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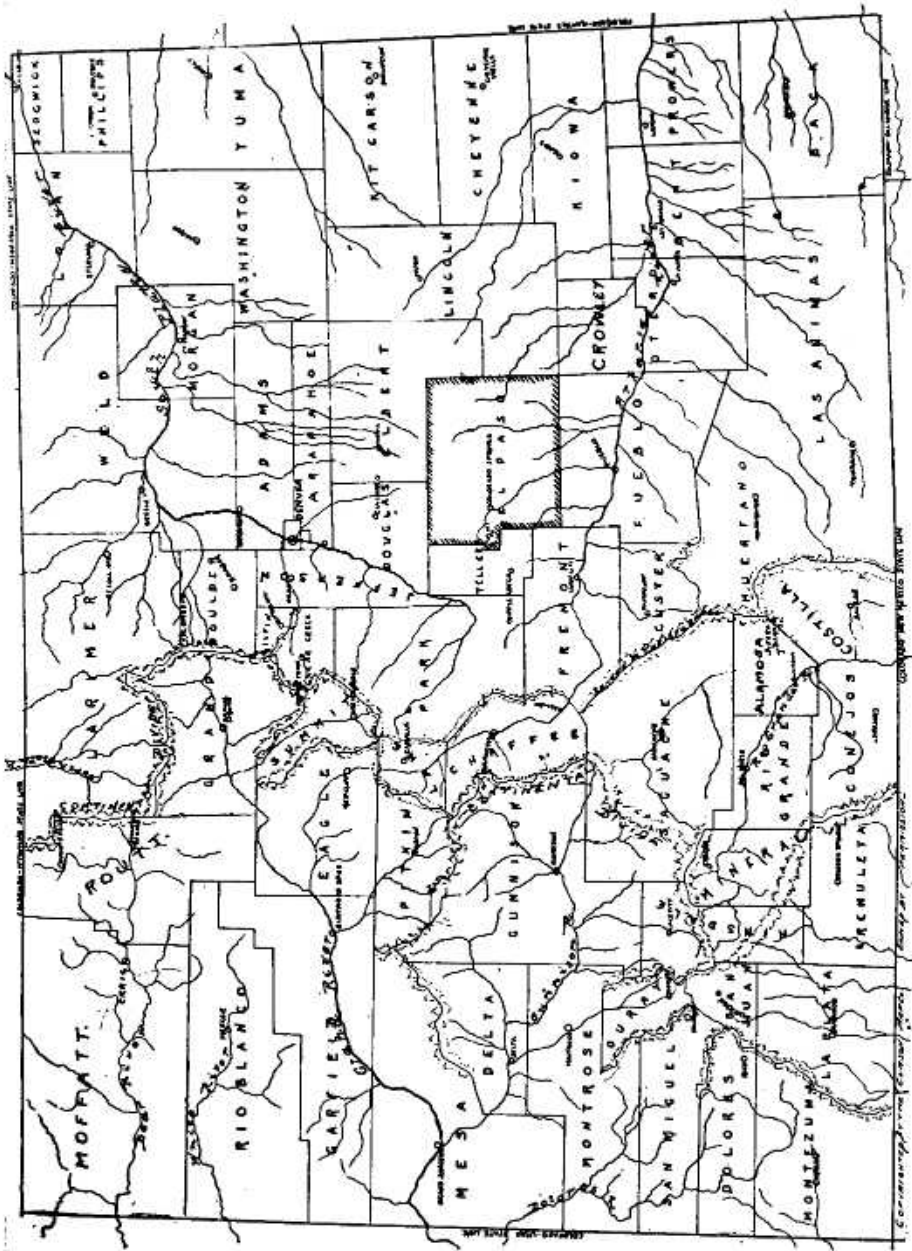
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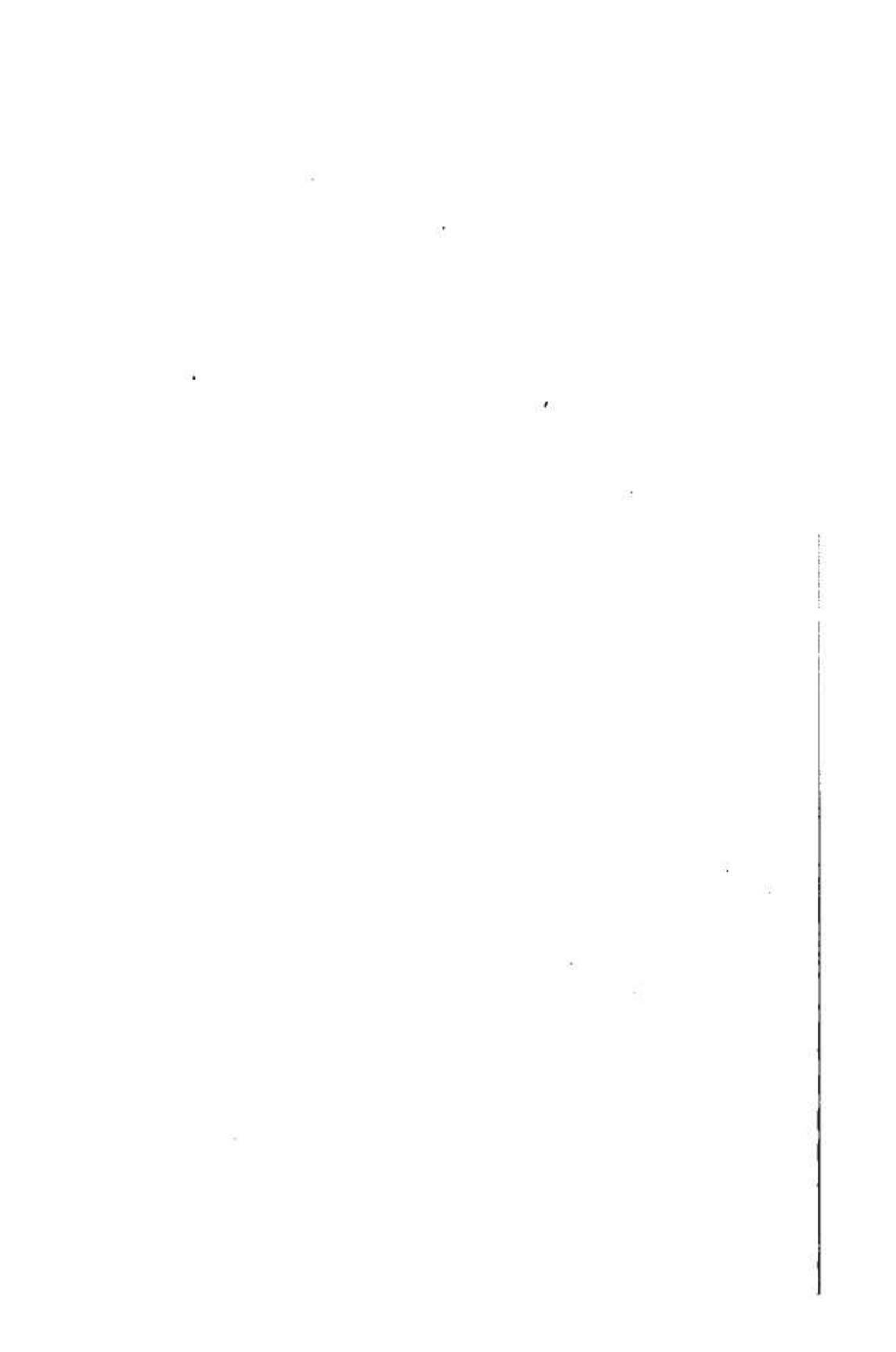




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PART I



THE BIRDS OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

AREA INCLUDED IN THIS LIST.

The area covered by this list is the whole of El Paso County, while various notes are given for points without the boundaries of the County, but adjacent thereto, especially that portion of the Pikes Peak Region in which are situated the Seven Lakes.

TOPOGRAPHY.

More than two-thirds of El Paso County is a rolling prairie country, most of the eastern portion of which is dry, with few or no permanent streams, though there are water-courses in which water is found at times, and various springs. The exceptions to this statement are Fountain and Monument Creeks, the former heading in the mountains above Ute Pass, and the latter on the Divide at Palmer Lake and in the foothills west of there, and emptying into the Fountain at Colorado Springs. These streams flow in a somewhat southeasterly course along the east base of the foothills. As shown on the map, the Fountain also receives other tributaries from the west, which have their sources in the mountains.

The extreme western portion of the County is mountainous, occupied by the Pikes Peak Range, which culminates in the well known Pikes Peak, once the objective point of the gold seekers of 1859, now that of the tourists of the twentieth century, who may reach its summit, over 14,000 feet above sea level, by rail. Part of this range is in El Paso County, and part in Teller County, and the boundary lines between the two counties were so drawn that it is difficult to write of that portion of our area without, at times, including a part of Teller County.

This mountain region is rugged, and includes besides Pikes Peak, a number of summits ranging from 11,000 to