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'55 x 22 Lodge looking

across open expanse and down hill run.



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The slalom course was laid out on hill side about N.E. of Lodge. Eugen + Cassman gave exhibition runs. The snow had melted but very little since our visit the week before. The weather was fine and many shots decorated the affair. Left the skiing grounds rather late but arrived at home in plenty of time. Seen rock squirrel at mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

3-31/38. Craig Hayman & I visited the Sand Dunes, 1.7 mi. west of Curtis Station. hurriedly set 16 traps on dunes and then spent about 3/4 hr. walking along railroad tracks before making second visit along line to pick up catch. The snow had just set and before completing the set was late twilight. The sands were quite active and showed considerable movement since my last visit some two months before. One could readily see that the 40 animals taken before had its immediate effect upon the population. The numbers were nothing compared to the condition found on first visit, lacking the community development. Six animals were taken on this trip, all in fine condition. 4 ♂ and 2 ♀. Being in the trap for only 1 1/2 hr. were had not time to injure their mouths from the time contact between trap lid and can proper. Had wheat for food. While waiting for traps heard three Wilson snipe in air giving their aerial calls as produced by wings. Several pheasants were frightened from their night roosts in the grass. On approaching the area seen one rabbit as it bobbed through sage brush east of dunes. Approx. 14 ducks, including 2 mallard as positive identification, were seen flying around area after twilight.

4/2/38. C Lynn Hayward, Dad + myself made second visit to eagle nest in Grove Creek. The snows were crusty and permitted one to walk upon the surface without falling through. On way up trail paused to watch eagle. It made its first appearance from the north sliding south across canyon with partially closed wings. When seen to be headed straight for old nest felt sure that they had decided to start nesting, however on nearing opposite side turned abruptly west and sailed down canyon alighting in high prominent cliff about 2 blocks from nest used last year. It only remained at nest for a second or two and then flew up canyon again only to stop on lower cliff half way between the two nests. During the entire maneuver from the time he was first sighted until alighting upon rock he carried something in talons. Time 12:30. Watched the bird feed on prey for 5 or six minutes until snow from cloud blowing up canyon, place a screen between our point on trail & the eagle.