Notes on mammals observed in Pahrump Valley, Nevada:
February 12 to 28, 1891.
E. W. Nelson

Vulpes macrotis. One of the settlers in the valley told us that a small fox lived on the higher slopes and table lands next the mountains. The species named above was found by our party at Resting Spring and was no doubt the one referred to here.

Canis latrans. Common in the valley. Narrow trails, made by these animals, run diagonally across the valley heading toward the water at the ranches on the east side. ~~of the v~~

Taxidea sp.? Badger holes were seen at different ~~parts of~~ places in the valley and they are reported to be common along the east side of the plain by the residents.

Mephitis — sp.? Skunk droppings and old holes made by them among the rocks were seen in the northwestern corner of the valley.

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The morning we left the valley Dr. Fisher found a strong odor of one of these animals in the bottom of the valley — the first time up to date that we have ascertained the actual presence of this animal at any locality visited by the expedition.

Tamias leucurus. Abundant about Pahrump ranch and common at the border of the slope on the side of the northwestern arm of the valley. A single female evidently in heat was taken at Pahrump ranch.

Thomomys — sp? Abundant in the moist ground about Pahrump ranch.
In several instances two individuals were found in the same hole.

Ochetodon — sp. Found rather sparingly in weedy places about Pahrump ranch

Hesperomys leucopus var.? I trapped in various

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suitable places for these animals but succeeded in getting only a single individual.

Hesperomys — sp? The small plumbeous colored Hesperomys of which 3 were taken were caught, ~~near~~ 2 close to the spring at Pahrump ranch, under a mesquite tree and one on the border of an old field. The large Hesperomys obtained at Pahrump ranch were found in the same ~~to~~ situations.

~~Perognathus — sp?~~

Onychomys — sp? A pair taken near the spring in a gravelly field at Pahrump ranch and in the northwestern arm of the valley Dr. A.K. Fisher & I took seven specimens in a single night among small mesquite patches ~~growing~~ on small sand dunes.

Perognathus — sp. Found about the foot of the slope in gravelly soil wherever we went on the sides of the valley and particularly common

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along a small ridge extending down into the valley from the northwestern end.

Dipodomys large sp. Abundant in sandy or loose soil everywhere in the ~~valley~~ lower part of the valley except places subject to flooding by rains.

Dipodomys - small sp. Even more abundant than the preceding and found in the bottom of valley with the large species and extending far up the slopes at the sides of the valley.

Dipodops sp.? Abundant on the gravelly slopes down to the bottom of the valley at its northwestern corner and holes were seen along the road on the eastern slope of the valley leading up to Charleston Mts. which must belong to this species.
This species & the preceding occupy the same character of ground on the sides of the valley.

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Lepus campestris? Jack Rabbits are rather common in the valley. One was obtained at Pahrump ranch different from those taken by our party farther west.
One Horn like this one was seen by me at Saratoga Spring.

Lepus — sp? Cotton-tails are rather common everywhere in the valley particularly in the vicinity of mesquite patches.

Ovis canadensis. Quite a number of horns of mt. sheep were seen about the valley where they had probably been left by the indians. These animals are still rather common in the surrounding mountains.

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