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Jan. 1. 17° in a.m. Clear. a cold wind blowing all day -

Have been at home all day. Working most of the time on my mammal list.

Jan 2. 24° in a.m. Snowing a little, and about 4 ins fell all told. Very windy in afternoon.

Have finished copying my mammal list -

The dinner last night which Mr & Mrs. Pease gave the Yellowstone outfit at the Antler was a great success. Quite swell, 8 or 9 courses. We had a round table to ourselves in a corner of the Cafe. The place cards for the men folks were some pretty tags of the Yellowstone Park & Transportation Co. with a picture of a bear on them, and for the ladies cards of the Co. with a picture of a coach. We enjoyed ourselves very much -

Jan. 3. 11° in a.m. Clear at first - Cloudy in afternoon.

Odd jobs & revising my mammal list -

script this morning. Took it to  
Dr. Schneider this afternoon.

Jan. 4. 40° in A. M. Somewhat cloudy  
& windy, but clear.  
Cleaned some Coyote skulls this  
morning.

They laid floors in house today  
and stained floor of front room.

Jan. 5. 42° in A. M. Clear warm day.  
Finished cleaning coyote skulls  
this morning, and other odd jobs -  
Put the dead skins to soak in brine,  
and will turn them tomorrow.

Jan. 6. 35° in A. M. Clear warm day  
Took care of the coyote and gray  
fox skins this morning, and they  
are out of the way. Will be when  
they are dried.

They put in the cement floor in  
the cellar this morning. The painters  
will be done by Tuesday, and then  
there is but little to do to finish  
the house.

Jan 7. 32° in A. M. Clear at first, to

came cloudy, cold wind with a little snow flying in afternoon.

Sarah and I am thinking of going to Mexico with the Pease - Day expect to leave on the 16<sup>th</sup> - We were over there last night and talked it over with them. Not decided yet.

I received a letter today from Dr. Merriam giving the results of the identification of the mammals I sent ~~over~~ on. Some interesting things among them, and unlooked for.

Jan 8. 2° in a. m. Clear bright day. Worked on my mammal list this morning, making the necessary additions and corrections.

Jan. 9. 20° in a. m. Clear warm day. I did not do very much today. Went down to College in morning and saw Dr Schneider and about noon he telephoned me to bring the manuscript of my list down after lunch, which I did and turned it over to Prof. Urdahl. So that much is done.

Jan 10. 27° in A. M. Somewhat  
 saw + cloudy during day -

Odd jobs this morning, labelling  
 specimens &c.

Carpenter putting finishing touches  
 on house today -

Jan. 11. 19° in A. M. Clear at first, then  
 cloudy -

Mr. Brington was up this morning  
 and looked the house over, and  
 said it was all right, with a few  
 trifles to be fixed, so it has been  
 accepted, the fixing has been done,  
 or most of it, and I have paid  
 off the Contractor and the house is  
 mine. Will begin my moving to-mor-  
 row. Have made arrangements to  
 this afternoon about the Electric  
 fixtures and to have the connection  
 made, and my window shades and  
 desk will be up in the morning -

Our Mexican trip is off for the  
 present as the Bear's carriage.

Jan 12 42° in A. M. Cloudy at first  
 but cleared. Warm and windy.  
 Moved some of my specimens

this morning, enough to do with  
 Cartm Bidelephide to night. A man  
 was in putting in electric lights,  
 and the Light Co connected the  
 wire.

Had six rabbits from Delta this  
 morning. They look like arizmae.  
 One was skinned, will skin other  
 five to-morrow.

Jan. 13. 42° in A. M. Clear, warm  
 and windy -

It took me all the morning and  
 a little of the afternoon to take  
 care of the rabbits. They needed a  
 good deal of cleaning. They  
 are arizmae without doubt.

I have also carried in all the  
 boxes of skins so I am partly mired.

Jan 14. 45° in A. M. Partly cloudy. Warm.  
 Quite windy at times.

Last evening I had an interview with  
 President Stearns about the mammal  
 list. It seems they are very short of  
 funds for publication. I have agreed  
 to pay half the cost, the bid being  
 a little over \$100. Hated to leave

to pay so much, though had expected  
to put up something.

Was also at G.P.P. meeting. Talk  
on First Aid to the injured by  
Dr. Mayhew and other doctors.

Have just been showing my new  
house to Mr. & Mrs. Boardman and  
Mrs Bischoff and two of her children  
the youngest. The house don't look  
very good to show just now, no  
chairs, floor covered with canvas,  
old carpets &c. However they seemed  
greatly pleased and interested.

Jan. 15 31° in A.M. just least bit of snow  
fell last night. Clear today. Some wind.  
Have been moving this morning.  
Covered my soda truck with oil-  
cloth, and got my tools in -  
Then made negatives and a lot of  
press stuff.

Overflowed my sink when I turned  
water on as the faucet was turned  
on and I was down stairs. Water  
came through floor into cellar.  
No harm done only made me  
extra work.

Found I would have to strengthen

the shelves I wish to keep negatives on with more brackets, and also put up those shelves that the carpenter did not have lumber for.

Was down town in afternoon doing necessary errands.

Jan. 16 19° in A. M. Clear at first but somewhat cloudy in afternoon - Have been working all day at new house. Had to put up shelves in dark room which took most of morning. But have all the photo stuff turned and a lot of other things. Of course not much arranging has been done -

Jan 17. 50° in A. M. Very windy last night and most of day. Clear. Warm - Moving stuff all the morning - Nearly done, but all to be arranged yet - I ran to town for a little while in afternoon then came home and have been putting specimens in trays and drawers -

Jan 18. 31° in A. M. Beautiful clear warm day. No wind  
Working at home in A. M. Down town in afternoon

Jan 19. 53° in A.M. Very windy last night.  
 Warm & windy all day.  
 Working at other house until middle  
 of afternoon. Made 16 mm trays and  
 transformed a lot of specimens. Also  
 did quite a lot of cleaning up a-  
 round. Watered the lawn.

Jan. 20 37° in A.M. Raw. Became cloudy,  
 a little snow in afternoon.  
 Put away a lot more specimens. Drawers  
 about full. Guess I did not calculate  
 very well for space.  
 My book cases came late this after-  
 noon.

My list has just gone to the printer

Jan 21. 5° in A.M. Clear and bright  
 but a cold wind most of day.  
 Nothing very much today. Went  
 down to P. A. in morning.  
 Mrs Skinner dined with us.

July 22. 5° in A.M. Clear and became  
 much warmer in afternoon.  
 Still working at new house and have  
 things pretty well arranged now.



Jan 23, 19° in a. m. Clear, moderately warm day.

Working all day at house, made more trays, moved in a lot of books, and arranged trays of skulls.

Jan 24, 37° in a. m. a little cloudy but cleared quite warm.

Worked at house in morning, carried over rest of books - arranged a lot of skulls.

Under came today with my list of Baca Co. birds.

Jan 25. Clear, a warm day, 22° in a. m.

Jan 26. Clear warm day in Denver.

I went to Denver Thursday morning to attend a meeting of the Colorado Ornithological Association. Spent part of the afternoon at the Capitol. Smith was not there, said Ferrill, but he don't amount to much.

The meeting was in the evening - 25 or 30 here. I was the only out of town member present. The different members made reports of their work during the

past year, and plans and suggestions for the coming year. It was quite interesting.

A talk afterward on bird breeding in New Zealand.

Friday morning I went to see N. D. Hollister, and lunched with him, then went to his room and saw what specimens he had there.

Came down at train leaving at five P.M.

Found proofs of Mammal List at house, and had to put the index in shape.

Jan. 27. 28<sup>th</sup> in A.M. Clear. Moderately warm.

Had to go down to an first thing in morning and take my traps. After I came back, worked at the house. Put down some rugs I bought in Denver, Navahos. Also finished arranging the skulls.

This afternoon I have ~~seen~~ picked out a lot of skins for exchange with Grinnell and Bangs.

Jan. 28. 22° in a. m. Clear fine warm day.

We dined at the Peabody's today. Miss Crawford was also there. We had a nice time of course.

Jan 29. 43° in a. m. Fine warm day.

Went down town in morning with Sarah and made arrangements for framing my album prints.

Have been packing specimens for Grinnell and Bangs this afternoon.

Jan 30. 25° in a. m. Beautiful warm day.

Worked about the house at various odd jobs this morning, and also watered the lawn.

Spent some time in afternoon.

Jan 31 32° in a. m. Fine warm day.

Have been at home all day. Finkering round this morning. We had Miss Crawford and Mrs. Holman, Blunch. After

order -

Made up some javelle water for cleaning skulls. Also cast some 50 caliber bullets for that gun.

Feb 3. 48° in a.m. Some light clouds. Rather windy. Warm -

Cleaned a lot of mouse skulls this morning. Used javelle water, at least something I made for that, or some, in fact soaked all in it a little at the last. It makes them quite white. But the stuff I had seemed more like lye, I don't think the chloride of lime I used was much acct -

My mammal list is out at last. Looks very neat.

Feb. 4. 5° in a.m. Cold wind & cloudy.

Clear, then cloudy again. Just a little sun early in evening -

Nothing very special in <sup>today</sup> afternoon. In afternoon the Skinners called and I showed him the house -

Feb. 5. 5° in a.m. Clear. Nice day though cool.

Went up to bluffs north of

town this morning and set some traps of various kinds all baited with meat. Skunks & Weasels are what I am after. There ought to be some about there.

But the only living thing I saw was a northern Shrike. I did not see even a tree sparrow in the bushes or a Horned lark along the road.

Feb. 6. 14° in A. M. Clear, but a cold breeze.

I only got one thing in my traps, a fine big skunk, M. Ludsmier, I think, caught in a Stop Thief trap, and choked to death without emitting any scent. Skinned him & set them, and he was very fat indeed. Reset the trap using the carcass for bait.

This afternoon it took me about an hour and a half to clean the fat off the skin. Hope the next one won't have been living so high.

Feb. 7. 20° in A. M. Fine clear day.

Took a hottma jallax and a magpie in traps this morning. Going up the road saw a Coyote ahead of me, and put in a ball cartridge but it missed fire on me twice. And I saw a jack rabbit, a white tail I think. Took a lay shot at him, but by mistake used No 8 instead of No 5 shot. Do not know if that made any real difference however.

One of my stop thief traps was sprung this morning and knocked down.

It was a fine day to be out but I came in early. Rather tired, and a little out of training I guess. Down town this afternoon.

Feb. 8. 26 in A.M. Clear, snow let windy day.

One lone Peromyscus nasutus was all there was in the traps. Will bring them in tomorrow.

Made up 3 skins this afternoon, the proceeds of the last two days

Received a gray fox skin from C. H. Smith, Co. - Trapped it in cloth & soften it so I can make it up.

Mrs Fuller & Mrs Bryant came up to play bridge last night. Had some good games.

Feb. 9. 12° in a. m. Clear but has become cloudy and snow.

One P. nasutus and one P. nebrascensis in my traps this morning brought them in. Am disappointed in not having taken more skunks and weasels. Perhaps I ought to have scattered my traps over more territory.

Feb. 10. 15° in a. m. Clear. A little wind -

Made up mouse & fox skins this morning and also swept out the house -

This afternoon have been labeling skull boxes, re-boxing skulls, so as to get them in boxes of uniform size.

Adelle left us this afternoon

She has some lung trouble and the doctor told her she ought to rest for a couple of months. We have another girl coming Monday.

Feb. 11 24° in a.m. a beautiful day - Not at all cold.

Not having any girl to wait down to Miss Maynard's for dinner, though Sarah did intend to cook ours but decided not to -

After dinner I sat out with Mrs. Downing for an hour or so.

Feb. 12, 28° in a.m. Clear at first but has become cloudy.

Cleaned skulls this morning. My new chest of drawers came up from the shop, and a new sink was put in in the dark room as the other one leaked.

Feb. 13, 24° in a.m. Cloudy. Cold raw wind - a little snow flying in afternoon -

Worked this morning cutting down trays a little to fit new drawers, as they made the latter just a little too narrow to take 3 trays about as



the others do. An eighth of an inch from each tray did the work.

Prof. Stone came to see me about a list of mammals for a scientific guide book he is getting out.

Feb. 14. 9° in a. m. About  $\frac{1}{2}$  in snow on ground. Cloudy, but clear early, then cloudy again in afternoon.

Have done various things today. Made frame for a contraption I had made for shaking up wet skins with plaster or meal. Cleaned two or three skulls. Examined my chipmunk skins. I had a postal from Cockrell yesterday acknowledging receipt of my list and giving me Eutamias amoenus operarius, Mexican, type locality Gold Hill. So I went over my skins, and found the Crested Butte skins, as I have often noticed, separable from those taken about Ler. They are darker and duller in color. There is a difference also in the skulls. Am soaking up some to clean. Will send a series to Washington soon. As a matter of fact, I seem to have 3 forms as the form from the bluffs seems distinct also.

Feb. 15. 24° in a.m. Cloudy much of day.

Cleaned skulls of chipmunks and did some other odd jobs.

Late this morning Mrs Spackman came with the boy, Ellis. First thing the kid wanted to see was a skunk, which I had on hand.

Mrs & Mrs Peabody came this afternoon.

Feb. 16. 39° in a.m. Windy last night and somewhat so during day. Clear all morning but cloudy latter part of afternoon. I watered the lawn this morning as it was bright and warm.

Did various odd jobs.

I have been reading the Peckham's "Wasp, Social and Solitary." Very interesting and shows evidence of an immense amount of work and study, and yet I suppose tells but a small part of what they have seen and noted.

Feb. 17. 20° in a.m. Frost on ground. Clear in morning Cloudy in afternoon. Warm. Cleaned up a lot of skulls this morn.

ing, of various things as I wished sufficient of them for study and comparison.

Mackey put in two maple trees in front of my place this morning. Good weather for that sort of thing.

Feb. 18. 24° in A. M. Clear warm day - Nothing very special today.

Feb. 19. 27° in A. M. Clear and warm in morning. Somewhat cloudy and windy in P. M.

This morning went down to County Court with Sarah and she received her discharge as administratrix of Ellis' Estate.

Agus brow at home trickering round this afternoon.

Feb. 20. 25° in A. M. Clear warm day.

Went over to the gulch above Brewer's this morning and set some traps, 5 Stop thieves for Weasels & Skunks, and some mouse traps for voles -

Birds were scarce - a few Magpies and Tree Sparrows were all I saw -

Feb. 21. 35° in A. M. Warm and windy  
Fairly clear.

Out to my traps this morning. Got  
five Peromyscus - No Microtus. Bait  
stolen from one or two of the Stop  
Thief traps.

I came home by way of Schuetz's  
house, he was not here so left word  
for him to come over at 1.30, which  
he did and I made arrangements  
for him to mount some mice for  
me. I want to give them to the  
college museum. He was much  
interested in looking over my col-  
lection.

Feb. 22. 41° in A. M. Windy last night  
and very windy all day. Not at all cold.

Got 7 P. rebeccaensis and one Microtus  
modestus in traps this morning -  
Bait stolen from two or three of the  
stop thief traps - It was so very  
windy that it was mighty disa-  
greeable being out in it. I came  
back by way of Schuetz's house  
and left the role for him to  
mount.

Last evening we had Mrs. Law-

Uncle and Mrs. Power, her mother, and Miss Lawrence to dinner. Had a pleasant time.

Feb. 23. 32° in A. M. Cloudy, a little snow and rain in morning. Skinned 3 deer mice this morning, and did some other odd jobs.

Feb. 24. 22° in A. M. Quite clear, but windy much of day. Worked on odd jobs in morning. Went down to Public Library in afternoon, and sent Mr. M. there and asked me to go to drive with him, which I did. We went across the mesa to Glen Eyrie. It was very unpleasant going over on account of the wind, but that was no more back to coming home and so that part was pleasant. I have a full set of Darwin now, 15 Vols - Came yesterday.

Feb. 25. 31° in A. M. Clear, but very windy all day.

This afternoon Aiken came up to see my collection and

spent nearly 3 hours. He seemed much interested.

Feb. 26 22° in a. m. Clear some wind.

Took a lot of traps this morning and went over to Bear Creek Cañon. Set mostly mouse traps for shrews along the creek. At least they are what I specially wish to get. I took on Scrymgeouria nanus there two years ago and would like more. Then were but few birds, Junco and Long-crested jays and all I saw and not many of them.

It was pleasant in the cañon as I was well sheltered from the wind.

Feb 27. 25° in a. m. Fairly clear warm day.

Went to Bear Creek after my traps. Did not get any shrews, but I did get something else, I have wanted very much, a Spotted Skunk, Spilogale sp. I caught it in a Clinax Rat Trap which I had

set at a hole in some rocks where I had seen what I thought was sign of beaver. I had baited with apple and then sprinkled a lot of my mouse bait which is scented with anise over it. The trap was tied to a straight stick about 3 ft long. When I got there on my way up he had pulled the trap and stick down and under some brush, and as he appeared to be about strangled I thought it best to leave him there until I came back as he would probably be dead then. But when I returned he was still much alive. I succeeded in getting him out and dumped him in the Creek where he soon drowned. Then measured and skinned it. Also got quite a lot of Peromyscus nebrascensis and one Microtus mordax. Saw a Rock Squirrel near where I caught the Skunk. And just below the shot line Froth saw a little Chipmunk.

Feb 28. 42 in a.m. Warm. Overcast all day.

Made up the skunk skin, and the microtus this morning. They were all I cared to keep.

Fixed up some pictures for place cards for a dinner we give the "yellowstone outfit" tomorrow night. They are to guess from the pictures where to sit.

March 1. 30° in a.m. Blowing and snowing all day. A blizzard, but not cold. Worked around office in morning. Down town a little while in afternoon.

March 7. 18° in a.m. Quite clear but cold and windy all day.

Our dinner last night was quite a success. Every body seemed to enjoy themselves.

Our menu was - Caviar sandwiches -

Consomme -

Individual Escalloped Oysters.

Fillet of Beef, potatoes & pea-salad -

Ice Cream & cake

Coffee -

We had yellow shades on



the candle sticks, and yellow tulips  
and daffodils for flowers.

This morning I tried making  
over a pocket Gopher skin from  
Springfield. The hair had looked  
very rough on it and I have been  
soaking it up for the last 2 days.  
Think it is better.

March 3. 11° in A.M. Clear, but cool day.  
Working about house this morning.  
Packed up my outfit to take to  
Lake Moraine Monday. Am going  
up to spend the week -

March 4. 22° in A.M. Some what cloudy  
& changeable during day. Rather raw.  
Drove to P.O. in morning

E. P. Arthur Jr. of Cripple Creek  
came to see me about the township  
contract and had a talk with him.  
He is going to do it.

March 5. 22° in A.M. Cloudy & snowing. An inch  
or two of snow fell during day.  
Did not go to Lake Moraine as I had planned.  
Cleaned up my cellar. Scheutze brought  
the nice Le mounted forms. Quite well done.

March 16 3<sup>0</sup> in A.M. at Colorado Springs  
 Fair day. Moderately cool at Lake Moraine  
 As the weather seemed good I took  
 the S. 40 car for Manitou and thence  
 walked up to Lake Moraine. There was  
 just enough snow on the Cig Road and  
 on the trail to make it slippery walking  
 whenever the grade was at all steep!  
 So I did not attempt to hurry and it  
 took me just an even three hours to make  
 the trip. Found the Dehungs expecting me.  
 There is not much snow here, not so  
 much as when I was here in December.  
 On my way up saw a few mouse  
 tracks.

After dinner I went up in the timber  
 to set traps for weasels. I could see no  
 signs or tracks and only set four traps.  
 Then went up on the hill west of the  
 lake and set out 3 primed baits  
 for Coyotes. And then down by the creek  
 and set a few mouse traps. My trip up  
 had tired me a good deal so that I did  
 not feel real smart.

A Blue Jay is the only bird I have seen  
 today, but heard a water ouzel sing-  
 ing when down at the creek

March 7. 20<sup>th</sup> in a.m. Fine bright day. a little wind.

When I came down this morning there were Leucostictes in the yard, and I secured 13 with 2 shots, and they seem to be all the black species.

Looked at my coyote baits before breakfast but nothing had been near them.

After breakfast I went first to my traps by the creek but nothing had been at them. Then I started up around the road on the other side of the lake, the Seven Lakes road, as Selong said he had seen more weasel tracks there than anywhere else this winter. I saw some tracks and set several traps. Came down by the Cripple Creek Power House. Selong was there, and had his 22 rifle, and was shooting at a mark with the men at the Power House. I tried my luck and hit the bulls-eye twice in five shots, and the others had not hit it at all.

Selong and I came back together. I set a couple more traps on the way, also visited the traps I set yesterday, but nothing there.

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After dinner I was out and around, set a trap up back of the house and one near the stable, also a rat trap. I shot 3 more Leucortictes this afternoon. This morning saw 3 or 4 bands of Mountain Chickadees. And shot a Pine Squirrel while coming back this morning.

It has been fine and warm this afternoon, with a clear blue sky and I sat around in the sun a good deal, watching. There does not seem to be much about here just now, a few rabbit and squirrel tracks are all I see, and the Coyote had been along the road.

March 8. 20° in A.M. Clear morning but a little cloudy with a raw wind in the afternoon.

There was nothing in any of my traps except a good sized rat in a trap I set specially for him in the old stable.

There were a few fresh marten tracks at different places, and I think a marten track. And at one place on the road a big bobcat had made

over my tracks but a short time after I had been along, for the tracks were nearly as much melted by the sun as mine.

DeLong caught a lot of little suckers in his fish trap this morning and I put one or two of them at every trap.

A meepie, judging from tracks in the snow, stole one of my poison baits.

This afternoon I walked over on the Bear Creek Road a couple of miles, but saw nothing but two or 3 mountain Chickadees.

Met Steinbaugh the wood hauler over there. He was making about his last trip for the winter as the road is so bad he cannot haul much of a load.

Went down to the stable on my way back and shot 3 black leucostictes. It was very warm in the sun today, and the snow is melting fast.

March 9. 15° in A. M. Clear at first, but a cold wind and then a cold fog much of the time. The thermometer has fluctuated very much this afternoon, and the live of the self regio-

tering instrument shows much up and down. Barometer falling since yesterday noon.

I got a mouse this morning in one of the traps near the Seers Lakes road. Rather a small one, probably a female. I have seen but little today, though I have wandered about a good bit. But this afternoon it was too cold to stay out without some encouragement.

March 10. 18° in A.M. Clear but very windy. In afternoon cold and windy at Colo. Springs.

It was a pretty rough walk round the traps this morning and I got nothing though one trap was sprung apparently by a weasel as there were tracks close. But a little green stuff I had covered the trap with kept the jaws of the trap apart enough so that he pulled his legs out.

I shot one more black Succotchie before breakfast.

I did not go out again after I got back to the house.

Left at about 12.30 and got home a little before four.

March 11 7° in a.m. Cloudy. About  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch snow had fallen. Quite windy and snow flying all the morning and this afternoon it has been snowing steadily.

Not much doing today. Went down to P.O. in morning. Then wrote letters.

March 12. 12° in a.m. Cloudy but seems clearing. About  $\frac{1}{2}$  in snow fell.

Made up the weasel and 4 Leucostictes this morning. Had to go down town in afternoon.

March 13. 28° in a.m. A foggy morning. Cleared before noon and then quite warm. Cold wind came up middle of afternoon. Skinned the rest of my Bay Finches today. 16 of them.

March 14. 18° in a.m. Snowing, and kept it up until afternoon, when it began to clear. The snow was light and very crystalline and did not amount to much.

Skinned the rat and squirrel I got at Lake Minnie last week and

did various other odd jobs.  
Down town this afternoon.

March 15. 20° in a. m. Cloudy and  
snowing a little all morning. At 3 P. M.  
is snowing hard and only 13° above.

Various odd jobs this morning.  
Was down town in afternoon. Had to  
go to dentist a little while, and also  
made a call on Dr. Arnold on my  
way home. The old gentleman has  
had quite a siege of sickness and  
has been cooped up in the house  
quite a while.

March 16 7° in a. m. Cloudy, but clear-  
ing during day. About 8 o' clock snow fell.  
Did work about house in morning.  
Was down town a little while in after-  
noon. Saw Horned Larks on the  
streets for the first time this winter.

March 17. 6° in a. m. Cloudy all day. Over an  
inch of snow fell last night.  
Had a Bobcat and a Coyote Hide  
come from Chas Fry this morning.  
Pretty good ones.  
Various odd jobs in morning



March 18. 13° in A. M. Snowed a trifle last night and this morning. Blowing and clearer in P. M.

Mrs Cook dined with us today. She returned yesterday having been away nearly a year. She is as nice as ever, and as full of fun. She enjoyed looking at my house.

March 19. 3° in A. M. Clear in morning, a little lazy in afternoon. Rather cold all day.

Worked on the Coyote and Fox cat skins most of the morning. Think they will be very good when once they get dry, but the hair is very wet and dries slowly.

Snowed a little while in afternoon

March 20. 12° in A. M. Clear warm day. Cleaned the coyote & Fox cat skulls this morning, and did some other work.

The Peases were at the house last evening and we got to talking about family descent, and found that Mrs Pease was descended from an Abbot on her father's side, his father I think it was married an Abbot

They took our Atbet genealogy home to look it up and this morning she told Sarah that our ancestors ~~was~~ 8 generations back were brothers!

March 21. 40° in A.M. Clear and warm all the morning cloudy this afternoon. Snow about all gone.

Worked about home all the morning various odd jobs.

This afternoon I took the series of Leucostictes I brought from Lake Moraine last trip down to Aiken and he was much interested in them. I suspect I have the largest skins in the possession of anyone from today. He told me of his getting a very large series of different species at Crown City over 30 years ago. He killed nearly 400 and saved about 250 skins. There were only a few of the black ones known in the lot, but they were the first ones known. Since then he has picked up only a few at various odd times.

March 22. 32° in A.M. Clear Warm day

Various things this morning, including giving my saddle its annual oiling. Drove down this afternoon. Saw Dr. Swan and got list of medicinals from him.

March 23. 40° in a.m. Clear warm day. A little wind in afternoon.

I took the shotgun this morning and went to Colorado City on the car. Then I struck out for Bem Creek, hitting it pretty low down, and followed up the creek thinking I might see a rock squirrel. However I did not see any down there. Saw a Downy Woodpecker and a Junco or two. Saw Mr. Juncos just below the First Line Kettle and a little chipmunk was near the toll gate. Saw a Vanessa antioch there and later in the day saw another farther up the Cañon. Also saw a small dark butterfly.

A short distance below the Crystal Park trail I saw a Rock Squirrel on a high rock and shot at it but did not get it.

Walked on up the road, saw men two Juncos. About opposite the

junction with the Palmer Road I saw another rock squirrel on a high rock but failed to get that. Walked on up the road, and trail up Bear Creek. Smelt a skunk pretty strong at one place. The snow is melted off the south slopes, but on the north slopes there is quite a bit left. There was also some in the road in shady places and the road was muddy. The creek was quite muddy in the afternoon.

I followed the trail up the creek a good distance, well into the steep part of the cañon. Did not see anything. As it was about now ate my lunch, then turned back.

The weather was warm and the air spring like and I enjoyed being out very much.

I had got pretty nearly down to the gulch where the trail leaves the road and the latter makes the big bend when I saw a squirrel running up the hill and shot at it. Then I had to get up to where it was. First climbed up to the road thinking I could get down

from there but it was too rough, must  
 down the hill a little and tried to  
 come over, but because of the snow  
 could not get a footing on the  
 rocks, and had to back out. Must  
 farther down, crossed over a little,  
 left the gun, and then managed to  
 scramble up. Found a little flood  
 on the snow and then saw the  
 squirrel lying dead under a rock.

I saw ~~my~~ no more, though I  
 looked carefully for them at all the  
 likely places. Went up Hunters Creek  
 a short distance and shot a little  
 chipmunk.

Stopped at the toll gate a few minutes  
 and saw Mr. Rayer, the keeper.

Got home before four.

Mr. Cook dined with us last night,  
 and the Spackmans called in the  
 evening.

March 24. 35° in A.M. Warm but  
 somewhat cloudy some wind.

Made up the Rock Squirrel &  
 chipmunk skins, and did some  
 packing this morning.

Down town in afternoon and did

Some errands, and then came home and did more packing. I want to ship some freight Monday, as I have about decided to start on my Montezuma Co trip Thursday night and want the outfit to get a good start.

March 25. 40° in A. M. Warm but somewhat cloudy & windy. a little shower about 5 P. M.

Miss Stewart dined with us, and we three were all at Mrs Cook's for supper. Miss Stewart told us about her Mexican trip

March 26. 45° in A. M. Clear but became cloudy. <sup>Rained hard late in afternoon.</sup>  
Shipped my freight this morning -  
Put my last Coyote skins to soak, and the skulls to cooking.  
Did a number of other odd jobs around.

Down town awhile in afternoon -

March 27. 35° in A. M. Snowed about 4 or 5 inches heavy wet snow last night. Cloudy all day but no snow had fallen.  
Made up the two coyote skins

this morning, Was down town in afternoon for a little while, and since I have come home have cleaned the two skulls. There is quite a difference between the two and they differ somewhat from the Crawford skull. But the material of course is hardly sufficient for comparison.

March 28. 35° in A. M. Cloudy, snowed a trifle, then partly clear. May clear tonight. Worked at various things this morning.

I found on inquiry at the ticket office this afternoon that the line was blocked again between Alamosa and Durango, but they expected it to be opened at once. Had a berth reserved for tomorrow night.

March 29. 38° in A. M. Clear. A little wind. Heavy frost last night.

Telephoned the ticket office in morning, they said road still closed so changed reservation to Friday. This afternoon they said it

was open again so will go tomorrow.  
 Studied Rabbit skulls this morning  
 and tried to make out the differ-  
 ences of the various forms. Not a  
 great deal in some cases.

March 30. 35° in A. M. Frost. Clear,  
 fairly warm day -

Have made my final prepa-  
 ration and packing today.

Have bought a mileage ticket  
 as being the cheapest - Train  
 leaves at 9.30

Durango

March 31. A clear warm day.

Left last night as planned.

Got Alamosa for breakfast.

Took seat in chair car for Du-  
 rango.

From Alamosa the track runs southerly  
 across the San Luis Valley. There is a  
 long tanager, 13 miles I think, the  
 first thing. The country is covered  
 with sage brush and also I thought  
 I saw grasshopper. Not many  
 snakes, one or two small toads.  
 After leaving Antelope the road  
 begins to climb. To the north,



Could be seen the Sangre de Christo range, white with snow.

It was a long monotonous climb, not so picturesque, I think, as the Marshall Pass, except for the Toltée Gorge, and one does not get a very good look at that. There was much snow high up, 3 or 4 feet, and when drifted some of the drifts were higher than the car windows.

Cumbre is the summit, 10,015 feet. The descent was quicker. Had dinner at Chama, N. M. Below the country was rolling with some pine timber, then as we got lower still the open sage brush lands came in again. We passed the Jicarilla Apache Indian Agency. Saw a number of Indians about.

We got into Durango about seven, over 2 hours late. Stayed at the Stratton Hotel.

I did not see many birds, though I saw a few Horned Larks, and also a Crow or two along the San Juan River. Saw quite a number of Prairie Dogs, and near a station called Osier, almost the highest point, what I took to be a Coyote.

was seen running in the distance.

Dolores

April 1. Clear at Durango in morning, but became cloudy before we got to Dolores a little after noon. Cold wind then and snow squalls in afternoon.

I am stranded here at Dolores, for the stage does not run to Cortez on Sunday, as I supposed it did, and so I have to lay over until tomorrow.

Left Durango at 7.40 a. m. on the Rio Grande Southern. I did not think it a very interesting ride though there are some fine views. The road does a great deal of climbing, and I think crosses two divides or mesas, one at about 8500 ft. There is still snow at that altitude. Much of the country is covered with scrub oak, and there is also considerable pine timber and we passed several saw mill camps.

I saw one little chipmunk, two flying squirrels, at different places, as we came along. Junco, Song-Crested Jays, and Robins, and a Flicker.

On a large reservoir near the track were a good many ducks, despite

the fact that the ice is melted only around the edges in places.

After I found I was obliged to lay over, I started out for a walk. Dolores is in a narrow valley through which the Dolores River flows. It is a long straggling town. I started up the railroad track, up the valley. The river hugs one side pretty close, and there is room for ranches on the other and they are strung all along. I walked along the track perhaps a couple of miles. Saw both Mountain and Western Bluebirds, but the latter seemed more plentiful.

I crossed from the railroad to the road on the other side, and after traveling that a short distance turned up onto an old road which led me up to the top of the mesa, 500 ft or so above the valley. There are Sandstone bluffs all along here. I did not spend much time on the mesa. There were yellow pines up there. Went down into a gulch and followed a cattle trail back to the road. Saw *Neotoma* indications among the rocks. There

is quite a little stream in the gulch.  
Back to the "Southern Hotel" about four.

CORTEZ.

April 2. Rather a raw cloudy day but  
seemed clearing in afternoon

This morning I took quite a long  
walk at Dolores. I walked down  
the valley along the road for perhaps  
two miles, it was the usual thing  
Cottonwood trees, except of course  
the open spaces where the ranches  
are, and there are several. They clear  
some at least of the land of trees  
to make fields. Then I turned up  
a gulch, followed a cattle trail and  
got up to the top of the mesa,  
and turned in the direction of the  
town. Here the mesa is covered  
with cedar and pine trees, and  
there is plenty of sage brush. There  
were also occasional bunches  
of a very wide leaved yucca.  
I saw Junco, Bluebirds and  
Pine Jays on the mesa. Also some  
Little Chipmunks, and a Cottontail,  
(*L. pinetis*). I kept on the mesa  
until some distance above the town  
then went down a gulch and

back by way of the road.

I left on the stage about 1.30. Had all my outfit aboard, freight and all. The road crosses the Dolans River, goes up a gulch a little way, then gets up on a mesa. This has much cedar and piñon. After a little it gradually slopes toward Cortez. There were a number of ranches along the road. We crossed a large ditch taken from the Dolans, and what I suppose supplies the water.

I have secured a room over a store kept by S. Halferty. It is quite a good sized fairly comfortable room, and has a stove, and a good sized table.

I cannot say I am greatly pleased with the prospect for collecting. It is too open <sup>& level</sup> a country to suit me. Sage brush covers much of it. But there is a creek to the south a mile or so and cedars over beyond. I will look it over tomorrow any way and put out some traps.

Have not seen much of the sun yet.

April 3. Mixed clear and cloudy

Today. Quite warm but windy.

Well, the indications are more favorable than I expected to find them. I took a sackfull of traps and the gun and started out this morning, going in a southerly direction. It was all sage brush at first, without a spear of grass or anything else better, a few deserted prairie dog holes here and there. Found one hole that appeared to be inhabited and set a trap there. Then I came to fields fenced in and went along the fence, setting one steel trap in an open hole, in a mound that looked like a pocket gopher's. There were some gopher workings about, but none that looked very fresh. I saw some sandstone shourock toward the creek valley (McElmo Creek) and examining the rocks found Neotoma signs so set some rat and mouse traps. Seeing a marshy place went down to examine that, looking for Microtus runways but cattle had tramped it all over. Concluded to go over to the creek. Found it running

step

Return banks 15-ft or more high. They are pretty clayey. Too much water in the creek to cross. I walked <sup>along</sup> down on the top of the bank for some distance and not seeing any inducement to continue turned back toward the cross. Jumped a cottontail out of the sage brush and shot it running. It is Lepus arizonae but an unusually dark reddish color. Went up into the rocks and skinned it, and used the carcass to bait two Stop Thief traps I had with me. Set more rat and mouse traps and shot two more rabbits, neither one nearly as dark as the other. After setting all my traps kept along near the lower edge of the rocks, saw two or 3 more rabbits and shot one. Saw some little chipmunks and shot one. Think it is Lepus - Saw two or three Rock Squirrels, shot at me but did not get it. Soon after climbed up on top and came back to the room, getting in a little after two.

Washed, and went over to the

Court House and saw Mr Sprague the County Clerk with whom I had corresponded a little about the County. Seems a pleasant fellow.

Came back to the room and went to work on the specimens. Finished them after supper.

April 4. Quite clear warm day. A little hail fell last night.

Made quite a little catch today, enough for an afternoon's work.

The total was 7 Peromyscus subarcticus, 2 Eutamias lopiensis, 1 Citellus var. utah, 1 Neotoma orolestes fallax, and 2 Neotomas, bushy tailed, and must be yellow and big-eared for orolestes. Thought I would get some species of big-eared Peromyscus, may be minkow. Did not skin two of the Peromyscus suba. as they were damaged and I do not care for a large series. Unless I get some thing new it is hardly worth while for me to spend much time here. Put out new rat traps, and 8 stop thiefs, baited with the remains of my rabbits.



I saw one Jack Rabbit on my way out this morning. It was a Black-Tail. Must try and get one at least.

I shot one Peromyscus meamsi. Was back to the room before noon. In fact if I had not been setting more traps would have been in <sup>long</sup> before then.

April 5. Clear warm day.

Took one big-eared Peromyscus this morning, and in the dry lost trap. It looks more like nasutus than any other I know but seems rather pale. Took 10 subarcticus. One chipmunk and one bushy tailed Neotoma. Shot one cottontail and saw several others. Shot a Chestnut colored Longspur just outside of the town.

After I had been to all the traps I walked on down the creek valley, among the rocks, hoping to get a shot at a Rock Squirrel, but tho. I saw two or three they were too shy.

Saw a lizard at my place.

This afternoon I had an amusing experience and was given notice to vacate my room. Mrs Halperty, my landlady, came up and told how she had been poisoned some way in handling the basin or pitcher, and how sick she was last night &c &c. I was working on my specimens then and after she went away considered the matter. She also complained of the smell, I suppose it's the rats. I had already decided to bring in part of the traps to no use, and concluded to bring them all in, though they will be a big load. And after I was through with my work went down and talked to the lady. Finally arranged that I should stay over a day or two, and then went up and saw Mr Sprague, the County Clerk, and got what information I could about the country down the creek, and then went to the livery stable and made arrangements for a team to take me down Saturday. Will have to hunt a place to stay.

April 6. Windy and somewhat cloudy

this morning. Began to rain about 3  
this afternoon and is still raining 7 P.M.

Added a new species of mammal to  
my list, a Reithrodontomys, the first  
I have taken anywhere. Got it a-  
mong the rocks. It is a very small  
species.

Also took 2 Rock Squirrels, and  
another of the big eared Peromyscus.  
4 Chipmunks, and several P. subarcti-  
cus, and one bushy tailed Neotoma.

I brought in all the traps and they  
made a big load.

I skinned the squirrels and the rat  
in the field, and did not see any  
of the common deer mice, and only  
two chipmunks.

It does not look very good for a  
trip down the valley to morrow, but  
I am about all packed now and  
ready to go.

Some of the sage brush in the creek  
valley is six feet or more tall,  
and there is also considerable  
greasewood.

I saw several cottontails this  
morning but did not attempt to  
kill any.

April 7. Storming in morning, both  
 Snow and rain. Has not stormed much  
 in afternoon and seemed clear in west  
 tonight.

On account of the storm I did not  
 attempt to start this morning, and  
 have been killing time all day.

Got a box and packed all my skins  
 in it. Had to build shelves to pin them  
 out on as of course they are not any  
 enough to pack any other way.  
 Have put them in the office of the County  
 Stable to get them out of Mrs. Halferty's  
 way, and out of range of her nose, as  
 she imagines she could smell them.

I went over to the County Clerk's office  
 and visited there. Made acquaintance  
 of Supt of Schools. Did not catch  
 his name. Had quite a talk with  
 him. He seems to have been out doing  
 and watched snakes more than anything  
 else.

Have made a few inquiries here  
 about animals but no one seems  
 to know much of anything. Will  
 probably be able to find out more  
 when I get on some ranch as I hope  
 to tomorrow.

The town is located on the level prairie and reminds me a little of Springfield but has more people and is not so dilapidated. There is a large Standstme Business block, and the county offices are in a stone building, belonging to the town company Mr. Sprague tells me. The place has one advantage or attraction over Springfield, and that is there are plenty of mountains in sight from it. The La Platas off to the east look pretty high and snowy, and the mountain is off to the Northwest. There are one or two Indians about the place. One Navajo makes silver jewelry. Had a pretty little bracelet ready for seventy five cents. He was an infant wearing a blanket, over a pair of corduroy trousers and blue jumpers.

April 8. Clear cool morning. Frost on ground at Cortez. Quite warm in afternoon at Ashbaugh's.

Got a good start this morning. The young fellow who drives the Stage to Dolans weekdays drove the rig. We took a lady passenger.

ger down about twelve miles -

The road was very muddy until we got nearly down Len Ashbaugh's, where the soil is sandier and drier. The valley is quite wide for a distance below Cortez, and then at about 6 miles or so becomes narrower and more cañon like but the walls are not at all high. The land seems to be about all taken up and some of the ranches look quite prosperous. I should think the valley would average nearly half a mile in width. There is plenty of sage brush and some greasewood - We got Len, Ashbaugh's, a little after eleven, and after an interview they consented to take me in. Pleasant hospitable people -

Dinner was rather late, and after that I took some traps and went up a cañon back of the ranch and set about 25 traps. Did not see anything except a cottontail on my way back, which I shot, and a chipmunk or antelope squirrel, could not tell

which.

There are a few cliff dwellings in the Cañon near the road, on the way down.

April 9. Clear quite warm day.

Was up at 5.30 this morning and walked up the road above Ashbaugh's, looked for indications of Kangaroo Rats in a sage brush flat. Found one or two places that looked favorable. But the soil is not very sandy, and was quite damp in many places.

After breakfast went up to the traps I set yesterday afternoon and made quite a catch, one each of bushy tailed wood round tailed rats, and an Antelope squirrel, & each of two species of Peromyscus, one is aurifectus, and I think the other is rowleyi. It seems to be different from those I got at Cortez, which may be trui. Also took 2 D. sub-africanus. It was a relief to find that species in the minority for once.

I shot one Eutamias lopesensis on

the way down the gulch.

I made up 6 skins of each of the big-eared mice. The other two, and the two subarctic, were too badly used up.

The antelope squirrel I did not skin either as its tail had been broken some time and was over half gone.

Late this afternoon I went to a dead horse there is in the cañon and set a couple of large steel traps. Also set a couple of stop thieves.

April 10. Quite clear warm day. Made quite a little catch today. I visited the traps in the rocks before breakfast. Got 8 P. auripectus, 4 P. ruddyi and 1 P. subarcticus. 2 N. fallax and 1 N. <sup>arizonae</sup> ~~arizonae~~, besides another which was eaten up by a fox whose sign I had noticed about the rock where the trap was set. I was fixed for him this morning and set a steel trap there. Also got one antelope squirrel and a vice specimen.

After breakfast went to look at the traps by the dead horse. Found nothing there but got another N. fallax in a trap I had set for



a rock squirrel -

I skinned 12 specimens altogether and got done in very good season -

After I got done I started out with young Ashbaugh, a young man in the tent. Went up among the rocks and over into the Cañon. Found a Rock Squirrel in the trap when I caught the rat this morning. I set some steel trap traps in the Cañon and also another trap for a fox. They call them swifts but I think they must be the Gray Fox -

We went up to when I set the steel trap this morning, and in a trap line by got another Rock Squirrel, and in the Gray first trap set was another so I am picking up a good series of these.

In the Cañon we found sign that I am sure is kangaroo rat and I had one trap which I set there.

Have skinned one squirrel since I got in and salted the skin to keep it until morning.

April 11. Windy today, somewhat cloudy and a storm seems to be brewing.

Not a great deal in the traps this morning, 2 T. fallax, 2 P. zibelyi, 6 P. quinquetus, a chipmunk and an antelope squirrel. Also 1 P. subarcticus. One of the rats was taken in the same trap as the one which I found eaten by a fox yesterday. Took up all the rat and mouse traps in the rocks.

After I had got done with the specimens this afternoon I went into an alfalfa field and set 6 traps for pocket gophers, also some mouse traps along the fence.

When I was looking after my traps in the cañon this morning I set some traps at the supposed kangaroo holes.

I hear the Indians are camped ~~at~~ on the place now. They are to clear some land for the Ashbaughs.

This afternoon I got another Rock Squirrel -

April 12. A little cloudy and windy but so clear tonight.

This morning I caught the fox which ate my rat, and as I ex-

it is a gray fox. Also caught a kangaroo rat, and a pocket gopher. I don't much doubt but that the latter is T. aurus but don't know what the rat is. It looks like nicholsoni as much as any thing. Also caught another rock squirrel, and a few Peromyscus subarcticus along the fence.

The fat old little Indian was much interested in watching me measure and skin specimens - His squaw saw my squirrel skins that I had made up and said "much pretty."

I got all done before one o'clock. Have visited my gopher traps several times today and got one more this afternoon.

This afternoon I went to Porter's ranch, the next one above Len, as he told the Ashbaugh's that there were kangaroo mice about his wheat stack. But when I talked with him found he meant the fig-eared mouse. However set a lot of mouse traps about the stack to see what I would get. Then I tried to find a place

I ran across Monday morning when I thought there were Kangaroo rats but could not discover it.

I took my Kangaroo rat traps up out of the gulle this morning just because of this Porter's talk. Will have to put them back.

I shot a Black-throated Sparrow this afternoon, but it was too badly used up to skin.

April 13. Fine clear day. A little frost on ground in morning.

Did not have a very big catch this morning. Found a Rock Squirrel in one of my Stop Thief traps in the cañon, and a dog in one of the traps by the dead horse. Killed him (or) and brought in the traps.

Got several P. subarcticus along the fence at the alfalfa field. At Porter's wheat stack got several house mice, and brought the traps back. I reset for Kangaroo rats in the cañon this morning. This noon I got two more gophers.

Shot a white-crowned, or rather Gambel sparrow this morning - Also saw several Cottontails! Right after dinner I took a couple of pictures of the ranch and valley.

Then I took the gun and started out for a walk. Went down the valley away and then turned toward the mesa to the north. It was quite a climb to the top, which is 700 or 800 ft higher than the valley. The climb is broken by several benches of rock and it was pretty rough going. On top is a nice growth of cedars and a few pines. There is a fine view though the air was a little hazy. The Blue Mountains stood up quite clearly and with snow. I could see off to the southwest, down into Utah and Arizona.

I admired the view for a time and then walked along a top. Jumped a Jack Rabbit and got a shot at it and laid



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it out. a fine large Black tail.  
Skinned it there.

It was a pretty rough climb  
down into the cañon where I  
have been setting traps.

After my return worked on the  
rabbit skin a little and salted  
it. Then went to look at my  
gopher traps. No gophers but the  
two traps bared.

April 14. Cool this morning, but became  
warm. Clear.

Not much in traps this morning.  
One Antelope squirrel which I threw  
away. I think it must have been in  
the trap part of yesterday and  
the squirrel started. Got one  
Gopher and its grown young and  
entirely white underneath.

After I had my skin made up  
I went to the field where  
I had had some traps set last  
night by some small holes that I  
thought might be for rat mice.  
I then dug out a dug out the  
fresh one. Followed it about  
four feet in length, and at the



End, 18 ins. below the surface found a little nest of fine dry grass about as big as my fist, but no mouse. Could find no other hole.

This afternoon I walked up the road a little way and then turned and did some climbing. Got up about 600 ft above the valley.

The country was not so flat on top up there, more rolling. I saw several cottontails but no jacks

April 15. a little overcast in morning. Rained a little late in afternoon and in evening at Cortez.

Got away about 7.30 from Ashbaugh's. I don't think I have said there are two of them, one is married, wife and little girl about 3 years old. Other unmarried as far as I know. The unmarried one drove me up.

We got to Cortez about one, having stopped to eat lunch on the road. I could not get a room at Mrs. Halpert's as she was full, so took all my outfit to the livery stable, and unpacked and packed and got things ready to

now, for I decided to go to morning instead of laying over until Tuesday as I had thought of doing. I will lead for Cokuty in Montrose Co. There was quite a crowd in the stable watching me pack up my skins, mostly boys and young men, but they did not seem to know much.

The room at the hotel was pretty tough looking, plaster all cracked and broken. No carpet on floor - but seems to be clean. No latch on door, have to lean my canvas war bag against it to keep it shut.

### Telluride

April 16 - A variable day, good many clouds about.

Left Cortez this morning on the stage. It rained a little yesterday afternoon and evening, just enough to make the road sticky and heavy, and it was a slow drive. Nothing special on way over. Shipped box and bed by express. The train was an hour and a half late at Dolores on account of soft track and running slow.

for safety. I checked my baggage. to Placerville but came up here as there is no place to stop at Vance Junction 8 miles below, when they leave the main line to come up here.

The ride up from Solano was not very interesting until after we passed Rico. The snow was still on the ground there and a little below. The road goes up the Do. lros River all the way, the usual mountain river valley. Saw a few old beaver dams high up.

At Beyond Rico the road is more in the mountains and there is some fine scenery. They do some heavy climbing to reach Summit Lake, the highest point. The mountains about are very rough and rugged. There is plenty of snow at these high altitudes.

Am at the Sheridan, seems a good place. Had a good dinner, beginning with oysters and ending with Strawberries and cream. After dinner went to the telephone office and tried to get a man at Placerville, to engage a rig

to take me to ~~Placerville~~ Coventry to-  
morrow when the train arrives,  
but they could not get Placerville.  
Had a hair cut and shave, and  
paid 50¢ for the former and 25¢  
for the latter. The first time I  
have paid so much for a long  
time.

Coventry

April 17. Rather cloudy and an  
occasional very light shower  
during day.

This morning I succeeded in  
catching my man at Placerville  
and made arrangements with  
him to meet me at the train.

While taking a walk after breakfast  
at Telluride I met a man who  
wanted to know if my name was  
Warren, and it he turned out to  
be Frank Christie who was a great  
friend of Bob Sterling's, at Broken-  
ridge. He is in the Tomkins Adver-  
Co. I walked to his store with him  
and had a little chat.

Walked about the town a little,  
enough to see how it is situated  
among the mountains.

Left at 9.05, got to Placerville at 10 and left soon after in a spring wagon. The road goes down the San Miguel River, a mountain valley or cañon of rather an ordinary type. The bottom is not very wide and the walls are largely a red sandstone at the bottom and other rocks above.

About 12 miles or so below Placerville the road leaves the river and takes a long easy grade up a steep hillside finally emerging on a cedar and pine covered mesa. This mesa covers much country and on it is located Norwood, a small town and County, which is only a part of place at C. H. Smith's ranch.

At Norwood we found the stage which runs by County, but it had such a load that the driver would not take my baggage, so I decided to go on in my own rig. Stopped for dinner at Norwood.

Found Mr Smith at home and he received me most hospitably, both himself and his wife. He and I took a walk after

a little and I set a few traps but it was more to get the lay of the land.

April 28. A cloudy day with a few very light showers.

Took out more traps after breakfast and set them around the rocks. In the traps I had set last night I got one Neotoma fallax and a big-eared Peromyscus -

The rocks are as usual, sandstone, being the rim rock of the Natavita Cañon which is several hundred feet deep - There is quite a coal outcropping along when we were. On the way back to the house set 3 traps for squirrels as we saw sign when they had been working.

After I returned to the house I got out my gopher traps to set in the alfalfa field. There is a little reservoir in the field and as we were about to go we saw five ducks circling about and finally light in the water. As Mr Smith and

I Each took our guns and circled around so as to approach from a side when there was a high bank. As we were walking a large number of more ducks flying about and they also lit in the reservoir, and we made a successful crawl up and got one each, but much to our surprise there were only four there, so the first five must have flown when we were not looking.

I set several traps, and went back to the house. After dinner skinned the rat and mouse, then Smith and I went out and set the rest of the traps.

Then I walked over to the traps I set for Squirrel and got one Rock Squirrel. Wandered about a little thinking maybe I would get a Cottontail but did not see one.

Returned to the house and went to the gopher traps and got one, it is C. aurus.

April 19 Clear cold day.

Later yesterday afternoon got 2 more gophers, and another

this morning.

Smith went the rounds of the traps with me this morning. Got one Rock Squirrel, one Hopi chipmunk, one H. fallax, 1 P. subarcticus, 6 P. auripictus and 5 P. rowleyi as I have decided to call the big-eared species for the present. Saw one cottontail.

I have made up 15 skins today. Late this afternoon I went the rounds of my gopher traps again but nothing there, then walked about the Sage brush thinking I would dead up a jack rabbit possibly. Did not see one. However I saw 2 Sage Sparrows.

April 20 Clear warm day.

Caught one more Pocket Gopher this morning.

Smith went around to the traps with me this morning. Got a Rock Squirrel, a H. fallax, 9 P. rowleyi and 3 P. auripictus. Brought in all the mouse traps. Got done skinning before dinner. This afternoon Mr Smith



drove me over to Maverick Cañon 3 miles northerly. Set 6 traps for prairie dogs on the way and in the Cañon set 12 stop traps for skunks &c. The Cañon is a shallow one, 200 or 300 ft deep and rather wide. There was much rat sign among the rocks.

April 21 Clear warm day -  
I went the rounds of the traps in the rocks before breakfast this morning, and brought in the traps - Caught 1 N. fallax, 3 P. mollis, 1 P. auripictus, and 2 Rock Squirrels, one of which I threw away as the hair was worn off in several places - Also one chipmunk and I am doubtful when to place it. Worn faded pelage.

On the way back saw 2 cottontails and shot one - L. pinetis -

After breakfast walked over to Maverick Cañon and pretty well had my labor for my pains - Got no rat, 2 mice (P. subarcticus) and that's all - No prairie dogs.



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Only made up 5 skins - Set some more traps along a fence this afternoon, and a lot of rat traps may possibly catch a Jack Rabbit.

April 22 Clear warm day.

Not a very big haul, I kept quite a lot of deer mice in the traps I had set for jack rabbits. Caught one gopher.

There was nothing in my traps in Maverick Cañon but on the way back saw a sight that paid for the walk. I had just come out of the timber that edges the rim ~~rock~~ of the Cañon onto a sage brush flat when I saw 3 deer moving about 200 yards beyond me. They got behind some trees and I hurried along so as to cut them off and when they came out on the other side of the little point of timber that projects into the sage brush they were only about 75 yards away, and fire made their appearance. I stood perfectly still and they did not see me, though once

The last three looked directly at me. I could not of course tell if they were bucks or does, but the leader was a good big deer and I think it most likely they were bucks. They were ~~seen~~ trailing leisurely across country.

Mr. & Mrs. Brewer, were here to dinner. She is a daughter of the Smith's. I took a picture of the baby, but fear it was not much of a success.

In the afternoon Mr & 3 men took a walk through the Sage brush to see if we could not scare up a jack rabbit, but did not. Set more mouse traps, around the hay stacks this time

April 23. A little cloudy this morning and became quite cloudy and windy. This has been quite a successful day. Before breakfast I found a Kangaroo Rat in one of the traps I had set by the fence. At Murrick Cañon I took two skunks, a Spilogale and a Mephitis, both males. The

latter had lost part of its tail in some way. I skinned them both out there. The little fellow did not smell at all, but the big one was rather strong. It would be Ludsmica if it had been taken east of the range, but out here I don't know what it is. I have got them both made up and out in a shed.

This afternoon I went out and set more traps for Kangaroo Rats, and rebaited my rabbit traps, and set more gopher traps, besides changing one or two others.

April 24. Very windy last night, and this morning there was just a little snow on the ground. Raw and disagreeable all day. Light showers. Clearing this evening.

Shot much today. In traps about the field only a few Deer mice.

I moved all the prairie dog traps out of the alfalfa field to other holes.

~~It~~ In the Mearns' Cannon traps got two rock squirrels. One had

the hair so much worn off and shed in places that I used it for bait. A Pinn Jay was in one trap and I used it for bait also. The little skunk, which I had used for a bait, had been carried off, and the carcass of the big one was partly eaten. Going up the road out of the cañon I shot a cottontail, but it was so covered with fleas that I hung it up in a tree. It may be all right to skin in the morning, if not it can be used for bait.

I cut across lots through the sage brush on the way back. Found some kangaroo Rat workings.

When I got back Mr Smith told me he had found a dead Bobcat in one of his traps, which had been missing. He had dragged it part way in. We went to it and I measured it and cut off the head to save the skull, as of course it was too far gone to do anything else with it.

Visited my gopher traps, one or two buried up.

Skinned the squirrel after dinner and then went out in the field and set another gopher trap. Walked westerly through the Sage brush and ran across a big kangaroo rat colony and will move traps there tomorrow, they may get something when they are tonight.

Have been out in the cedars a little since, and moved another gopher trap - So I have had quite a busy day -

April 25 A fine clear morning but has turned cloudy and windy this afternoon.

After supper yesterday I got a gopher and this morning another. Did not have much luck in Murrick Cañon, only got one Neotoma. - The bait was taken again from the trap which caught the big skunk. - The carcass of the latter had been dragged a short distance and was nearly all eaten. I took a couple of Hunter Two traps along this morning, and set them near the skunk carcass, and for additional bait



used the rabbit I shot yesterday, and which I found in good condition and skinned.

I shot a couple of Prairie Jays and used them for bait on other traps. This afternoon I changed about some gopher traps and went to the place I found yesterday and set traps for Kangaroo rats.

When I first got up this morning saw some ducks on the reservoir in the field and took the gun along when I went to the traps and succeeded in getting one, a Blue bill.

April 26. Alternate clear and snow. Storms all day. May clear to night. My catch today was not very heavy. But I got another new thing, a grasshopper mouse (Onychomys) looks like O. leucogaster. Also one Kangaroo Rat, and another eaten in trap, which looks like a Spermophilus's work. Have set some traps baited with meat there.

At Murrick Cañon got nothing, but something was at that trap again and tried to steal the

Bait and dragged it partly thro' the trap and the latter made good its name of "stop thief" by catching and holding the bait, a skinned rock squirrel. Set a steel trap in front of the other. There was a decided odor of skunk about.

The rabbit I had baited the steel traps with was eaten up.

I saw a flock of juncos and shot one which I think may be a red-backed. On the way home shot a sage sparrow.

Last night after supper Mr Smith shot 2 cottontails and I caught a pocket gopher.

I also shot a cottontail this morning for bait.

There was a young fellow here this afternoon who had a Ruddy Duck which he had shot, and late this afternoon when I was out to my gopher traps I put me up from the Reservoir and shot it.

April 27 Clear cool day. Heavy frost

and water freeze out doors

Had a run of luck on Kangaroo Rats and got 5 fine males this morning, also 3 Grasshopper Mice, one however was not a good specimen -

Nothing at Murrumbidgee Cañon this that trap had been fooled with again, and the bait also eaten at the steel traps.

Found two or three more holes in the sage brush that look like Kangaroo Rat - They may be more common than Smith thinks - He had never seen the Grasshopper mice -

April 28 Cloudy in morning, and said wind. Shower in afternoon -

Not extra good today. Two Kangaroo Rats, and one of them too badly used up by trap poison.

At Murrumbidgee Cañon I got one Wood Rat, and that was all. The trap that has done me so much had not been re-baited, and the poisoned rabbit - the other traps had disappeared, but I could find no dead animal -

Smith drove over and met me



SMITH'S PLACE  
COVENTRY T.O.

FROM THE WEST

APRIL 29, 1906



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and took me to a prairie dog town  
 when I set some traps. The indica-  
 tions are good there, we found many  
 inhabited holes, and a prairie dog part-  
 ly eaten by some animal.

I was over there again this after-  
 noon thinking I might have caught  
 something during the day, and  
 also hoping to jump a jack rab-  
 bit in the sage brush.

There is much of last winter's  
 sage and shaft-tailed grouse sign  
 scattered through the sage.

I set 2 traps baited with meat  
 in the dog town.

Caught a half grown gopher  
 this afternoon.

29. Overcast during night-  
 ing in morning. Snow on in and  
 with a little sunshine in morning.  
 no snow in afternoon.

so stormy that I only went to traps  
 near the house this morning, and  
 got one kangaroo rat.

About 3.30 I started for my  
 prairie dog traps. Jumped one  
 jack rabbit going over and

one coming back. Shot at the former but did not get it - Sage very thick and hard to get a shot thro. Saw two prairie dogs in the town but none in the traps -

April 30. Another squally morning but not as bad as yesterday. Clear in afternoon, Cold wind - a trifle of snow on ground in morning -

One gopher, one Kangaroo Rat, and one Gopher mouse made up the catch this morning, for I don't count the Deer mice of which I had four or five -

Prairie dog traps had not been disturbed -

This afternoon I took half a dozen more traps to the dog pen and set them. Saw one dog out -

Took a long walk about thro. the sage brush but failed to catch up any Jack Rabbits -

May 1. Cloudy in morning then clear and bright. But cloudy in afternoon with shower or two.

The only thing in all my traps

This morning was a Green-tailed Tow-  
 hee, the first I have seen here. And  
 at the dog town two of my Stop Thief  
 traps were missing. Smith suspects  
 a young fellow here, whom I don't  
 know.

After I returned from the dogtown  
 Smith and I took our guns and  
 went to a sage brush flat to the  
 east of here, to see if we could  
 scare up a Jack Rabbit, but  
 tho' we covered quite a lot of territory  
 we did not see a rabbit. However  
 we came to a dogtown when the dogs  
 were out and I shot at 3 and got  
 one of them, which seems to be Gunnison's,  
 tho' it is worn faded & mangled.

I have no doubt but that I hit  
 the other two, but they got down  
 their holes.

Have been packing this afternoon  
 and will leave tomorrow.

Placerville

May 2. Cloudy in morning but  
 became quite clear.

Mr Smith was going to Nevada  
 so he drove me over. We got there  
 a little after eleven, but the stage



does not leave until one so I had lots of time - Got dinner. After dinner while waiting for stage Smith introduced me to a Mr. Hallway who had a hand in killing 3 Bears recently and who thinks he can get me the skulls. Also saw the skull of a silver tip killed four years ago in the western part of the County - a grizzly I have no doubt. The man who had it promised to see if he could get it for me from the owner.

Also got the head of a jack rabbit killed at Norwood this morning.

The ride to Placerville was uneventful - But the road was rough owing to the recent wet weather. I saw several Big Chipmunks (Callosp. lateralis) at the latter end of the ride -

May 3. A Pleasant day, all the way from Placerville east Warm & clear  
all

May 4. Clear warm day. Rather windy.  
Colorado Springs

Left Placerville yesterday at 10. Before  
 train time took a little walk about.  
 Skinned out the jack rabbit's head  
 and cleaned some of the flesh from  
 the skull. I got quite close to a  
 couple of chipmunks, and it seemed  
 to me they were Lepus -

Placerville is but a small place,  
 a few houses, 2 stores, hotel, and  
 livery stable - Situated at the junction  
 of the San Miguel with a smaller  
 stream -

Some parts of the ride over from  
 Ridgeway were interesting especi-  
 ally after crossing the Dallas  
 divide, when we had a fine view  
 of the mountains. I took some views  
 with the Panoram - At Ridgeway  
 changed cars to the train on the Orway  
 branch, and drove the Thompson  
 gun valley to Montrose. Near Montrose  
 the cottonwoods were just beginning  
 to show their leaves. Changed cars &  
 again at Montrose. Had dinner there -  
 Had hoped to see Mill Decker at Sapi-  
 nero, as he is stationed there as Forest  
 Ranger, but he was not at the station.  
 A mile or so east of Sapinero saw

Lim loping along the road on his way in.

Supper at Gunnism. Saw Frank Young there and one or two others I knew. Changed cars again at Salida to the broad gauge. Got in on time & to the home about 5 a. m. Went to bed and had a nap.

Was busy all the morning unpacking. Things seem in pretty good shape.

Down town in afternoon.

May 5. Cloudy and somewhat rainy all day.

Worked at various things in the morning. Boiled the 3 skunk skulls from Coontry. Am much inclined to think these are two species of the large skunk there and that I have skulls of both.

I was down town in afternoon and saw Aiken.

Furnace fire in both houses today. Quite chilly.

May 6. Chilly and cloudy all day but no rain.

Nothing very special today -  
Mrs. Cook dined with us.

May 7. Frost this morning - Clear, bright day.  
Made up the Fox and Jack Rabbit  
skins that I got at Liehbaugh's -  
also cleaned the skunk skulls I  
brought from Country. As I had a  
little fire in the furnace I cooked  
some more skulls, rabbits &c.

Was down town this afternoon for a  
while. Since my return I have been  
looking over the skunk skulls. Am  
fuzzled when to place the large  
ones. They seem to be different some-  
what from each other, and also  
from any others I have. Perhaps if  
I had a larger series of all I could  
tell more. The Spilogale skulls seem  
different also.

May 8. Cloudy and a little chilly in  
morning - Sun is out this afternoon.  
Last evening I had a great and  
unexpected pleasure in the shape  
of a visit from Frank M. Chap-  
man, who came soon after dinner  
and introduced himself. He and

others on their way to Tucson. They  
 have been in Nebraska getting speci-  
 mens and photos of Prairie Chickens  
 for a group in the Amer. Mus. Nat  
 History. Bruce Horsfall the artist  
 is with him.

I found him very pleasant and  
 interesting to talk to, and wish  
 he could have stayed longer, but they  
 went on to Pueblo last night.

Cleaned skulls, mostly rabbits, this  
 morning, and some other work.

May 9. Clear warm day, with a shower  
 in middle of afternoon.

Cleaned some skulls, started out a  
 walk between the two houses, and  
 did a little gardening.

May 10 Clear at first, then cloudy for  
 awhile, then clear again. Some wind.  
 Finished cleaning skulls this morn-  
 ing, and did some other work.  
 Have put all my skulls in boxes  
 and marked them, and put them  
 away, so they are off my hands.

May 11 Partly cloudy all day. Rather warm.

Various odd jobs today

May 12 Clear in morning. Cloudy afternoon. Quiescent at me.

More odd jobs today

May 13 - Clear, then cloudy and windy and a little chilly. Clear in evening.

A. D. Hollister came down from Denver on the 11 o'clock train and stayed until six. He looked over my collection pretty thoroughly and seemed to enjoy himself, and I am sure I was very glad to have him down. It is good to have some one once in a while who knows something about the subject.

May 14 Clear, some floating clouds, rather windy. Quite warm.

Took the shotgun this morning and went to Bear Creek Cañon. Below the cañon and for a little way up the cottonwood leaves are pretty well out, and further up the trees are just starting. Saw

Wild Cherry blossoms. There were  
 some <sup>medium sized</sup> very dark brown, almost black,  
 butterflies flying about and some  
 small blue ones.

I secured a prize in the shape  
 of an Abert's Squirrel, the first I  
 have ever taken, in fact seen a-  
 live. I was greatly surprised to  
 see it. Not an extra good spec-  
 imen as it was mouthing and  
 the hair is short and ragged.

I saw a few chipmunks both  
 big and little. Birds were scarce,  
 both in species and numbers.

I walked up the cañon as far  
 as this side of Jones' Park and  
 thought that far enough. Up there  
 I saw a little snow in several  
 sheltered places, and the vegeta-  
 tion of course was not nearly so  
 far advanced.

May 15 Fairly clear warm day. Rather  
 windy.

Made up the squirrel skin this morn-  
 ing, and packed up a number of  
 skins to send to Washington for i-  
 dentification.

Have to water every day now -

May 16. Clear, warm day. The warmest we have had  
Various odd jobs today.

May 17. Clear, warm, windy  
Various odd jobs today

May 18. Clear and warm today  
This morning Sarah and I went down to Clark's Nursery at Broadmoor and bought several shrubs, another lilac, a Spirea and a Tartary -

May 19. Partly cloudy in morning. Then light showers in latter part of A. M. and evening one with a little hail in P. M.

Made some screens for my cellar windows in morning and some other odd jobs

May 20. Clear in morning, showers in afternoon

Nothing special today  
After this was written Mr. G. C. Hewitt and his 2 small boys came along and spent the rest of the



afternoon her looking at my things

May 21. Clear warm morning. Somewhat cloudy in afternoon -

This morning I took a dozen traps and went up north, toward the bluffs, and set the traps in a sandy place where there are Kangaroo rat holes, to see if I could not get a spotted Spermophile.

I saw quite a lot of a pretty white vetch there and brought home a bunch, also a few purple ones.

There was also the blue Pentstemon, (*P. glaber*), Mertensia, and daisies, besides a little purple aster, and two or three different yellow composites.

Came home by 11.30 and found a package from Will Secker containing a fresh salted Marmoset skin, so made that up at once.

May 22 Clear in morning & windy light showers in afternoon -

A Kangaroo Rat was all I found in my traps. Wind was so strong I did not stay out very long.

Late yesterday afternoon Harry Wood-  
ward and another boy came to see  
my collection. Harry told me he had  
seen black squirrels up South Cheyenne  
Creek, above the falls some distance,  
last summer. He killed a porcu-  
pine on the trail to Lake Moraine last  
Saturday.

May 23. Cloudy this morning. Rained  
last night, and several heavy showers  
today.

Went up and brought my traps home  
this morning. Only thing taken was  
a striped *Spermophile*!

I got caught in a heavy shower  
and had to take refuge under a  
tree. It was near the gulch, and  
I had an object lesson as to how  
quick these showers can raise a  
stream, for in a very short time  
the previously dry gulch had a  
good stream of muddy water  
rushing down it. As soon as  
the rain let up I went on, had  
to cross another gulch, and  
there was also a lot of water  
in that, and I had to go up

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quite a little way before I could  
Cross - When I came back, 15 or 20  
minutes after the water had nearly  
done running! I got a little  
wet. Skinned the *Spermophile*  
for the College collection -  
Have been putting away my last  
specimens - Am getting a little short  
of room again.

May 24 Showers again today  
Mackey sowed my lawn this  
morning.

I made a number of prints  
from my last negative. First  
time I have used the dark room.

May 25. No rain today. a few  
clouds

This morning I took the shotgun  
and went over to Bear Creek.  
On leaving Colorado City I went straight  
south of the creek instead of  
taking the road to the Cañon.  
Just before I got to the creek I  
saw and shot a Louisiana Tanager.  
There were not as many  
birds in the trees as I hoped to

see. A little above shot a thrush I have not yet marked out. Then a Warbling Vireo - Watched a White-bellied Nuthatch climbing about the trees but did not try to shoot it -

Met Mr. Stayer who lives at the toll gate. He told me there was a family of Weasels living under an old cabin close by.

I went on up the cañon, and turned out Hunter's Creek - shot a big chipmunk there.

Followed the trail up the creek - ate my lunch. Found a couple of prospectors building a little cabin of aspen logs. A little above then climbed up and worked around the ridge and then down to the Crystal Park trail. Had seen neither bird nor beast. Down the trail a piece shot a Virginia Warbler. Took life easy and traiped along, stopping to rest and look about every now and then -

On the cañon road shot another Big Chipmunk -

In two or three places I saw some kind of blue bell shaped

flower, and at the lower end of the Cañon there was a white flower like a white single rose.

Wild Cherry blossoms are beginning to come out, and there were some other trees with white flowers.

Met George Selkirk near the Short Line Crossing, with a team and load of hay and other stuff. Had his horse and buggy tied behind. Was on his way back to Lake Mo-saine. Says 6 in snow fell up there the last day or two.

May 26. Clear at first, somewhat cloudy in afternoon. Some wind. Made up skins this morning and did a little other work.

May 27. Foggy and misty this morning. Clear this afternoon and cool. Fire in parlor this afternoon. Miss Stewart dined with us today.

May 28. Cloudy this morning but cleared. Windy part of day. Showers last night. Put up netting this morning for

Sweet peas and morning glories, also  
did other odd jobs -  
Clover coming up on my lawn already.

May 29 Clear but very windy day.  
Various odd jobs this morning -  
This afternoon I was in Mr.  
Nebes' place, and saw a number  
of oil sketches of the Grand Cañon  
and the Painted Desert by his  
nephew, Mr S. Forrest. They were  
beautiful, and rendered the at-  
mosphere of these places wonderfully  
well, and his drawing is mar-  
vellously correct. They were well  
worth seeing.

May 30 Beautiful clear warm day.  
Did a lot of mending and such  
work about house this morning -  
This afternoon talked down Kim  
to see Aiken about Rust County  
trip and found the store closed,  
tho' he said yesterday he would  
be open today.

May 31 Another fine warm day -  
More odd jobs this morning

This afternoon Sarah & I went into Mr Weeks to see the pictures. She liked them very much.

Then I went to see Aiken. The Knott Co. trip is off for the present, too expensive.

June 1. Rained last night. Cloudy and misty this morning. Has cleared but cool wind.

Nothing very special today. We are expecting Miss Louise Schoff, of Phila. Daughter of an old schoolmate of Sarah's. She is on her way home from California with some friends and will stay over Sunday.

We called on the Spackman's last evening.

June 2. Cloudy this morning, cleared. Heavy shower & wind in afternoon.

Nothing very special today. Miss Schoff has not yet arrived and we have heard nothing from her.

June 3. Fairly clear in morning. Light showers or two in afternoon.

Nothing very special today. Late this afternoon we walked down through the Monument Valley Park as far as Hilla-mette Ave then up to Mrs Cook's for a little while, then home - Very pretty through the park -

June 4. Clear warm morning. Cloudy in afternoon.

Began binding up a lot of notes this morning which have been accumulating for some time -

June 5 Warm day, a little cloudy in afternoon -

Some odd jobs in morning. Bishop the carpenter was here and dressed down some doors and windows which had swelled

June 6 Clear and warm but very windy day -

More book binding today. Also dug up a little cottonwood tree which came up back of the back porch a year ago and transplanted it to a place where it has a show to grow



June 7 Clear and warm. Windy in afternoon.

Miss Schoff came early this morning having come over Marshall Pass. She leaves either tonight or in the morning for home. She and South took the Temple Drive this afternoon.

Various things this morning

June 8 Clear warm day.

Odd jobs this morning as usual. Miss Schoff left last night on the 10.30 train.

June 9 Clear warm day.

Various things this morning. This afternoon I was in Aiken's and he showed me an Audubon Warbler's skin collected in Arizona in 1865 by Dr. Cooper. It has his autograph on the label in pencil, with the date, July 23, 1898, and "Bad bird." Dr. C. was here and delivered a lecture then, and was looking over some birds with Aiken and ran across this.

There is a robin's nest on the N side of Mr Denwood's porch and the young are about ready to leave.

The mother has been here a number of times getting worms when I was watering and had the ground wet.

June 10 Clear warm day. Fine wind. Sarah & I went ~~down~~ out to the cemetery this morning to see how our lot was taken care of. The street cars go clear out there now.

June 11 Cloudy in morning, then clear. Cloudy again in afternoon. Warm. Boiled and cleaned 14 skulls this morning. My electric stove works very well.

June 12. Showers last night. Cloudy this morning & most of day.

This morning I took the stuffing out of my Coyote and Fox cast skins, and I am going to send them to the tannery, as I am told that is they way the Biological Survey keeps all such specimens, and

it will save much space

Also picked out some skins to give to the College Museum.

I have examined the skulls of the rabbits I got at Coontry, and have but little doubt but that they are arizonae instead of pinetis as I at first supposed.

June 13. Cloudy in morning. Clear.  
Sent my Coyote skins down to Aiken in the morning and he will send them to Denver.

Frank Hamp's little girl, "Judy" was brought around her (this morning in her wheeled chair and I showed her my specimens. She has been operated on for hip trouble and cannot walk. She took much interest in the things. Ordered lumber this afternoon to make a new collecting box 3 ft long, for the larger things only.

June 14 Clear in morning. Windy. Light shower in afternoon.  
Took a walk this morning going out across the creek west

of the house and then up the R.R. track until I could cross to the west. That part of the town is growing up very much and is fenced in more than last time I was over, two or three months ago.

I went up the gulch west of Brewer's, as far as the old ranch, then over toward the dog run, when I saw one prairie dog run into a hole.

Then I crossed over to Russell, and went down by the new park. They are working quite a lot of men there, filling and grading. The course of the creek has been much straightened.

I saw quite a good many flowers. There is much spiderwort in the M. Miller lot east of the house, and also in the street at the corner of Wood Ave, as there is a big patch of weeds at that place. Several species of *Astragalus* and *Cragul-lus* were seen, the *Yuccas* are in bud, there was *Abronia*, large and small white primroses, various yellow and white *Compositae*, besides *Thalictrum*. Two species

of Pentstemon, *P. glaber*, and a smaller one, Red false Mallard, Painted Cup, one Poppy, the small cactus with greenish flower is beginning to blossom, and I saw 2 or 3 yellow *Opuntia* flowers. Also saw a little wild geranium and Lupine -

There were also some smaller flowers which I do not know.

June 15. Clear and warm in morning. A little cloudy in afternoon.

Began making a large collecting chest this morning, 3 feet inside for the longer specimens -

June 16 Clear and warm in morning. Windy and cloudy in afternoon. Light shower -

Worked some more on the chest in morning. And had my regular Saturday house cleaning. Hope to sweep out the house once in a while.

June 17. A little cloudy in morning. Rain in afternoon. Nothing special today.

Mrs Cook dined with us.

Have been reading A. R. Wallace's autobiography and must say I am considerably disappointed in it. I thought he had done more work, set aside from his trips to the Amazon and the ~~And~~ East Indies. He does not seem to have done much, ~~nothing~~ at all, such as Darwin did in the way of experiments. The work he did do after his return from his travels seems to have been mostly in the way of study <sup>& preparation</sup> for his various books.

June 18 Clear cool day -

Nothing much today, worked a little on the collecting chest, and some other odd jobs -

Men connecting gas with Louie as Sarah is going to put in a gas range -

June 19. Clear in morning. Some clouds in afternoon.

Have had a man here most of day oiling porch, polishing floors &

other woodwork, and washing windows, and my horse looks much the better for it.

Had a fox with some fish from Decker this morning. He also sent some old sline I wanted, I am going to hang it around my porch evenings, with the light turned on to see if bats will not come after the insects attracted by the light, and get tangled up so that I can catch them.

June 20 Clear cool day. Somewhat Windy.

Had to go down town this morning to see about some Enlargements of ptarmigan pictures Mr Webb is going to make for me. Was down again in afternoon.

June 21 Clear morning. Somewhat Cloudy in afternoon. Warmer.

Some odd jobs in morning. Got my enlargements this afternoon - Pretty good.

Sarah & I dined with Mrs Fuller last evening. Mrs Bryant came in

later and we played bridge -  
 Sam has been having a gas range  
 put in the kitchen -

June 22. Clear this morning. Cloudy  
 and windy in afternoon just a little  
 sprinkle. Warm -  
 Finished my new collecting chest  
 this morning.

June 23 Cloudy and showers all  
 day.  
 Odd jobs this morning. Cleaning  
 up cellar etc.

June 24 More or less cloudy all day  
 Several showers -  
 E. C. Arthur Jr. of Cripple Creek was  
 in this afternoon to see me about  
 the survey of the township on the  
 Muddy. He starts for there the mid-  
 dle of the week -

June 25 Clear and cool in morning  
 somewhat cloudy in P.M.  
 Nothing very special today

June 26. Clear morning. Somewhat



Cloudy in afternoon. Warm wind.  
 Developed a couple of Exposures  
 I made yesterday afternoon on the  
 house. Had one fairly good neg-  
 ative. Did some other odd jobs.

June 27. Clear in morning, <sup>v. cloudy</sup> windy  
 in afternoon. Warm.  
 Made prints of pictures of house  
 this morning. One shown here.  
 My grass, or part of it, was mowed  
 for the first time this morning.  
 It was very thick.

Did some other odd jobs, includ-  
 ing varnishing my fly rod.

June 28. Clear, warm and windy.  
 Was to bring in my 50 ea.  
 this morning get the  
 stock in the  
 it to Mr. Weston's  
 near here. Had  
 vice. Did some other odd jobs.

June 29. Clear, warm and windy.  
 Nothing very special today.





June 30. Our warmest day. 88° on back  
porch at 3.30.

Did some work about the house this  
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414.9	Ar.	VANCE JUNCTION.....	Lv 8116
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422.1	"	Ophir.....	" 9236
426.2	"	Trout Lake.....	" 9802
443.3	Ar.	Rico.....	Lv 8737
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479.4	Ar.	Dolores.....	Lv 6957
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499.6	"	Mancos.....	" 7008
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583.1	Ar.	Telluride.....	Lv 8756
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587.0	"	Placerville.....	Lv 7321
613.6	Ar.	Ridgway.....	Lv 7003
639.5	Ar.	MONTROSE.....	Lv 5811



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