. This nest is located in canyon directly west of the old temple quarries near Nelson Point. It is characterized by its uninterrupted alluvial deposits which rise far up in the canyon proper. As with the experience of last week there appears to be a noticeable absence of bird life on the mt and probably associated with the weather which was cold, windy and, at the time the trip was made, heavily overcast. The dropping clouds were obscuring the Wasatch range. In fact the only birds observed up canyon to nest were one pair of spurred towhees. Snow clear of south exposure but covering north exposures. The snow at this particular time of the spring has no bottom and allows the snowshoes to sink down as much as three feet. Examined the two nests in the fir tree (*Abies concolor*) and found that the birds had not used either of them. The lower nest was used two years ago and showed its age. The upper entrance was accentuated  and completely matted with dead dry conifer needles and debris. No evidence of green coloring in its structure. The upper nest in contrast was flat with a broad platform much in the same condition of a nest being concurrently used. It differed however in the degree of matting and complete aggregation of conifer needles in center of nest. The outer rim was still loosely arranged and with signs of green but only the dead green of last years placement. (*Abies concolor* and *Juniperus scopulorum*) The cup and lining of bark was still favorably preserved. For all these and purposes the upper nest was in perfect repair for occupation needing only a few additional green baws for decoration and camouflage and the reestablishing of a new cup. A very strong odor of Neotoma permeated the lower nest but no noticeable signs in upper nest. This would indicate that one or a pair of animals had preoccupied the entire tree and established a