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Preston Carter reported an incident concerning the ^WWishing Swan at Mud Lake, south west of Provo Utah. I presented Preston a sheet of paper and asked him to write down just what he could concerning this bird. The following is a copy of the exact wording of his report to me but recopied from the original sheet of paper. "It was one hot day when I decided to fishing. After reaching the lake I climb into my boat, and started for Dry Creek. After fishing about an hour, I started back toward where I put my ~~p~~ boat. I was rowing along slow, when I look up and saw a big white bird setting on the water near by. It looked so pretty with it neck all bow around. It look like a real picture. I got my clothes of and jump of in and took after it. After chasing it for about a mile I caught it, put it in my boat. I set there looking at it. It feet was black, it toes had been frozen of, because they were short and stubby. It had been caught by a fish line, because it had a string hanging out of it toe, about three inches long. It's toes were one inch long. The bill was black and had a red spot on bill. It was very weak and lounze and couldn't fly. It was a very heavy bird, as pretty as a picture. I finally turned it loose. I hatted to see it go, because I wanted to take it home where the rest of them could have seen it. I wish you could have seen it setting their picking it feathers over and fulitering as pretty as could be. It was the prettest bird I ever saw so far." Preston told me also that this bird was last observed to have left here and to have swam toward the channel of Mud-Lake and Utah Lake.

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