

To the Rocky mountains. Formerly the country was essentially flat and without such bold relief. The Pinus scopulorum made their first appearance at this locality and with a few Juniperus constitutes the main tree cover. These trees are confined mainly to tableland and slopes of the bluffs. A close inspection of the area would indicate the Tamias may not be represented, however, everything is ideal for this mammal. Good Microtus ochrogaster runways were in area beyond cattle in picture and if time permitted would almost guarantee a 40 per cent catch. Grassland still typical with rare shrub or open streams. The talus slopes now offer additional ecological niches in an otherwise flat surrounding country. The elevation of photo approx 5060 feet. The lark bunting, Calamospiza melanocorys, made its first appearance and there, was very common. One Sylvilagus ran across road 3 mi. w Pine Bluffs. Continued west on Lincoln Highway and at point 12 mi. S + 13 mi. E Laramie, Albany Co., Wyoming took photo 4-6-28-48 of the Pole Mountain Game Refuge in the Medicine Bow National Forest. This photo was taken just beyond the Forest Boundary on the approach from the east and shows the refuge to the N. It will be noted that the slope is gradual and is retained eastward until it merges with the Great Plains which can be seen plainly in the extreme right hand side of the photo. The grassland is still the dominant association and retains the characteristic life-form of the plains. At this point the grassland shares with Pinus scopulorum of the more rugged rocky slopes and the stream bed which supports Populus tremuloides and willow. Degree of slope and influence of riparian conditions make the difference. These soils are mainly a form of disintegrated granite and in certain areas produces (the granite) hoodoo formations of considerable scenic value. It appears to me to be a place where Microtus montanus and Microtus ochrogaster might conceivably inhabit the same community of damp meadows. Five Odocoileus hemionus (sp?) were observed in this area and indicated, from their actions and approachability that they had received protection from molestation. One Lepus californicus (sp?) ran across road at about 5:30 P.M. Continued toward summit of this range and at a point about half way