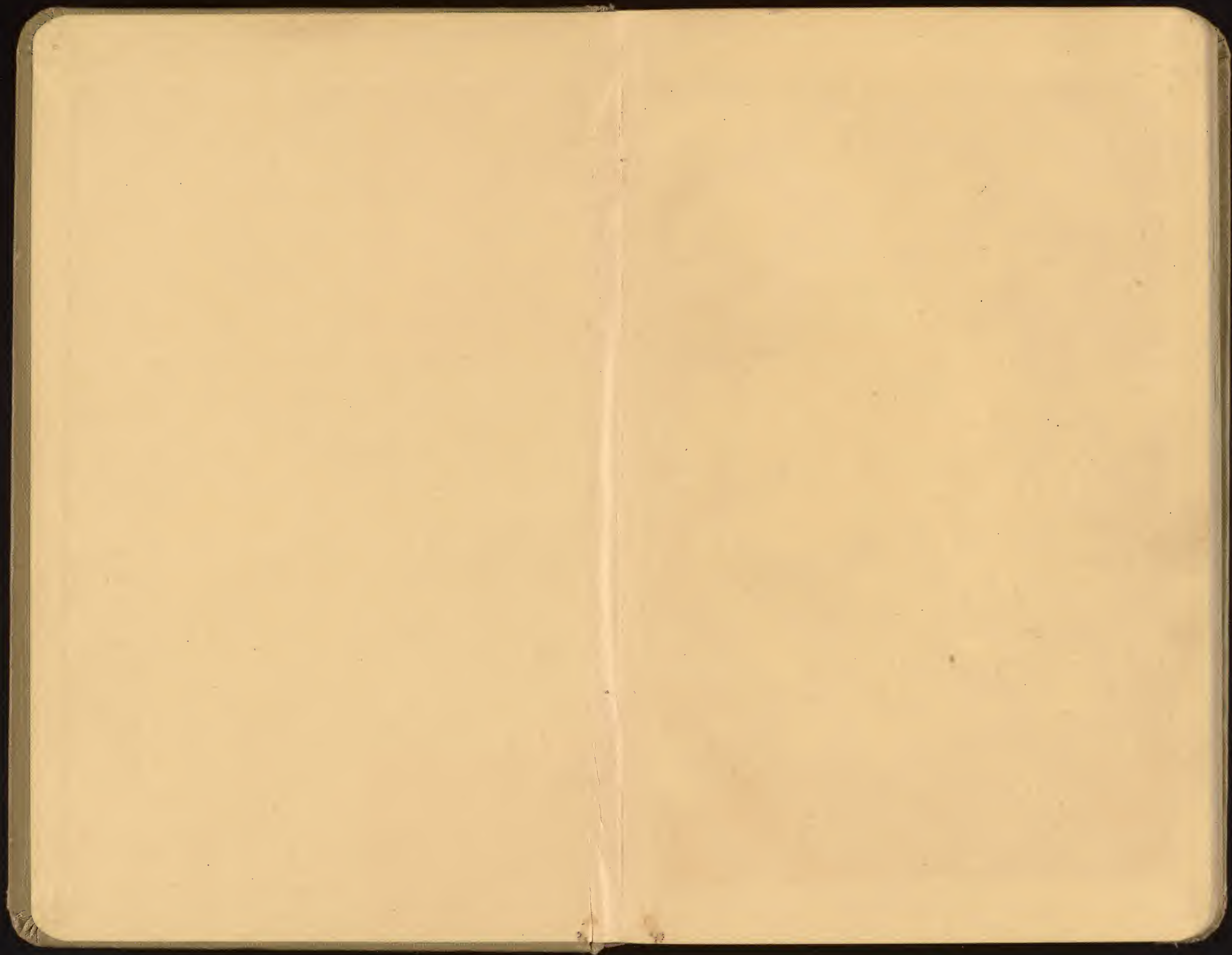


Nevada - Oregon

1915



May 25. 1915 Golconda Nevada
Arrived at Golconda in the
early morning. Made enquiries
about getting to Medersett
and about the facilities
for outfitting there. Spent
part of day walking around
the country observing beds
etc.

On account of the higher
prices prevailing at points
in Southeastern Oregon - far
from the railroad and the
uncertainty of being able
to procure suitable help
there, I decided that it
would be best to outfit here
if suitable terms can be
made. Enquired of E. Reinhart
Co. and they recommended
a man who they thought
would go. and said I could
rely on him. He is away today
but will be here tomorrow.

Wednesday May 26. Golconda

Made arrangements with Mr. J. R. Bunch to go with me for an indefinite period with team of ~~two~~ horses and wagon. ^{for 4.50 per day.} He cannot start for a couple of days. My outfit which was sent by mail has not arrived, so the delay is not serious.

Thursday May 27. Golconda

Spent the day in various preparations incidental to preparing for the trip. My mail packages arrived in the afternoon.

Friday May 28. Golconda

Got provisions and other supplies for a month or so and practically completed preparation.

Saturday May 29. To Paradise Valley

Got away about mid-forenoon and travelled northward toward Heddermitt. The road ran through sagebrush flats with a broken range to the eastward. We went ~~for~~ 20 miles and camped at a ranch ⁱⁿ Paradise Valley about 25 miles below the P.O.

Sunday May 30. To

We got away at 6.⁴⁵ and crossing the valley to the westward to Willow Point, we passed the stage station and went on

the divide to the Linn Run
valley. Stopped and had
dinner near the next station
kept by J.B. English about
18 miles from our morning
camp. The country remains
the same.

After dinner we went along
about 9 miles to Buffalo Cr.
in the E part of Linn R.
Valley

Monday May 31. To near McDermitt

We left camp early and drove
northward. Passed Rebel Creek
P.O. & stage station about 9³⁰
and stopped for dinner at
Willow Creek about 11. about 11 or
12 miles from Buffalo Cr.

After dinner we went on until
about sunset making about
15 miles and camped at
a creek on a sagebrush flat
within a few miles of McDermitt
Saw a brush rabbit (*Brachylogus*)
in the forenoon

Tuesday June 1. To McDermitt
We got away from camp in
good time and got to McDermitt
about the middle of the forenoon
Got a few things at the store
stopped at the P.O. and then
went on N.W. of town to
find a place to camp. As all
the land in the valley is taken
up in ranches this was
not an easy matter. We
finally located at an abandoned
ranch about 3 miles N.W.
of town

The Nevada-Oregon line runs
through the middle of the
town nearly due west is
Disaster Peak. To the S.E.
in Nevada is the Buckskin
range where the newly discovered
National mine is being worked
The valley is covered with the
usual sagebrush and greas-
wood with *Shepherdia* along
the ditches and in low spots

Wednesday June 2

Took a good series of mammals of several species in my traps. Saw signs of porcupines in the valley. They had been feeding on the Shepherdia. Found nest of Seminole Hawk and shrike. The latter with eggs nearly ready to hatch. Weather colder and windier. Snow on the nearby hills in the early morning.

Thursday June 3.

Took Perognathus and a series of Thomomys. Day windy and cool.

Friday June 4. McDermitt

Made up the rest of my Thomomys and spent the rest of the day writing reports and making out accounts. The day was warm. Intend to go out to the canyon on the east side of the valley tomorrow.

Saturday June 5 To Canyon -

Left camp about 10 o'clock and went down to town. Got mail and made some small purchases. Sent off account for mail, reports on Galconda and route to McDermitt. Went out to canyon N.E. of town about 8 miles. Camped well up the canyon.

after dinner I went up to
the side of the canyon and
went around on the mesa
above the head of all
the branches on which
is 5600 according to the
aneroid and the mesa
at the head of the canyon
6700

Sunday June 6

Went up the canyon and set
traps and shot some birds
found a number of species
nesting which I had
not seen before

Symphoricarpos (white-brown) Bufo
asper, breviceps intermedius
Ambystoma alopex Neotoma

Monday June 7. Went to my
traps in the forenoon and
made up specimens in the
afternoon Took 3 Thomomys
very small and differed from
the valley species. Took a
woodchuck and saw another

Tuesday June 8. To road side valley
We got away about 10 after
packing up and packing specimens
Went down to road side valley
and set traps on the west side of the valley
where we camped about 6 o'clock
Saw a track of Madrona Creek
from northward up the valley. It
is bordered by a thick growth of
Willows.

Shepherdia grows in groves in
the valley flat

Wednesday June 9 To Disaster Peak
We got away in good time and
took the road westward up over
the hills. It follows in a general
way the state line about 12 miles
from town we had lunch in the
canyon of Cottonwood Creek. Then
is a very long hard hill out of
it. Then the road goes over the
rolling hills and descends
after several miles into the
basin of McDermitt Creek. Here are
several hay ranches. We turned
westward up the main branch
and camped at the uppermost
ranch now owned by Miller
& Lutz. The day was very
warm.

Thursday June 10. Disaster Peak
Went up the canyon a short
distance and set traps in the
sollons. and along the cliffs.
The stream is bordered by aspen.
Fraser thicket of willow, Alder
Rose etc. The stream is oxped
and abounds in trout. Found
many bees nesting about the
meadows and in the thickets

Friday June 11. It snowed
in the night, and the day was
very cold with rain or snow
nearly all day. Took a few
Peromyscus in my traps and
shot some birds. The day was
very unpleasant and not
successful.

Saturday June 12

It turned a little warmer
and though it rained
considerably, the day was
much less disagreeable than
yesterday. I took a few mammals
and birds.

Sunday June 13. Head Mts. Summit Cr.
The day was fine. Reset some
of my traps and took a few
specimens.

Monday June 14

In the afternoon after clearing
up work we put a pack on one of
the horses and made a trip up
to the canyon on the side of Dead
Peak Mountain. We went over
the sage brush hills nearly straight
for the Mt. near its base we
dropped down into a canyon
well wooded with alder, cherry, Cornus
ropera, Willow, Amelanchier etc.
Mt. Mahogany grass on the
canyon walls and along
the rimrock.

We camped at 7000 feet
beside a heavy growth of alders
some probably over 15 inches
through. Set a line of traps
in the willows & alders.

Tuesday June 15 To Summit & Home.
Took up traps and went up
to the summit of the Mt
Camp was about 7000
and the summit 8200 according
to my aneroid

Wednesday June 16
Trunked up my specimens
in the forenoon and put
in the afternoon on reports

Thursday June 17. Whitehorn Cr

We left early and went up over the rolling hills northward to the summit which was about 6800 feet and was a broad flat with sandy soil for several miles. To the east for several miles stretched a similar country broken here and there by rugged craggy Mountains. Thomomys was common on the plateau sometimes in small groups and in some places also had a white tail Jack rabbit seen in aggregate of about 500 large groups were seen in small companies. Sometimes of both sexes sometimes either male or female and all without young. These had probably lost their hooves in the snowstorm of a few days ago. As we descended on the north side of the summit a couple of bears with young tracks were seen.

We had dinner on a bench of Whitehorse Creek when I caught a large gopher. This stream we crossed by a steep descent from the mesa. After several miles of rolling country, we made another sharp descent into the canyon of Whitehorse Creek which we followed for several miles through a narrow deep canyon flanked on either side by a high rimrock, which rested several horizontal layers. Chats were numerous in the canyon where the willow & shepherdia were common. The river became lower and lower and as it lower end when it opens out into the level valley containing with almost desert. We camped at the White Horse Ranch a live stock place.

35 miles.

Friday June 18.

To Crooked Creek

We left early with a 35 mile
 drive ahead of us without water
 the road led through a
 gently rolling sagebrush flats
 in some cases small low hills
 and passed several dry creeks
 There is a short strip of woods
 to a hill. Then out on some
 similar country to south west
 of the P. L. S. Co. (Miller & Co.)
 situated in a meadow ground
 by a large spring where grows
 some lower good sized creek
 a grove of cottonwoods 30 or 35
 years old in here and an
 old log house said to be 25
 years old. It is a horse road.

Shot a hoop bat at sunset
Snipe and Phalaropus and
 several ducks were in the
 meadow

To Douglas R.

22 miles.

Saturday June 19 Left early
 and went on in a general
 E by N direction following
 a general valley the valley
 of Crooked Creek which was
 on our right. Passed a
 ranch (Anderson) at seven
 miles a fine place with a
 large grove of cottonwoods
 Then ascended and went
 for several miles over a
 flat mesa. Then down
 through a canyon and across
 Battlemeade Creek then over
 a stretch of Warner sand
 hills past Dry Creek and
 down a beautiful canyon with
 fresh vertical cliffs on either side
 over a sandstone rock landscape
 HWH

Dec 17 1873 made for also other
 names with late date. Came out
 to the Douglas Bridge formerly
 Duncan's Ferry crossed evening
 went to the Douglas river side
 to find a camp. Camped on
 the west side of the river
 Crooked Creek comes in below the bridge

Sunday June 20 Owyhee River

Took Procyonides & Sciurus
and finished up some
accumulated work. Shot a
crow from the camp a
chick of some kind is common
flying in the shelter.

The valley is covered with
patches of sagebrush and
greasewood. The latter predominates
on the alluvial areas which
are numerous and cotton-
wood alfalfa is raised
in the valley but hay seems
to be the principal crop.

Monday June 21

My traps yielded a few
specimens but it was difficult
to get them through I shot
a long line of traps out.
Saw a brush rabbit (Lepus)
among the sagebrush on the
low hills. They seem to keep
up on the hills in preference
to the valleys.

Tuesday June 22

Took a few specimens &
made them up.

Wednesday June 23

Spent most of the day waiting
report. It was a very warm
and dry
Saw a mountain on the
Creek and shot at him but
lost him

Thursday June 24 To Jordan R. valley

We left early and drove
northward along the canyon
and up into the hills. To the S. of
Reno from which we could
overlook a wide extent of
country. All with sight is
granite. In character that
found on a nearby "Doubtless"
had about due north. It shows
to be about 7500 feet high.
East I could see where it

that it has hatched canyon
I will get Reno to ascertain
more about it when he returns
as we can here know about it
and it is too far to expect a
special trip to it

We drove back and had lunch
near the crossing "Reno" and
then drove ^{westward} of the canyon
and eastward ^{up} the valley of the
Jordan. Camping at a point 7
miles out from the Ogives

Friday June 25. To Jordan Valley

We left rather late. The morning
was rainy and very cold. The road
led eastward over the ^{valley} low hills
bordering the Jordan valley on the
north side. The hills are covered
with lava rock which is
from the road but at times
we passed a head of the
Jordan which lies close to
the road and ^{can only} ~~later~~ beyond
passed low creek coming
in from the north. The country
is all sagebrush and grassland

except in the valley where
irrigated fields are the rule
we saw no new features of
interest. Cottontail *capensis* trapped
at the ranch where we camped
last night and is common
all along the road. Indeed today
I saw some of the valley broadens
out and marshy spots become
more frequent in which a
few ducks - black ducks and
other birds were common.
We camped a mile north
of the town.

Saturday June 26 Jordan Valley
Went on to town and to the
office finding some mail.
Then went out a short distance
west of the town and camped
in a sort of pasture beside
the creek. Broad meadows
a mile wide stretch in
both directions along the
valley. There are several
by various branches of the
creek which are bordered
most of the way by dense
thickets of Willow - rose,
Cottonwood and some alder.
Set out some traps.
The town said to be 2200 feet
and the crossing (Roney)
nearly a thousand feet lower.

Monday, June 27. Jordan Valley

The day was fine. Took some specimens and made them up. The man ^{John Howard} whose place we are camped came over on the forenoon. Got some information about game. He from here. He has been repeatedly in the country.

In Red Canyon ^{Healy} 45 miles from Jordan Valley near Crotcher's Canyon of the S. Fork of the Snake River. Mountain that has white limestone. See as occasionally seen in Jordan Valley. In spring and ad to the forenoon. We saw several times in the forenoon we are camped.

Wood are scarce.

Muskat a few along creek.

Beaver are rather common.

A family are now living near our camp.

Wet are on the Snake near the mouth of Jordan Creek and on

Brownish Creek a tributary of the Jordan 15 miles east (to Idaho) Woods are rather common.

Birds 33 were caught at the point 20 miles below in winter 1913-14. They are scarce about

Jordan Valley. Swift have been taken on Brownish Creek.

Skunk scarce.

Spotted skunk quite common.

He says that on the country east of Jordan Valley (Brownish Creek (to the east)) the rock comes are common. He has also seen a few near Boulder Creek 15 miles east of here.

Monday June 28 Jordan Valley

Took some mammals and birds
and made them up. Found some
last some birds in the high lake
back of the town. It is at
least 500 feet higher than the town.

Tuesday June 29. Took some
long tailed Peromyscus in the rocks
and other mammals in the
valley. Took an Allen's Wooded
Thrush at camp. They are
in the same thickets with the
chat.

Wednesday June 30

Thursday July 1 Jordan Valley
Made up a few specimens
and put in the rest of the
day in accounts and reports.

Friday July 2

Finished up reports today
most of the day so then arranged
for supplies for coming weeks
before to start tomorrow.

Saturday July 3 To Conler Lake
Took up all traps. Took some mammals
Got supplies at the store (Blackaby)
for about a month, packed up accounts
mailed packages of specimens, and
took the road for the Conler
Lake. We went southward
for about 17 miles and then
turned around the north side
and took the valley of Conler
to a point just above the lake
where we camped. Found a
large ranch which is tening
with cattle. Set out a few
traps.

Shot a raven at Jordan Valley

Cox Creek Lake

Sunday July 4. Spent the
forenoon on the marsh near our
camp when I found hundreds
of ducks with young and many
other birds nesting. In a marsh
not much more, just below
the marsh they were Edward
Hedden of Colville Idaho and
W. Schnabel formerly with the
Schnabel saw fox signs until about
1875 a resident of this valley.

He tells me that there used to be
1000 sheep on all the higher hills
in this region especially between the
the canyon and that they practically
disappeared in about 1850. He thinks owing
to some disease as many dead ones
were found. In those days there were
thousands of antelope all about here.
A herd of seven is reported about 1870
nearby but none.

Schnabel says that the Indians told
him that buffalo used to be in the
valley and that he afterwards found
their bones including a whole

skeleton in the country to the southwest
of here.

He says that he has seen white-tailed
deer on Snake Creek in Idaho.
About 20 years ago Schnabel says
that he shot and killed a
Cinnamon bear on Cox Creek
about 10 miles above here. It
is the only bear he has ever heard
being killed in this region.

July 5. Cox Creek Lake

Spent the forenoon on the
fjord. I went to a bay canyon
near the head of the valley
in which were nesting a
great many large swallows
and some violet-green.

A fine stream dropped down
into the head of the canyon
having plainly made it

I saw one of this canyon wells
and many other birds in the
canyon. A herd of Elk
has been raised in a meadow
on the foot of the wall.

They tell me that formerly a
pair of eagles usually had a
nest in the canyon

Tuesday July 6. To Lava Beds

Bush and I went over to the
lava beds at the foot of the lake
and spent several hours
exploring them. There were a
great many small lakes and
in them were nesting many ducks
grebes tern etc.

The lake is evidently formed
by the flow of lava damming
the canyon in which the stream
formerly ran. There is another
shallower lake below the big
one but this year it is dry
the big lake not filling its
banks.

Wednesday July 7

Fixed up my specimens
took traps etc & went towards
New Colorado ranch there is a Mr.
Laidmont and has some beads
and says he promised to try
to get some sheep skulls which
he has heard of

Thursday July 8 Mt Mahogany 1184

Took up traps and left
about 10 o'clock to ascend
Mahogany mt. Drove up on
road road nearly to the
summit and camped in a
gully beside a small spring
After dinner went over into a
wooded canyon west of our camp
There was aspen cherry Amelanchier
Willow etc.

The only timber on the ridges
is Mountain Mahogany and
a very little cedar -

Set out a line of traps -

Friday July 9

Took only a few Peromyscus
The night was very rainy.
After breakfast Brink and I
went up on the top of the
mountain where we could
look over the valley of the
Owyhee to the west and in
fact all the country about.
The valley of the Owyhee is
bordered by extremely rough
country. To the south one
overlooks the Lava bed
and all the country about
Jordan Valley.

In a canyon below our camp
I found a few willows beside
a small stream and set out
traps there.

Took Eutamias, Peromyscus & Thomomys

Saturday July 10 Mahogany Mt

Took some fine Microtus mordax
and made them up together
with some other specimens.
The day was very fine.

Started to write report on
this locality.

Sunday July 11 To Carr Creek valley

Took up traps and finished
report and after dinner
drove down the Mountain
to a branch of Carr Creek
where we camped.
On the way down I shot
a fine Idaho rabbit.
Saw many Eutamias and Citellus oregonus

Monday July 12 To Greenville

Left early and drove eastward
up Con Creek valley. Near the bridge
stopped at a ranch where a
lady Thomas McLean had a
collection of bird eggs cutters
rocks, and many others.

We had lunch beside a ranch
house, well up the valley through
some timber some cedars on
the bank of the creek bed (windy)
Left Con Creek before reaching the
head and turned north on the
stage road I rode to Greenville
PO (to home only), as this was
not a good place to collect
I kept on down the valley of
Sucker Creek about 5 miles and
Camped in a rocky field

Saw a Oregon Ground Squirrel
near camp

Shepherd

Tuesday July 13 Took but little

in my traps about down into
the canyon of Sucker Creek but
found little of interest there
I took a few birds, and set
traps. In the evening shot
some bats, feeding 2 of
different groups

Just last night

Wednesday July 14 Shepherd

Intended to move today but took
a flu attack, so concluded to
stay here today. Went up on
Spring mountain to the west in the
afternoon. There are many
canyons with a variety of
fruit trees, cherries, cherries
not making any. On the
top are several openings which
form small meadows. There
a couple with young just flying
was seen

Saw a few Oregon Ground Squirrels
on the mt.

Just last night

Thursday July 15. To Rockville
Trout last night.

Got away in good time, having
caught nothing of importance
Took the stage road northward
on the hill. Reached a large
stone house about noon which
is Rockville, Idaho. Took a
road ~~from~~ ^{to} the left and
about 5 miles east or
3 1/2 miles beyond the line
Came to Rockville Oregon
Camped on a meadow near
the creek which is dry
and put out traps.

Friday July 16

Trout last night

Took but little in my traps
except Gophers Took a few
birds

Saturday July 17.

Took but little in my traps
Though I have a lot set
and keep changing them

Sunday July 18.

Took a small catch. Had one Perognathus but it was destroyed in the trap. Picked up specimens and wrote reports on Shearwater. Packed up all specimens which are dry.

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Monday July 19

Took 2 Perognathus and a Oryzomys.

We left Rockwell at 8 o'clock and took the road westward over the northern foothills of Mahogany Mountain to Watson. We ascended rather rapidly and at about 6000 feet descended into a very deep rocky canyon and went down very rapidly. About the middle of the afternoon at about 4000 feet I passed a small breeding colony of white throated swifts. Soon afterward the high cliffs which had formed the canyon gave way to rolling sandy hills and the valley had much prairie. We came out into the Owyhee valley about 4 o'clock, but were about 5 miles below Watson. Camped at Watson about 3000 feet.

Tuesday July 20.

It was too late to set traps
last night so I took nothing today
but set out a lot of
traps in various situations
Camped in a fine shady
place beside a deserted
house.

Received orders to return
to Washington about August 10.
after completing the work
as far as possible.

Wednesday July 21

Took Amuropermophilus
Pseudipus and Perognathus
and a muskrat. Only a
very few for the large number
of traps.

Thursday July 22.

Took a few mammals.
Lt Palmer tells me that he thinks there are
still a very few Mt Sheep in the Owyhee
Banks about 15 miles up the river from
Watson.

There are Lyx a very few musk
beavers and an occasional
otter along the river.

Friday July 23.

Watson

Had a talk with a trapper and
prospector named Gibbs. He says
there are a few succowans near
the mouth of the river.
Condolips are very scarce. He has
seen only 4 or 5 in the past few
weeks.

Caught a Reithrodontomys in the hay field
and two murres.

Saturday July 24

Took up traps and prepared
specimens. Took Perodipus, Perog-
thellus, Peromyscus & Fearon
Left after dinner and
drove up the river a few
miles. Thought of going on
about 10 miles but to
investigate a case but changed
my mind and camped about
5 miles from Watson.

Sunday July 25 To Cedar Mt

We drove northwest up a deep
valley for a mile or two and
then turned westward up the
side of the mountain. A few
springs were seen below the summit
about noon and we saw them
then proceeded to the summit.
Beyond here we ascended
a little into a dry flat sand
land flat when there are
some cotton-wood of alder
in some places. 530 feet above
level, road to Cedar Mt.

We climbed up and camped
near the summit at about 5700
feet. In some springs we
got a few frogs.

Monday July 26

Had clear success taking
several chipmunks, mice
and a weasel.

Found some a number
of springs south of
camp.

Friday, July 27. Cedar Mt.

Took a pair of
specimens

Saturday, July 28. Cedar Mt.

Took a couple of *Lagurus*
and several other specimens
of interest

Thursday July 29

Took up all our traps
and left quite early for
Skull Springs. Took a
road down the north side
of the mountain. Had lunch
in a dry flat. Saw a
gray ground squirrel on the
west side of the valley at
about 4500 feet. There
was a peak seen from
Camp just before we left
and another one a short
time afterward. Saw
a bunch of rabbits ^{at} about
4500 feet

Friday July 30. Skull Springs

Took some Eutamias. I think two
species & some pocket gophers
Set out some traps for Perognathus
intending to stay until the morning
Took a Myotis in the evening.

The rather scene of a defeat of
a large band of Indians there
here John McLaughlin says about
35 years ago but it is probably longer
ago.

Saturday July 31. To Near Riverside

took Magnum - Saxons

Compass & Microscope - quartz

Left Skull Springs early and

on the road skidded for

couple of miles to the main

valley - Runs road went down

through a valley where a

considerable amount of log farming

is going on. There is water at

only one place (Skull Springs) where there

is a road mile. Posit to the signs

very common. One on the road

rabbit near Skull Spring. Took a

couple of batrachians before reaching

Skull Spring. A little beyond saw a

snake and caught it, a Lagurus.

As a snake was seen in the hills

saw a number of water-birds

and caught a water snake

(glass snake?) Two woodchucks seen near Skull

Camped on the hill a few miles before

reaching Riverside

A Lagurus in the stomach of one

of the batrachians

Sunday Aug 1. To Riverside

drove down to Riverside and

to the Postoffice but got no mail.

Drove out on the river a half

mile west of town and

made camp. Put out some

trap signs of Pseudis platyph

Monday August 2

Took ^{Redman} Pseudopus & Pseudopus
Hunted hard for signs of
Thomomys but found none
Near our camp the water
is full of a duckweed of which
I collected a sample
Saw a weasel in the creek
near camp & shot at it
but failed to kill it with a trap
The valley is low and very
warm and sandy. Upper
potomac

Shot a kingbird

Tuesday August 3

Took a weasel and some
Pseudopus. Took up traps
furnished up over. Shipped
a box of mammals all which
are dry.

Brought peromyscus & Geo. Cou
who is also postmaster

Left in the afternoon and drove
back on the road we came
in about 5 miles and
camped within 1000 ft of a
spring. The only water for
many miles

Shot a prairie falcon from camp
Its stomach contained the remains
of a meadow lark.

Wednesday August 4

Left for the Skull Springs road
early. Found a brush rabbit about
5 miles south of Burnsville at about 400 feet
and shot another soon after we started
for Callospermophilus about 6
miles south of Burnsville and
a squirrel just beyond. Had dinner
at a cabin before reaching
Creston - ~~but~~ and tried to catch
Thomomys. They were abundant but
was not working in the middle
of the day. Creston is in a
dry farming valley which the
settlers all have dug their
water from one well at Burnsville
road east to Skull Springs P.O.
to try to get a horse in place of the
mare which is about to foal.
Found a brush rabbit near Skull
Springs P.O. where we camped
late.

Thursday August 5. To near Keeny Cr.
My campman had to get a horse
to take the place of the mare which
is about to foal. It was afternoon
before we got away. We drove
out over a high ridge
where there was one steep
farm road and down a steep
pitch to a small creek where
we camped 16 miles from
Skull Springs. Found little of
particular interest.

Friday August 6

We rose up early and took
the road toward Vale said
to be 40 miles. The road
went up and down and
~~finally~~ after ^{about} 13 miles descended
to Kenny or Cottonwood Creek
Beyond it again climbed
up over the hills and 16
miles from base dropped
to the main valley of
Malheur River. We camped
at the crossing of the river
5 miles from Vale
Set out some traps near
Camp

Saturday August 7. To Vale

Took no specimens
Drove to Vale and got over
small long delay. Road was
official after breakfast
necessary business. We
drove back a while of so
on the road toward Baynes
and camped at a ranch

Sunday August 8 Vale

Took Perognathus and
Thomomys arvensis

Mr. Curtis tells me that a Lynx
frequently comes around the ranch
as night and has killed
several cats. They have attempted
to trap it but without success.
A woodchuck was killed here
near the house about 2 weeks
ago. There are a few deer
in the hills near and beyond
(a few) and many mountains
on the river.

There are a few aspens on the
N.W. side of the Mt. N.W. of Vale.

Obtained the skull of a Mt
Sheep picked up a few years
ago on Upper Rock.

A white-tailed jack was seen
in the meadows a few days ago.

Monday August 9. We left
quite early for Owyhee. Took
the road down the hills. Saw
a brush rabbit about 5 miles
out from Vale and another
a mile beyond. The road
ascended a sandy hill
for a few miles and
then beyond the divide
descended gradually into
Owyhee Valley. There was no
water and for several
miles on the summit there
was practically no life. Not
even Jack rabbits. There were
abundant however in both
valleys. A few chipmunks
seen on the valley side.
Traces of coyote, badger,
and bobcat.
Reached Owyhee a ranching
settlement shortly after noon
and camped near a ranch.

Tuesday August 10. Owyhee

Took *Perodipus*, *Perognathus*, *Peromyscus*,
Thomomys & *Mephitis*.

The white-tailed chipmunk (*Amisopern-*
oplus) is said to be found, but
is not plentiful.

The round-tailed woodrat is said
to be of occasional occurrence.

In the evening were accompanied in
the ditch.

Wednesday Aug 11

Took up traps and took
the road toward Ontario. The
road followed the valley
through a level country,
past hay grain and fruit
markets. Arrived at Ontario
in the early afternoon and
camped near
the river.

Thursday Aug 12 Ontario

Took a couple of Pocket gophers near the town, but took nothing else of importance in traps.

In the afternoon Bussell and I went across the river into Idaho (at Fairbault) and set traps for gophers. They were scarce, and we had some difficulty in catching any but took one just before dark.

Friday Aug 13 Ontario:

Made up the Pocket gopher and closed up all the business of the expedition as far as possible.

Saturday Aug 14

Completed preparations for
left home and left at 2:07
for Washington
Reached Beattles - evening

Sunday Aug 15

Reached N Platte in evening

Monday Aug 16

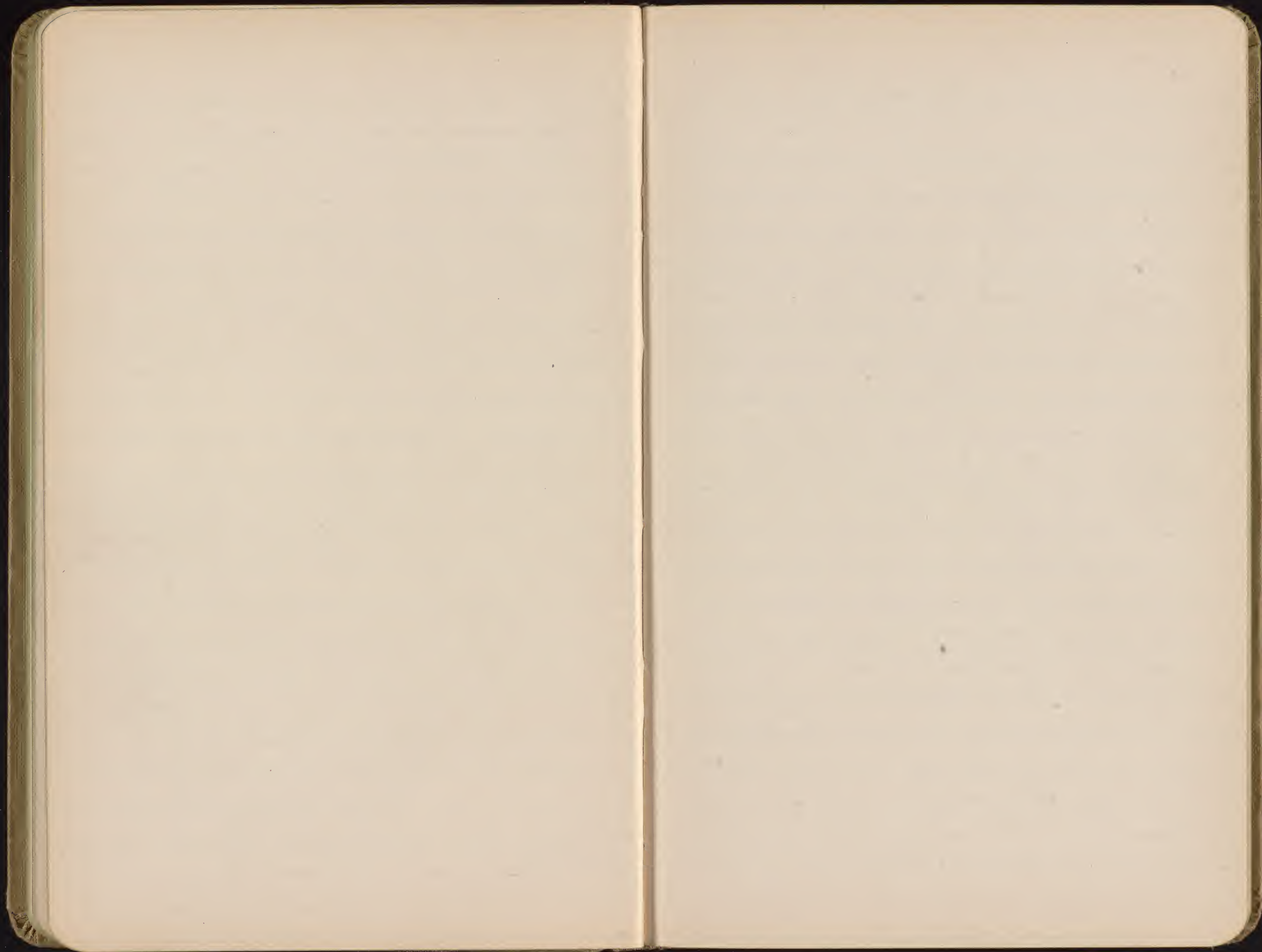
Reached Council Bluffs in morning
Chicago in evening

Tuesday Aug 17

Left Chicago in morning

Wednesday Aug 18

Around Washington D.C.



James Morrison Wataon Oregon
on Company ranch may know
something about Mt Sheep

Packages mailed

# 1	McDonnell Nevada	June 8 - Skins
2	" "	" - skulls
3	Jordan Valley Oregon	July 1 Insects
4	" "	" "
5	" "	July 5 Ants & bees
6	" "	" - Skulls & skulls
7	" "	Films Eggs & skulls shells
8	" "	Alcoholics
9	Rockwell "	19 Skulls
10	" "	" "
11	" "	" - stuffed skins
12	" "	" - Insects
13	" (incl. one from Oregon)	" - Men & Birds
14	Watson "	" 24 men Birds skulls
15	Skull Springs "	31 " " " "
16	Russell side	Aug 1 " " " " " "
17	" "	Aug 2, Men & skulls
18	Ontario	Aug 14 Skins
19	"	" Sheep skulls
20	"	" "
21	"	" "

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