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JEWELERS

FINE DIAMONDS AND WATCHES

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Dr. J. E. Church  
University of Nevada  
Reno, Nevada

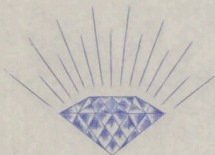
Dear Dr. Church:

Regarding our conversation on the length of snow samplers, you informed me that the recommendation was for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  foot sections instead of the longer sections that we have been using. As you know, we have been using sections as long as 9 and 10 feet, but this last year we experimented with 4 foot sections and found them very practical and short enough for convenient transportation, both in automobiles and on knapsacks.

Where only minimum depths of snow are encountered the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  foot sections may do, but from my experiences I feel that a longer section such as 4 feet would be more practical for general use particularly in the Sierras. Last winter our snow depths ran from 25" and 30" up to 160". Where greater depths are encountered I feel it would take too many sections for real practical use if the real short sections were adopted, where 4 foot sections would not mean near as many connections.

The longer sections, say 4 feet, would of course, have a lower manufacturing cost as there would not be as many joints necessary. The 4 foot sections we tried out this year, we handled very nicely on our knapsacks and they did not interfere with our





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traveling on skis at any time regardless of the speed we ran.

I am enclosing a rough illustration as to how we handled the 4 foot sections this year and how we handled the longer sections in other years, which were not as convenient as the 4 foot ones.

In the case of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  foot sections I feel that there would be too many joints necessary to make a 20 or 25 foot sampler which we often have occasion to use and I am sure you will agree with me that a slightly longer section than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet would be more practical and economical.

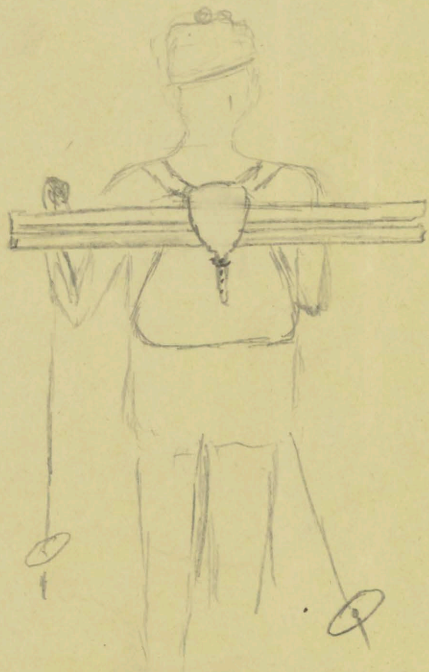
Assuring you of my willingness to cooperate in every way, I am with kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

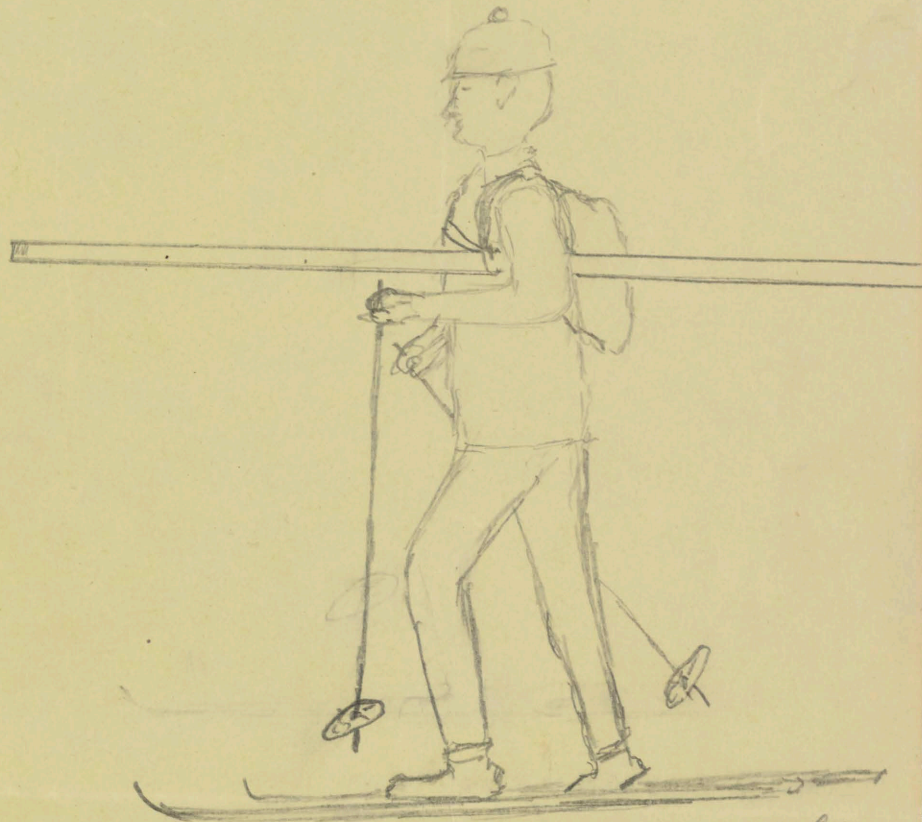
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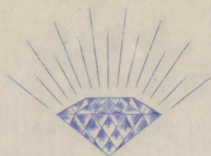




The 4 foot sections we  
strapped on top of our Knapsacks.  
They did not interfere with skiing  
either up or down hill.



This is the way we carried the long samplers  
strapped close under arm pit over shoulder and  
one strap across chest and under other arm to hold  
close to body.



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March 6, 1936

Dr. J. E. Church  
Agricultural Experiment Station  
University of Nevada  
Reno, Nevada

Dear Doctor Church:

Enclosed is a record of the Leupold Volpel scales as well as the Ferguson scales which we tested to their limit, using a 98" sampler as a base and setting the instruments at zero. This shows that the scales are practically unlimited as far as snow conditions are concerned here.

A sampling tube 250" long and set to zero would still leave a measuring capacity on the scale of 260" of water. This shows that even a longer sampler than 250" could be used on this scales without reaching the limit of the scales.

Yours very truly,

R. Herz

By

*Fred Herz*

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With Two Sections 98<sup>in</sup> weighing 3.1 lbs.

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Weight in lbs	Actual weight	Theoretical weight	Difference
1	15.5	15.67	+0.17
2	31.8	31.34	-0.46
3	47.	47.01	+0.01
4	62.8	62.68	-0.12
5	78.4	78.35	-0.05
6	94.	94.02	+0.02
7	109.7	109.69	-0.01
8	125.5	125.36	-0.14
9	141.5	141.03	-0.47
10	157.3	156.70	-0.60
11	173.	172.37	-0.63
12	189.2	188.04	-1.16
13	204.5	203.71	-0.79
14	220.	219.38	-0.62
15	236.5	235.05	-1.45
16	252.	250.72	-1.28
17	268.	266.39	-1.61
18	284.3	282.06	-2.24
19	300.	297.73	-2.27
20	316.	313.40	-2.60
21	331.5	329.07	-2.43
22	347.	344.74	-2.26
23	363.	360.41	-2.59
24	378.2	376.08	-2.12
25	394.	391.75	-2.25

Mean error -2.10

Mean error

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Weight in lbs	Actual weight	Theoretical weight	Difference
1	16.5	15.67	-0.83
2	31.5	31.34	-0.16
3	47.	47.01	+0.01
4	63.	62.68	-0.32
5	78.5	78.35	-0.15
6	94.5	94.02	-0.48
7	110.5	109.69	-0.81
8	126.5	125.36	-1.14
9	142.5	141.03	-1.47
10	158.3	156.70	-1.60
11	174.	172.37	-1.63
12	190.	188.04	-1.96
13	205.5	203.71	-1.79
14	221.	219.38	-1.62
15	235.3	235.05	+0.25
16	252.3	250.72	-1.58
17	268.3	266.39	-1.91
18	284.	282.06	-1.94
19	300.	297.73	-2.27
20	316.5	313.40	-3.10
21	331.5	329.07	-2.43
22	347.3	344.74	-2.56
23	362.5	360.41	-2.09
24	378.	376.08	-1.92
25	394.5	391.75	-2.75
26	410.5	407.42	-3.08
27	426.5	423.09	-3.41

Quit

Mean error

Mean error

2.25



# TEST OF SNOW SAMPLER SCALES

## AS NUMBERED 1 to 6

## AND FERGUSON SCALES.

Initial Weight Used To Bring Scales To Zero.

Utah Scales #1			Utah Scales #2			Friez Scales #3			Friez Scales #4		
lbs.	W.C.	Theoretical Weight	lbs.	W.C.	Theoretical Weight	lbs.	W.C.	Theoretical Weight	lbs.	W.C.	Theoretical Weight
1	-	16.3 - 15.67	1	-	15.5 - 15.67	1	-	16 - 15.67	1	-	16 - 15.67
2	-	32.5 -	2	-	32. -	2	-	32 -	2	-	32 -
3	-	48.5 -				3	-	48 -	3	-	48 -
4	-	64.5 -				4	-	64 -	4	-	64.5 -
					Limit 35	5	-	80 -	5	-	80.5 -
						6	-	96 -	6	-	97.5 -
						7	-	112.5 -			
		Limit 66						Limit 125			Limit 105

L.V. #5				Friez #6				Ferguson Scales				
From 0 without		From 0 with 10 1/2 lbs.		From 0 without		From 0 with 10 1/2 lbs.		From 0 without		From 0 with 10 1/2 lbs Initial		
lbs.	Initial Wgt.	Initial Wgt.	lbs.	Initial Wgt.	Initial Wgt.	Initial Wgt.	lbs.	Initial Wgt.	Initial Wgt.	Initial Wgt.	Weight	
1	-	11.3 -	15.8	1	-	15.5 -	16.	1	-	16.	-	16.
2	-	22.6 -	31.5	2	-	31.5 -	32.	2	-	32.	-	32.
3	-	43.9 -	47.5	3	-	47. -	48.	3	-	48.	-	48.
4	-	59.8 -	64.	4	-	62.2 -	63.5	4	-	64.	-	64.
5	-	75.5 -	79.5	5	-	78.5 -	79.	5	-	79.5 -	-	80.
6	-	90.5 -	95.	6	-	94. -	95.	6	-	95.5 -	-	95.5
7	-	106.5 -	111.	7	-	108. -	111.	7	-	111.5 -	-	111.5
8	-	127.8 -	127.4	8	-	126. -	126.	8	-	127. -	-	127.5

@ 1.5" Core 1 lb. = 15.67" W.C.

On Scales 1, 2, 3, and 4 there is occasionally  $\frac{1}{2}$ " variation when the same weight is weighed several times, but this is no doubt caused by the friction arising. The most sensitive scale which repeats exact weights is the LV 5. However, in this scale there is some variation where no initial weight is used for the first three or four pounds where no doubt the calibration is somewhat off. The old original Ferguson scale is also very accurate on repeated weights. Regarding the balance weight, though very accurate, may be a bit sensitive for field use particularly in stormy weather. It would, no doubt, be very efficient for use with evaporation pans in which case the sliding weight would have to be increased or the rod lengthened to accommodate the heavier measurements required.

Regarding the Snow Sampler Scales, there is no doubt that model used by the Nevada Co-Operative Surveys is the practical one for all snow depths as it has a range that will take care of every course in the Sierra Nevadas in maximum years.



- Weakness -

Snow if shallow  
in drip pan may  
become heavy  
with capillary melt-  
water and freeze  
in it - even if  
water in pipe  
runs down into  
tank.

So should use  
lids until snow  
becomes deeper  
and too thick for  
useful capillary  
accumulation.

How about  
Chinoos?

Get photostats of  
these and photo  
of cutter.



Runoff and Percolation  
from Storm of Feb 11-13, 1947

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Feb. 13, 1947.

Precip. at Reno approx. 0.5<sup>in.</sup>

On sagebrush slope north of  
Campus soil was moist 11<sup>in.</sup>  
deep to hardpan.

In iris bed southeast of Hatch  
Station Building soil was moist  
to 78<sup>in.</sup> Both spots were clay.

Does the depth represent the  
winter accumulation of moisture?

Get exact data.  
River runoff at Farad, rose from  
400 to 1500 CFS for 2 days then  
fell at rate of 400 CFS per 8 hrs  
to 400 again. That is, the rise of  
the river was a flash. [over]

Is not such flash the difference  
between rain and snow cover?  
What is total gain from rain?



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

P. O. BOX 940  
ALBANY, N. Y.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Trouble; temp just an melting point. Cold other side  
13 in in 15 min  
Defrosted yesterday

Try skewer at tree  
2 in at tree

Auger  
4 in in 4 min  
Cone blocks in throat

Walled Starts to load  
2 1/2 in in grooves at 2 1/2 in - 3 in

For standard PIT-8146

Boyer

Ernie Mast (Came)

Dr Steinmillen

Ernest Nelson

KB - 2 1/2 in grooves  
good only at top

Cuba just from  
clear - black  
mud. 8 meters

Measure  
the next load back  
into ball  
of the

at same hole  
cutting to  
but here a complete



CAPACITY OF MOUNT ROSE DIAL BALANCE  
Approximately 28 Ft. of Snow

1. Weight of Sampler		
30 Ft. tubing		206 in. water
1 driving wrench		23 in.
	Total	229 in.

2. Estimated total capacity of balance

3 turns round dial of 150 in.		450 in.
To overcome tension	36 in. (?)	
Gross capacity		414 in.
Net capacity	414 in - 229 in.	= 185 in. (water)

3. Depth of snow

    At 55% max. density      185 in. water = 336 in. or 28 Ft. packed snow.

NB: Max. net capacity with adjustment to 0 in. and omission of tension is 215 in. water.

    Snow at 55% density is accordingly 400 in. = 33 Ft.

    At lighter densities the depth is correspondingly greater.



# HANSEN MACHINE WORKS

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SACRAMENTO 14, CALIFORNIA

February 10, 1947

Dr. J. E. Church  
University of Nevada  
Agricultural Experiment Station  
Reno, Nevada

Dear Dr. Church:

We are shipping you to-day via Railway Express  
the last of the India Supply Mission's equipment as following:

- 1 - Complete sampler tube
- 1 - Cutter Attached ( the extra cutters  
were shipped with the 1st shipment  
via the boat)
- 1 - Wrench
- 1 - Staff & snap
- 1 - Core hook
- 1 - file & handle
- 2 - Spanner wrenches
- 2 - Jars of grease for dural tube  
coupling thread.

Your time to leave for India is getting short  
but on the other hand I would think you are anxious to get  
started. I hope the work we have done for you is satisfactory  
and a help to you. I wish you the best of luck and a safe trip  
to India, and should you find time to write I would be pleased  
to hear from you as to your arrival and also your stay there.

I might add I received a check for the full  
amount from the India Mission Supply, they were very prompt.  
Wishing you a very pleasant trip.

Best Regards

HANSEN MACHINE WORKS

By

  
R. S. Thomson



February 11th, 1947

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Mr. A. N. Khosla, Chairman,  
Government of India,  
Central Waterways Irrigation &  
Navigation Commission,  
NEW DELHI, India.

Indent No. 1/Cash/WI-106(9) DGI & S - AP 41(3)  
dated 20th November, 1946. Snow Survey Equipment

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm the receipt of your letter No. WI-114(3), dated January 8th, requesting that transportation of some of the equipment by air be arranged in consultation with Dr. Church.

Having consulted him, it was decided that shipment of our Contracts DC-2863 through DC-2866 and DC-2828 be made by ship. The material which comprises Canvas carrying cases (D.C. 2863), 6 Snow Sampler Packframes (D.C. 2864), 6 Snow Samplers with accessories (D.C. 2865), Snow Shoes, Sleeping Bags, Boots, Clothing etc. (D.C. 2866) and Sno-Cat (D.C. 2828), has cleared from San Francisco on January 30th per S.S. Mapia, B/L # SF 14, dated January 21, 1947, and is expected to arrive in Bombay on March 7th, which meets with Dr. Church's plans. We take it that you will make necessary arrangements at your end for transportation of this equipment.

We are also in receipt of the copy of letter No. WI-106(9), dated 8th January, 1946, addressed to the Deputy Director, Imports and Shipping, Industries and Supplies Department, American Purchase Section, South Block, Imperial Sectt., New Delhi, and note that the above indent be regarded as cancelled.

We are not quite clear if this means that Item 2, 6-foot triangular Towers and Alter Shields and Item 4, 2-Wenner Three Component Accelerograph are to be regarded now as cancelled. Please note that an order for Alter Shields in accordance with your previous instructions has already been placed, our Contract D.C. 2822 refers.

Also after consulting Dr. Church we placed an order with Leupold and Stevens for 6 Mount Rose, Dial Type balances, our Amendment # 1 to D.C. 2822, dated January 24th refers.

Regarding Triangular Towers, Dr. Church is of the opinion that money could be saved if these are constructed in India from Leupold and Stevens' blueprints. We will advise you of this final decision.

In the meanwhile we shall be glad to know at an<sup>an</sup> early date your views with



Mr. A. N. Khosla

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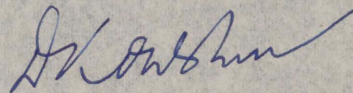
February 11th, 1947

respect to Triangular Towers and Wenner Occelerographs.


Regarding Items 1 and 3, orders have already been placed after consultation with Dr. Church.

TUCKER SNO-CAT CO. We are in receipt of a letter dated January 22nd from Mr. J. Tucker of this Company giving some operating advice. For your information a copy of this letter is attached.

Yours very truly,



D. N. Kowshik  
Deputy Director



ASW  
Enclosure (1)

cc: Dr. J. E. Church



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TUCKER SNO-CAT CO.

Rt. # 4, BOX 385-A  
MEDFORD, Oregon  
January 22, 1947

India Supply Mission  
635 F Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We wish to advise you to instruct all operators of the Sno-Cat as to the potential danger of the pontoon and track. Although there have been no serious accidents, it has come to our attention that due to the steep inclines which the Sno-Cat will ascend and descend, the danger chiefly lies in the descending of steep grades. It is extremely advisable to keep all extremities of the body within the limits of the cab should an operator set his emergency brake. During a descent it has been known for the pontoon to completely turn over and thereby pass close to doors and windows. The versatility of the Sno-Cat on rough terrain requires these pontoons to be free floating.

It is good practice to keep within the cab at all times as a means of forming good driving habits.

Very truly yours,

TUCKER SNO-CAT CO.

By: "J. M. Tucker"



## Bernard Report

### Mainly equipment

1. Tight Alter-windshields.

(a) In Pass.

(b) Engo. + Stevens W

But at different elevations.

Have now raised Engo. to level of W.

2. Further improvement in Sacto Seasonal Gaps.

(a) No air space in orifice.

No vertical wall.

Use of paraffin or ski-wax surface.

Black to accelerate melting.

Tight shield.

Placed near Engo + W.

3. Sun-Heater for batteries.

~~Fluorop.~~

New black box with triple window and heavier glass-fiber



insulation for other 5 walls of box. Fiber-Glass Co speeded up delivery to obtain some advantages of the midwinter cold.

~~Max-min thermos~~

Because of straining of thermopq exposed directly to sun's rays in first test box, a max-min. set of thermos <sup>for daily extremes</sup> will now be used temporarily behind an impervious screen - a ~~Wheatstone~~ <sup>thermocouple</sup> bridge recorder ~~of broad range~~ would provide continuous records whatever the probable range of temperature within or without the box.

4. Drip-pan Apparatus for measuring snow-melt.

Consists of conical drip-pan connected with an underground tank in the area ratio of 10 to 1,



the diameters of the two being  
24 in. to 8 in.

The measurement is made  
by a metal staff graduated to  
tenths of an inch that is lowered  
down a tube into the tank.  
The <sup>height or</sup> length of the tube depends  
upon the depth of the snow cover  
and at Donner Pass is  
approximately 20 ft. A trestle with  
ladder in most cases is  
essential.

~~a suction pump will do~~  
Since the ~~tank~~ level of catch  
in the tank rises 10 times higher  
than the snow-melt and the  
depth of the tank can not possibly  
exceed 48 in., frequent pumping  
is necessary.

This may be done by a  
suction pump if the snow cover  
does not exceed 4 ft in depth.



But a force pump is necessary for the greater lifts.

The general plan of the apparatus is shown in the accompanying plans.

The contents can be assured against freezing by the use of Calcium chloride. The drip pan is painted black to assist melting in that autumnal period of occasional thaw and freeze, but the ~~thaw~~ water ~~becomes~~ <sup>permanently</sup> ~~becomes~~ <sup>becomes</sup> frozen and persists in the pan and pipe.

If the snow falls heavily on the pan, then there is avoided and the necessity of pumping out the can ~~is~~ are avoided as is the labor of clearing pan and intake pan accumulated ice.



This weakness has now been corrected by placing a lid over the drip pan <sup>during summer and autumn</sup> ~~during summer to~~ until snow has fallen to a safe depth, when the cover can readily be drawn out without disturbing the overlying snow.

In the study of melt from <sup>where the snow is shallow and chappable</sup> chinooks, the same method can be employed, the cover being retained until the chinook under study has started. This is especially necessary where temperature changes are extreme.

Even without covers,



Complete records of snow-melt were obtained at two ~~out~~ of <sup>the</sup> four snow-melt stations. Since only "stick" measurements were possible, the details of rate of melting depended on the ~~frequency~~ <sup>time interval between</sup> the measurements. <sup>where necessary,</sup> these were prolonged into the night.

~~It was not~~  
Complete under clear sky, the phases of the snow-melt <sup>were</sup> at the surface was found to have a similar but deferred phases of percolation at the bottom of the snow.

Rain ceased for 12 to 16 hours in the total 24-hour day, the snow-melt ceasing <sup>before</sup> at sunset and the percolation at broadly 10 pm. The snow drains out to the extent of gravity flow



impeded by capillarity.  
altho the snow cover may  
freeze at the surface, the  
snow <sup>beneath the crust</sup> remains moist ~~below~~  
~~and~~  
with ~~capillary moisture~~ <sup>and layer of deep penetration of melt</sup>  
by capillarity and is  
ready to transmit new melt  
water ~~when the increment~~  
gives under the overweight  
of gravity. The crust is  
easily penetrable to melt-water  
on its surface and seems  
~~not~~ to cause little <sup>obstruction or delay to</sup> ~~delay~~ the  
descent of the new melt.

Details are being reserved  
for the next report in June.



95. Snow-sampler Cutters.



Paul Sierkagian — New Year  
1947

Moscow, Moscow.

## Report on Sada Spys.

### Equipment

1. Tight mind shields  
Table

2. Avoiding capping.  
Eliminate dead air space  
Black. Paraffin

3. Tight vs open shields  
under varying velocity  
of mind.

4. Snow cutter  
(a) wolf tail (b) eyes



5 - Drip pan and tank  
(a) Shallow snow - Suction  
pump (b) Deep snow - Force  
pump.

Lids - Paraffin on back.

(c) Chinsoks.



TEST OF SNOW SAMPLER CUTTERS  
IN BLOCK OF ICE

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At Union Ice Company, February 1, 1947.

Temp. 26° F.

Same pressure (hands only on wrench) on all.

1. Standard cutter unimproved (Friez).  
Penetrated 1/2 in. Only a reamer in effect.  
Price \$9.50 (L-S Co.)
  
2. Original cutter (Nevada) with plain facets.  
No test.
  
3. Auger cutter is penetrating 15 in.  
Max. depth 16-1/2 in. but can be driven farther. Progress 1 in. per minute.  
No melting tho there is finally a tendency of sampler to adhere to ice. Cuts entirely at broad edge of auger and uses grooves only to raise the ice shavings.  
But the core has risen to 30 in. in tube .  
Ice shavings apparently feed into the slots and rise in tube. Or the ice core is comminuted and expands. Only thin buttons of ice found when core is emptied out.  
Try the tube without slots but extend the spiral grooves up the coupling.  
Here is an ice or glacier cutter. Little further improvement required.  
Price 1/2 coupling \$4.90, Cutter \$20.30 = \$25.20
  
4. Auger Cutter Streamlined (latest)  
Drove 1-3/4 in. Easier and faster than auger cutter but limited in penetration of ice. Cuts only thinly at points and depends much on edge of helical grooves. Cost practically the same as auger cutter but not worth the cost. The helical curves are always expensive.
  
5. Wolf-tooth Cutter  
Wolftooth cutter is easier than No. 4 but same as auger. Lines diagonal but straight. Can be driven with little or no revolving. Penetrated 2-1/2 in., then started to slip.  
But no room for next joint. Will build it longer and broader.  
"Really good tho limited in ice." Costs little more than Standard Cutter.  
Price \$7.50.

Conclusion:

Develop Auger Cutter for ice or firm (old snow), and the Wolf-tooth for seasonal snow.

Illustration:

Cake of ice showing depth of penetration of each.



Test of Snow-Sampler Cutters  
in Block of Ice

At Union Ice Company February 1, 1947.  
 Temp. 26° F. (±)  
 Same pressure (hands only on wrench) on all.

~~(A) Latest~~

1. Standard cutter unimproved (Friez).  
 Penetrated  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Only a reamer in effect.  
 Price \$9.50 (K-S Co).

2. Original cutter (Nevada) with plain facets.  
 No test.

3. Auger cutter is penetrating 15 in. Max. depth 16  $\frac{1}{2}$  in.  
 but can be driven farther. Progress 1 in. per minute.  
 No melting tho there is finally a tendency  
 of sampler to adhere to ice.

But the core has risen to 30 in. in tube.  
 Progress ~~1 in.~~  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. per minute.

Ice shavings apparently feed into the slots  
 and rise in tube. At the ice <sup>core</sup> is comminuted  
 and expands. Only thin buttons of ice found when  
 core is ~~supplied~~ out.  
 → try the tube without slots but extend

the spiral grooves up the coupling.  
 Here is an ice or glacier cutter. Little  
 further improvement required.

Price  $\frac{1}{2}$  coupling \$4.90 Cutter \$20.20 = \$25.20

Cuts entirely at broad edge of  
 auger, and rises groove & only  
 to raise the ice shavings



4. Auger Cutter Streamlined (latest).

Drove  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in. Easier and faster

than auger cutter but limited in penetration of ice\*. Cost practically the same as auger cutter but not worth the cost. The helical curves are always expensive.

5. Walf-tooth Cutter.

but same as auger.

Walf-tooth Cutter is easier than No. 4. Lines diagonal, but straight - Can be driven <sup>in snow</sup> with little or no revalving.

Penetrated  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in., then started to slip.

→ But no room for next joint. Will build it longer and broader.

"Really good tho limited in ice." Costs little more than Standard Cutter.

Price \$7.50

Conclusion.

Develop Auger Cutter for ice or firm (old snow) and the Walf-tooth for second snow!

Illustration -

Case of ice showing depth of penetration of each.

Cuts only thin at points and depends much on edge of helical grooves.



SNOW SAMPLER No. 22

Initial Weight 2 lbs.

Weight applied to Sampler lbs.		Reading on Sampler
0.2	-----	3.2
0.4	-----	6.0
0.6	-----	9.5
0.8	-----	12.5
1.0	-----	16.0
2.0	-----	32.0
3.0	----- <sup>1</sup>	47.0
5.0	-----	78.0
8.0	-----	127.0



SNOW SAMPLER No. 11

Initial Weight 2 lbs.

Weight applied to sampler Lbs.		Reading on Sampler
0.2	-----	3.0
0.4	-----	6.0
0.6	-----	9.2
0.8	-----	12.0
1.0	-----	15.5
2.0	-----	31.5
3.0	-----	47.0
5.0	-----	78.5
8.0	-----	126.0



SNOW SAMPLER No. (*no number*)

Initial Weight 2 lbs.

Weight applied to Sampler lbs.		Reading on Sampler
0.2	-----	3.2
0.4	-----	6.3
0.6	-----	9.8
0.8	-----	13.0
1.0	-----	16.0
2.0	-----	32.0
3.0	-----	48.0
5.0	-----	76.5
8.0	-----	125.0



Jan 1934

Tests of No. 1 Scale, with initial weight corresponding to a 30 inch (3 lb) tube and 5 ft. (5 lb) tube placed in the cradle before the weights were added, and with index adjusted to zero.

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<u>Weight added</u>	<u>Computed reading</u>	<u>With 3 lb. initial Wgt.</u>	<u>5 lb. in.Wgt.</u>
1 lb.	15.65	15.65	15.65
2 lb.	31.30	32.00	31.80
3 lb.	46.95	47.50	46.95
4 lb.	62.60	63.00	62.65
5 lb.	78.25	78.50	78.20
6 lb.	93.90	94.00	93.75
7 lb.	109.55	109.55	109.00
8 lb.	125.20	125.00	124.50
9 lb.	140.85	140.50	140.00
10 lb.	156.65	156.00	155.50

2.65# initial wt.

0.20	-----	3.0
0.40	-----	6.2
0.60	-----	9.4
0.80	-----	12.8
1.00	-----	16.0
1.20	-----	19.0
1.50	-----	23.8
1.75	-----	27.8
2.00	-----	32.0
2.50	-----	39.8
2.75	-----	43.8
3.00	-----	47.5
3.50	-----	55.4



Jan 1934

Tests of No. 2 Scale, with initial weight corresponding to a 30 inch (3 lb) tube and 5 ft. (5 lb) tube placed in the cradle before the weights were added, and with index adjusted to zero.

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<u>Weight added</u>	<u>Computed reading</u>	<u>3 lb. initial Wgt.</u>	<u>5 lb. in. Wgt.</u>
1 lb.	15.65	15.50	15.65
2 lb.	31.30	30.60	30.80
3 lb.	46.95	46.00	46.10
4 lb.	62.60	61.50	61.50
5 lb.	78.25	77.75	78.00
6 lb.	93.90	93.90	93.90
7 lb.	109.55	109.55	109.90
8 lb.	125.20	125.40	125.50
9 lb.	140.85	140.85	141.00
10 lb.	156.65	156.55	156.55
.20	-----	2.65 lb. initial wt.	-----
.40	-----	3.00	-----
.60	-----	6.00	-----
.80	-----	9.40	-----
1.00	-----	12.50	-----
1.20	-----	15.50	-----
1.50	-----	18.60	-----
1.75	-----	23.3	-----
2.00	-----	27.1	-----
2.50	-----	30.9	-----
2.75	-----	38.8	-----
3.00	-----	42.2	-----
3.42	53.5	45.7	-----
		52.6	-----

August Rohrer

Hanson



Jan 1934

Tests of No. 3 Scale, with initial weight corresponding to a 30 inch (3 lb) tube and 5 ft. (5 lb) tube placed in the cradle before the weights were added, and with index adjusted to zero.

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<u>Weight added</u>	<u>Computed reading</u>	<u>3 lb. initial Wgt.</u>	<u>5 lb. initial Wgt.</u>
1 lb.	15.65	15.65	15.65
2 lb.	31.30	31.00	31.10
3 lb.	46.95	46.25	46.25
4 lb.	62.60	61.50	61.50
5 lb.	78.25	77.25	77.50
6 lb.	93.90	93.00	93.10
7 lb.	109.55	109.00	109.40
8 lb.	125.20	125.00	125.10
9 lb.	140.85	140.75	140.85
10 lb.	156.65	156.25	156.25

*2.65 lb. initial wt.*

0.20	-----	-----	3.10
0.40	-----	-----	6.20
0.60	-----	-----	9.80
0.80	-----	-----	12.80
1.00	-----	-----	15.80
1.20	-----	-----	18.80
1.50	-----	-----	23.50
1.75	-----	-----	27.30
2.00	-----	-----	31.20
2.50	-----	-----	39.00
2.75	-----	-----	42.60
3.00	-----	-----	46.50
3.50	-----	-----	54.0

No 3. To T. Carl Haycock  
Tarbridge.



Jan 1934

Tests of No. 5 Scale, with initial weight corresponding to a 30 inch (3 lb) tube and 5 ft. (5 lb.) tube placed in the cradle before the weights were added, and with index adjusted to zero.

<u>Weight added</u>	<u>Computed reading</u>	<u>3 lb. initial Wgt.</u>	<u>5 lb. initial Wgt.</u>
1 lb.	15.65	15.50	15.50
2 lb.	31.30	31.30	31.30
3 lb.	46.95	47.30	47.00
4 lb.	62.60	63.00	63.00
5 lb.	78.25	78.80	78.00
6 lb.	93.90	94.40	94.00
7 lb.	109.55	109.10	109.60
8 lb.	125.20	125.00	125.00
9 lb.	140.85	140.10	140.00
10 lb.	156.65	155.50	155.50

*2.65# initial wt.*

<i>0.20</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>3.0</i>
<i>0.40</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>6.1</i>
<i>0.60</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>9.3</i>
<i>0.80</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>12.6</i>
<i>1.00</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>15.5</i>
<i>1.20</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>18.5</i>
<i>1.50</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>23.5</i>
<i>1.75</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>27.6</i>
<i>2.00</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>31.5</i>
<i>2.50</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>39.5</i>
<i>2.75</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>43.2</i>
<i>3.00</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>47.2</i>
<i>3.50</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>55.0</i>

*Thos. Tapp  
Jiggs.*



Tests of No. 4 Scale, with initial weight corresponding to a 30 inch (3 lb) tube and 5 ft. (5 lb) tube placed in the cradle before the weights were added, and with index adjusted to zero.

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<u>Weight added</u>	<u>Computed reading</u>	<u>3 lb. initial Wgt.</u>	<u>5 lb. initial Wgt.</u>
1 lb.	15.65	15.10	15.25
2 lb.	31.30	31.00	31.25
3 lb.	46.95	46.40	46.60
4 lb.	62.60	62.00	62.00
5 lb.	78.25	77.80	77.80
6 lb.	93.90	93.50	93.50
7 lb.	109.55	109.25	109.40
8 lb.	125.20	125.00	125.00
9 lb.	140.85	140.85	140.85
10 lb.	156.65	156.40	156.50

*2.65# initial wt.*

<i>.20</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>3.0</i>
<i>.40</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>6.0</i>
<i>.60</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>9.2</i>
<i>.80</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>12.5</i>
<i>1.00</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>15.3</i>
<i>1.20</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>18.6</i>
<i>1.50</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>23.6</i>
<i>1.75</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>27.8</i>
<i>2.00</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>31.5</i>
<i>2.50</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>39.0</i>
<i>2.75</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>43.2</i>
<i>3.00</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>46.8</i>
<i>3.50</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>54.6</i>

*L.E. Mc Kenzie  
Lansille.*



November 11, 1940

James C. Marr  
Irrigation Engineer  
P. O. Box 835  
Poise, Idaho

Dear Marr:

Can you not send three snow sampler sets to the following addresses for the reasons given below?

(1) J. J. McMutt, District Ranger, U. S. Forest Service, Las Vegas, Nevada, for use in the study of the relation of snow cover on Charleston Mountain to artesian flow in the surrounding region. This is an extension of your plan of studying the relation of springs to soil moisture and forecast correction factors. This plan was suggested at the Seattle meeting. Carl Elges will return from the Humboldt by way of Ely and Las Vegas and plans to lay out a snow survey course this autumn.

Merrill Bernard may be requested to erect a battery of precipitation gages there and has expressed his willingness to provide the snow sampler. I feel, however, that it is best for the Division of Irrigation and cooperating Experiment Stations to direct the project.

(2) Dr. Phil B. Church, Assistant Prof. of Geography and Meteorology, University of Washington, Seattle, is willing to continue measurements at Snoqualmie Pass if provided with snow sampling apparatus. While this work is primarily the study of the evolution of the snow cover, it can also be joined with the snow survey system in the Yakima Basin and provide key measurements for forecasting. He will, of course, plan to make the measurements the first of the month when similar measurements are made elsewhere in the Yakima.

While this work of Phil Church could be joined with the Army work at Mount Rainier, where the Weather Bureau has started cooperative surveys, it will again be better to keep it as a part of pure research in connection with the forecasting of water supplies. Mr. McLaughlin at a personal conference in September heartily approved of the granting of the snow samplers for the above purposes.

(3) Charles W. Miller, National Park Ranger, Hawaiian National Park, T. H., has been active during the past two years with the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station studying tree rings and runoff, has offered to take measurements of the snow on his monthly ascents of the mountains of his district. There is an opportunity here to study the characteristics of oceanic snow as compared with continental.



James C. Harr

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Nov. 11, 1940

While this is not so immediately practical as the other projects, it is fundamental to the complete understanding of snow in all of its environments. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Regional Engineer of the U. S. Park Service at San Francisco to obtain his full approval. Of this, however, there should be no doubt, for he has shared in the Snow Survey Conferences at Los Angeles, Stanford, and Seattle, and is, therefore, keenly interested in the work.

We are now trying to finance the reprints of the Stanford, Seattle, and Sacramento meetings. Although three parts are being offered, the price of only two parts at \$2.50 each, distributed over two years, is requested. Could you not aid us in your region in obtaining orders for 50 copies each from cooperating organizations, including the Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station and Idaho State Engineer?

A copy of the contents of the three parts is inclosed and several copies are being sent you separately.

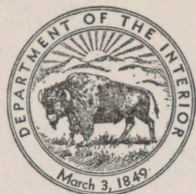
All best wishes,

*J. E. Church*

J. E. Church, Meteorologist  
Agricultural Experiment Station

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March 16, 1951

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Dr. J. E. Church,  
Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station,  
University of Nevada  
Reno, Nevada

Dear Dr. Church:

Undoubtedly you will be interested to know that the Eastern Snow Conference had a very satisfactory meeting at Lake Placid, N. Y., despite somewhat icy highways and temperature of  $-22^{\circ}$  (first morning). The greetings of the Western Snow Conference from Homer Stockwell and Marvin Diamond were much appreciated, as was Dr. Gerdel's paper about the Snow, Ice, and Permafrost Research Establishment at St. Paul.

The section of snow sampler equipped with the snow and ice cutter, as developed by Mr. Ryan, was displayed and examined most carefully by many of the members. It appears to have some advantages, especially for cutting through ice crusts. We thank you for sending us this sampler, and it is now being returned under separate cover.

Yours very truly,

Hydraulic Engineer.