

Soda Springs

April 1 / 1946

Phone by J. J. - "Snowing".

But not hard. Clear at Road.
Will return to Reno with J. J. cop. 2.

8:30 a.m. Bus for Soda Spgs.

Road clear until fall up.

Donner Grade. Then chains
to Soda Spgs.

Donner Lake has a head
and two large open
areas on N. side and
toward head of lake.
Last night wind at 55-61°

New snow - Getting
met - 30 in. deep off. Need
mobs -

Need

6 Bottles of recording

Glass tube to sample
dyes.

Expenses

Apr 1	Fare	\$2.01
	Lunch	80¢
	Dinner	1.50
Apr 2	Bapt	1.00

11 am. Blaine Eddy
starts S.S. No. 2
after lunch we will
go to Kisié and Summit
Valley.

→ Study action of dyes
Also stains or veins in
cores after transparent
with water.

Donner Pass

Snow still deeper.

Shelter almost touches

snow. Raft snow inside.
Possibly 12 in. up.

Day comfortable. Samples
warm. Snow warm.

Snow cores -

unwashable - No adhesion.

D. 232^m W.E. 105ⁱⁿ Dens 46.3%

Crystals very uniform

1 mm diam. Can absorb
water readily and
release some.

New snow in forest.

consists of star crystals
much larger than 1 mm diam.

Lunch 80°

Donner Lake - 4 pm

Snow like flour - but trampled
because of pressure of
shoes converted hard by 53° F.
Untouched snow had only
thin crust.

Reset thermos at Pass and
Lake - on Monday.

X Recharged drip tanks
with radiator powder.

Old depth 150^{in.}

New depth 1004?

Valve opened again.

→ Watch it.

Snow survey - 12 meas.
Some one (two) have been
here today and made
survey already - But 10 meas

Riesbel from Soil Cons.
S. to Denver Office of
Reclamation Service.

Now Head of Hydrologic
Division under Peter.

R.S. offers to pay Engineers
50% maintenance to
share laboratory here.

Study.

Temp. of drift snow
To study wind crust.

| Temp. at +16° F at
intervals above snow.

Color Camera

Glass samples -

↓ T.T.'s idea. Good.

Accumulation of frost
on snow in forest and
open. How fast? How
much a sublimates daily?

Salt here on snow.
not noticed.

Troy balances.

Dye colors by bands

F

Natel -

X-T - -1°F Max 34°

Min - -31.7°

Cloud - cloudless.

Frost $3\frac{1}{4}$ in on old snow.

Fuchsin Dye.

Potency - 1 part in a million.

Dr. Sears considers using it in tracing leaks from a reservoir.

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Dye Sampler -

Stained glass sampler
tube from Dr. Heifson and
Tarr Ryan for J. T.'s dye
studies.

Bat cement dissolved
or loosened in water
and shoulder will not
raise the sore.

Door somewhat ~~was~~
open.

No snow on trees.

Johnnie and Eleanor
gone for day but
records changed

Pasture 11:20 am

Min for period -10.5°

Reset 42.2

Max. 47° Reset 45°
What period? a week?

Stevens Q

11:30 am 11.76^{in}
By winding ^{pot} Shaken up to
 11.83^{in}

acid in bearings?
Hoses?

Thermos Jr. Case O -
at 41°F .

H-T 29 in above snow
Mid of lower - beneath
snow levels

Found J.J. Had gone
to Tuocoro for "Penelope" -
Measured both Donner Pass
and Donner Lake.

No mice at Pass.

No large nor mice
at lake.

Drip Tanks at Tuocoro
R.S. -

Mar 2		1.4
6		1.3
9		1.4
13		1.4
14		1.4
15		1.4
→ 16		1.55
17		1.50
22 8am		1.80
5pm		1.80
25		1.80

Mar 28 2.30
Total 0.90 = 0.09 -

Two couples mice
Again broken

3:30 pm

7 ft H-T 39°

Humid 70%

Overcast, storm clouds -

T. Jr. on snow 37°.
In light but not even
semi-snow

11 ft. H-T 35.5"

14 ft. H-T 36.0°

11		Hum. 82%
3:50 pm		4:10 pm
7 ft		38.5° 38°.
on snow		36.5° 36.5
4:10 pm	H-T 36°	11 ft 34.5

Drums for oil

Shoes max
Canvas for tubes
Blug from Jacob.

Color film for my camera
Bill Cintia, Munich
Neukirchen

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want.

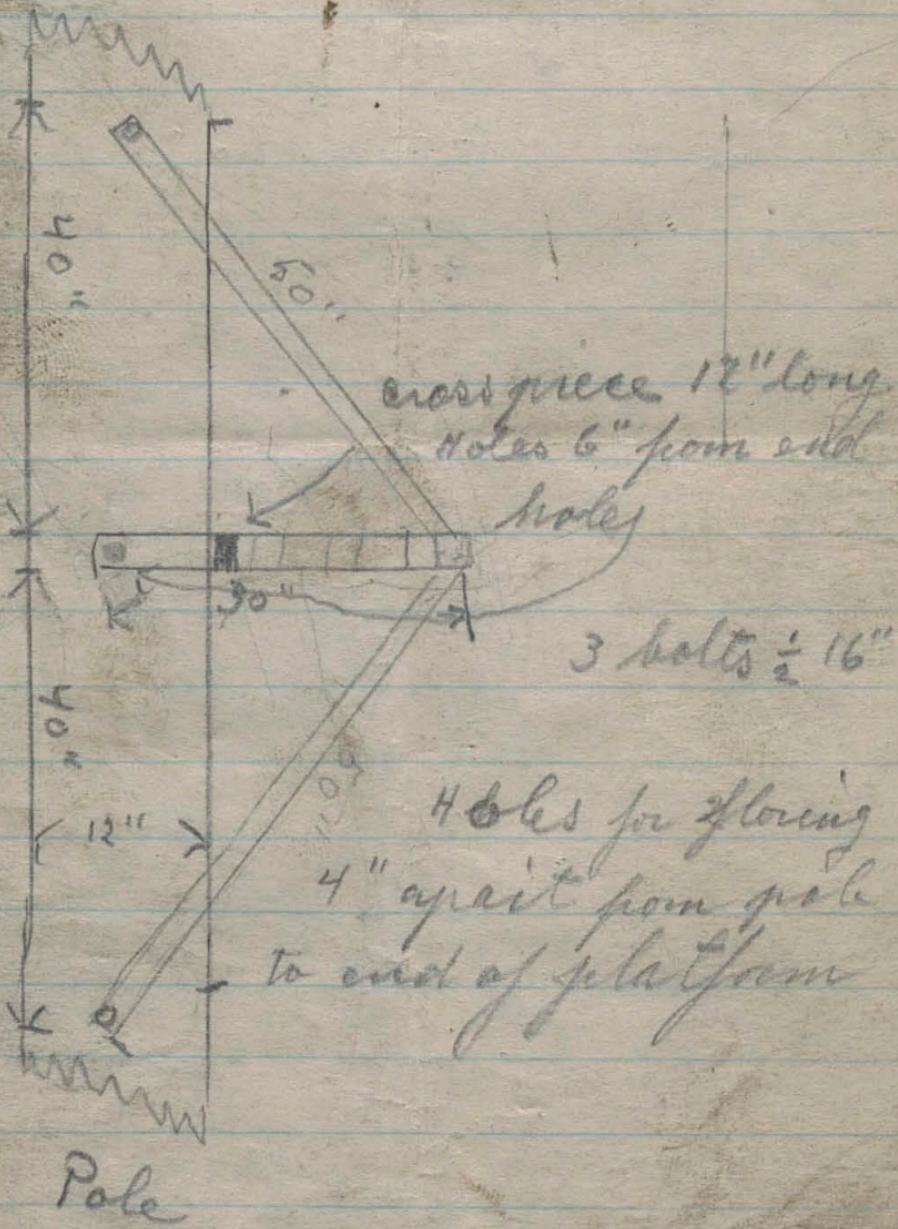
Bags

Book bag
Sleeping bag
Duffle bag

1.82
1.75
.07

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1.75
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2 $\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ " bolts washers
 $\frac{3}{8} \times 6$ bolts — "



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16

$$6 + 3 = 9 + 32$$

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7.2 +

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- .8

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- 12

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May 23, 1946

Velvet Finish
Red Quill
Writing paper

NOTES

No. 331½

Name 174 C

Grade 5

- Expenses -

April 21 - Ticket Reno 10

Soda 59c & Post. \$2.01

April 22 -

Phone Reno 5¢

Taxicab 10¢

Soda 59c 10¢

5 Post cards 25¢

1 Note book 10¢

To Nam for

Telephone messenger 1.00

Alimack Taxicab 1.33

Tip 2

Dinner 95¢

Thomomys
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April 22 - Trip to Soda Springs
8:45 a.m.

Truckee yellow-green to
Hinckley. Water further
up less copious.

Snow on N. slopes from
Hinckley W.

At Truckee brace
of bus smoking badly.
Finally a relief bus ordered
from Reno.

Phone Beacon Hill to
tell Johnnie. At 11 a.m.
Johnnie on his way to
Truckee to get me.

Phone Forest Station -
only a 20-ft patch of

Send to Truscoce R.S

1 set winter hyg. thermos,
1 set summer "

Rivet H-T.
by first of May

snow cover at Course T-

for Roman race

1 - 5 ft ladder to platform
of dip tank.

T.T. see more sleds
for Therm. shelter.

Snow left at Course -
Station No. 1. And drift
for will be empty of snow
in a few hours.

Melting very slow till
suddenly the water burst.
Measured three times a
day - Should have been four
Bitter every hour.

Next year I must be
continuously on the job

This does not
runoff continued till early
morning. Evening crust
makes night boating better.

12 Noon -

Johnnie has arrived.

** All tanks working except Di Lare

[Later: at Hotel evidently]

app: 25 $^{\circ}$ $\frac{2}{3}$

5:25 pm

H-T 52°F ^{near.} Min 55°
Min. 13° in above H-T in
same shelter.
In shade

At surface of snow but out of
contact 8.0 44°F

On surface 5.4.0 38°

In surface 0.6 32.9°

On surface 2.0, 5:50 pm 1.0
 35°F 33.5°

5:50 pm:

H-T 50°F , Min. 52.5°F

[Sunshine coming just at the
contactor 5 min 15°]

$\frac{1}{2}$ in. in snow + 0.3 32.45

On surface + 1.0 $= 33.8^{\circ}\text{F}$

At surface - no contact 3 $= \frac{32.5}{37.4}^{\circ}\text{F}$

1 in. above + 4.1 $= 36.8^{\circ}$

Tiny air current 5-7 $= 39.4^{\circ}$

Oscillates 38.15

2 in. above	4	$\left. \right\} 39.2^{\circ}\text{F}$	38.1
3 in. "	5		
4 in. "	5	$\left. \right\} 41.0^{\circ}\text{F}$	39.5
5 in. "	5		
6 "	6		
7 " ✓	4-7	air	
8 " 7			
9 " 6			
10 " 7			
11 " 6.4			
12 " 7			
13 " 6		$\left. \right\} 43.5^{\circ}\text{F}$	
14 " 5			
15 " 5			
16 " 6.2			
17 " 7			
18 " 6			
19 " 7			
20 " 7.4			
21 " 6.4-7.4			
22 " 7.4			

$05.6.07 = 41.1^{\circ}\text{F}$
 $05.6.4 \text{ approx} = 43.5^{\circ}\text{F}$

23 above	7.4-8	
on surface	2	35°F
6:25pm		
H-T	45°	Min. 47°
In surface +1		33.5 $= 33.8^{\circ}\text{F}$
Deeper in surface +0.6		32.9°F
" still +0.4		32.6°F
Dye - slowly changes to pink even up to surface except where dye is heavier		
The snow I cleared of old dirty crystals is 50% intense water because of & howl?		
But at 6:40pm, only 3 crystals turned from new dye. Remainder green. Get tips of red beneath.		

Sunshine recorder
much below contacts at
sunset. Has it been readjusted?

Donner Lake open and
sparkling, but Norden still
snow covered.

Friday April 26

8:30 a.m. Sun. Rode up
with Mr. Vogel of S.F. former
brother-in-law of Judge Taylor,
and also of Sam Rosenthal.

Memorized many. Salute at
parting.

Donner lake nearly full.

Some snow-slides and
cornice fragments stalled on
hillsides.

Norden still snow covered.

X Snow getting shallow 3 ft.

X Tahoe River shows a definite
discharge and rest of snow
melt.

~~Tahoe Pass filling daily.~~
~~-~~
Snow is more "spongy".

~~Photo~~ View of shelter No. 4 exposure.
No snow below 7 ft. to earth
but 3-4 ft. around it.

Drip Tank - Donner?
51.5, 49.4, 49.8, 50°

12:35 p.m.

Stevens Q 12.16ⁱⁿ
Very evident temp. of 0.1ⁱⁿ
daily. Weather hottest of
record for April. Remained

Thermoscapla

4:40-

SE cable loose - Broken?



In road -

On white snow	4.8-5.0 7.5-8.5
On smoky snow	8 44° 50% binding 8, 7 42.5, 44.0
75%	10, 8 47, 44
90%	7, 11 42.5, 48.5

39.2-44.8°F

1pm.

254.5, 50.4, 50.3, 50.4

Effect of surge in pipe - by letting yardstick down too fast - tried wooden sticks but it floated - tank too full for it

2:30pm 252, 52, 53, 53

3:30pm 252, 52, 52,

Temp. 18° in snow 32.6°F

In Pasture

On fairly clean snow	35.9-36.2 2.6-2.8
" 40% dirt	7.3 43.0
" 75% "	5.6 40.4K

On pure white

35-38°F
2-4 as
down the bank

Evening temps -

Mon. Apr. 25	59.5°F	7ft
" " 26	55.0	

14ft. Max since Monday 67°F
Min. " " 31.7°
Max by H-T 63°F

6 pm -

On snow T-C 2 = 35°
" Thermom. 36°
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. T Theum. 43.2
7 ft H-T 46
Thermom. 48
14 ft 48
14 Min. 48.9°

$3\frac{1}{2}$ ft T 37.8
7 ft H-T 42.5
Humid. 60%
11 ft H-T 42.1°
14 ft H-T 40°
Humid. 65%
Min. 40.4°

6:06 pm
T-C close to snow 1.5 = 34.2°
T above snow 34°
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft Tg 44.0°F
Thermom. 43.2

6:40
On snow T-C -0.6 = 31.1°F

6:10
On snow T-C 1 = 33.5

Creat $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Tg 32°
34°

Over snow
T 34°

Wise-Hornau & Hotel, L.C.
Emma Silver

Tg Jc
Snow compacting -

6:20 - T-C 0.4 32.6°
Tg 32.5°
34°

Expenses

Apr 26.

Face Reno & 5 Eggs	1.09
Lunch	.804
Dinner	1.50

* 12 Midnight.

Boy & Girl out on the snow walking in the stems of marshing or cayotches - and caring when skiing will be good tomorrow.

I told them not till 9 am, so they could have a good sleep. Enthusiastic.

Drip Tank

? 2.578	88
6:30pm 2.57	7
9 pm 2.58	"
10 pm 2.59	89
11 pm 2.59	"
12 Mdt. 2.59	88

Flow 6:30 & 10 pm after snow formed.

7 Ft. H-T 24°F

Hole in Snow Thg 22°?

6:30 am 259

No percolation after 10 pm.
Descent 3-3 1/2 hr. Hole deep?
hours

6:30 pm - 6:38 am

14°F

Wind 19.6°

H-T 20 Humid 96%

11°F H-T 17.5°F

7°F H-T 20°F Humid 84%

In hole on snow Thg 20°F

Still 20° in holes
Others have ice cap at 14°F

Why 7°F and Hole in snow so high? Protected from air drainage? Hole in snow thy belly frosted opaque.

Ground frozen. Pool beyond course soil over crust snow deep?

Todays dye Apr 27

\$ at 6:30 am

Green in shade, red

on slope tilted toward sun

Old dye on level frozen
gray but begins soon to
reappear.

How long for melt water
to reach bottom? 6:30 till
noon? longer? depends
on thickness of crust or
cold of previous night?

How long to soften
crust? But will melt
water penetrate without
delay there at?

Waiting for 7:15 am bus.

~~11:30 photos~~

~~11:40 am
Drip tank 3.88 "~~

X West

#

May 4-

6:30 a

Hotel H-T up 63°F (Max) 28°F (Min)

Min 26.6°F .

(Below) 32°F 8 hrs time.

Crust 7 in

Sun up at 5:30 am

R

Thermocouple Test. in Room.

Check 64.6°F $21 = 63.5^{\circ}\text{F}$

65.0 $21.4 = 64.11^{\circ}\text{F}$

65.0 $21.6 = 64.4^{\circ}$

68.2 $24 = 68$

68.6 $24.6 = 68.9$

9:50 am

On snow

Crust 7 in.

Min. 25.5° on board

9:50 am Dye still green.

Current

Tgh 44° T - 39°

T Cople 38°

10 am Dye turns red.

Tgh 44° T, 41.5°

Tc 41°

7 FT H-T 52°

On bare ground.

11 FT H-T 50°

14 FT H-T 52°

[Min 22°] Cur 53°

Humid. 28% at back.

3 1/2 FT T, ^{1/5 in. above snow} 53°

at snow Tc 38°

1/2 in. above Tgh 43°

[Tgh sluggish -

Metal ?]

On snow.

33.5° F

10:20 am.

On snow 34.1

" 35.°

Because of narrowing of shade
and indirect sun.

↓ 3 1/2 FT	T	54°
7 FE	H-T	53.5 Humid. 28%
11 FE	H-T	54°
14 FT	H-T	54° " 26%
	Min.	54°

all over ground, not snow.

10:40 am

On snow Tc 35°

1/2 in. above snow

Tgh - 42.5°

~~sun~~ Sun crystals still pressed
together. But dye has
already penetrated 2 1/2 in.

1.4
0.7
34.1

11:35 am + 50 min

In snow $3\frac{1}{10}$ in. in pencil hole

TC 35°F

$\frac{1}{2}$ in. (deeper) + less air 32.6°F .
10:40 + ? + 50 min (?)

In sun at Dye

In snow, 38°

Wind shows. Tiny breeze
causes slight fluctuation of needle.

On snow 41° to 42.8°F extremes

$3\frac{1}{2}$ FT 55°

7 FT N-T 54° Humid. 27%

11 FT N-T 54.5°

14 FT N-T 54° Humid. 26%
min. 55.1°

11:00 am + ? + 50 min

TC On snow but sunk down $2\frac{1}{10}$ in.
 41°F

" " Tgh 44°F

In snow 41.3 to 47°
(1 in deep)

pencil hole 42.5 to 43.25°
($9\frac{1}{10}$ in deep)

On snow TC 48.8°

7 am	1.70
9:00 am	1.75
10:15 am	1.79
10:45	1.86
11:45	2.04

* Dye gone down thin crust
5 in. Mostly in shade

Suggest-

Dye in sun - descent,
Density by weight, not springs.
Depth + springs too uncertain.

.75

Metal scale came loose
at 12 noon in Drip Tank.
Unscanned pipe 4 ft. up.
Ground water covered top of
tank.

Late lunch. Then back.
Caught scale in split in end
of stick.
→ Link on scale pulled open.
Must get continuous - link
chain. How long?

Donner Pass

At 3 pm or later to Donner
Pass. 5 views of courses and
therm. shelter,

Crows nest vertical. Ladder
carried down at bottom by snow.
Must get angle-iron brace
support.

Visit to Donner Pass Observatory.
Have seen me all the
winter.

U.S. W. & G. Inspector accepts
univ. Gage readings and would
like to keep it. Congratulations.
Didn't expect it.

$$5 \text{ 130 fm.} + 50 \text{ min} = 6:20 \text{ pm}$$

Tc -

In sun - In snow $\frac{1}{10}$ in. deep. 34.1°F

On snow

36.5

In shade - Over snow.

$\frac{1}{10}$ in T graph 39°
 $\frac{3}{10}$ in T 40°

Eye red.

$3\frac{1}{2}$ ft T 50° Overground

7 ft H-T 50.5 Snow, 46% "

11 ft H-T 50.2

14 ft H-T 49 (but 10 min. later)

Humid. 52

T 49

11 ft H-T 48

7 ft " 48 Humid 50%

$3\frac{1}{2}$ ft T 47 (but in sun
 10° above heat)

T graph. $\frac{1}{10}$ in 37°

+ $\frac{3}{10}$ in 37°

Tc $\frac{1}{10}$ in, in snow 32°F (Shade)

On snow 33.5°F (Shade)

6:25 + ? = 7:15 pm

Snow congealed on surface

Eye semi-green

Dip pen

On dirty snow (50% dirt) 33.5°
(Shade)

Snow congealing tho still
turning rock

On dirty snow (50% dirt) 32°
(Shade)

Tgh as above 37° (Shade)

+ " " 37° (Shade)

3½ FT 42° (in dim sun)

7 FT HT 44° Hum. 65%

11 FT 42.5°

14 FT ~~43.2~~ Hum. 76% 7

Hum. 42.6

No. 9 Min. H. J. Green U.S. W.M.

Pinecones

4.S. 402779

→ To ashion,

TC. on snow 32°

Tgraph 35°
T 34.2°

6:30 + 5 min = 7:20 pm

Wet tare 327
 327

TC. on surface 32°

Eye green

Crust $\frac{1}{10}$ in

Watch 50 mi. slow +
spring unhooked?

8:30 pm

Tgraph $\frac{9}{10}$ 32°

3½ FT T 34°

7 FT HT 32°

8:55 pm

X Wet tare 329

7:55 to 9 for water to
run out = 2 hrs.

*) Stream has fallen $\frac{3}{4}$
since 6 pm. Expected
it to hold up longer because
of distance.

Snow hard, slippery, crystals
glisten in flashlight.

X 9:50 pm

Drip tank 3.29

Road becoming dry. Flood
fallen to sediment only.

Snow hard

Cable on Stevens again
broken by snow strain.

Holes on SE spring.

Sunday May 5/46

Spring. Birds. moderate
lows. Mild.

Some pools unfrozen. Some
near pastures have shell ice
 $\frac{1}{10}$ in thick at edge.
Sun on sun at 5:30 am

Drip tank

6:45 am 3.29, 3.29

Few

In sun

Temp on clean snow ($\frac{1}{10}$ in)

TC 44°

T 42

In shade on snow

T graph $\frac{4}{10}$ in 36° (Min. night 27°)

$3\frac{1}{2}$ ft T 46°
in open

Hangs $\frac{1}{2}$ in from 4x4 timber.
Effect from woods.

7 ft H-T 42° (Min. 28°)
Humid, 45%

11 ft H-T 41.5 (Min 25.5°)

14 ft H-T 44° (Min 28°)
Humid 48%
Wind current 47.3°

7:18 am

On Snow $\frac{1}{10}$ in.

TC 45.5
T 43°

Dye - 7:30 am,

In sun - 2 hrs sun - clean snow
Coarse $3\frac{1}{2}$ in depth.

In semi-shade
Depth 3 in.

In shade

Temp. in sun -

$\frac{1}{10}$ on snow TC 45.5

$\frac{1}{20}$ " " T 43°

stick of TC and glasses tube

of T are sinking into snow
 $\frac{1}{3}$ of their diam.

Crystals leave water marks
on palm of hand.

Crystals come loose when
scrapped by point of pencil.

7:45 am

TC 44
T 42.8

Semi-shade

TC 39.5°
T 41° F but fell quickly.

Shadow

TC 38°	TC 38.5
T 37°	T 39.8-40.7
breeze	

8 am

TC 40.25	39.5	39.2
T 39°	39.	39

*

Crust. 9 in. thick, on snow
27° in air
28°

Cone 16 in. upper half less responsive to dye. Drier than lower half, has less free water,

query: Can one get greater density by weight in lower half?

→ * Why depth at only 27°?

"Parsons" says T.T.

Coarse and wet.

Snow is an independent

—
8:30 am In shade

TC 39.5

T 39.5 (sun 1/3 in snow)

Relaid on snow

TC 40.7 to 41°

T 40°

TC 43.4 but fluctuating with breeze.
T 46.5

TC 42.6
T 47.8

8:45

In shade.

T 43 Dye not quite changing, but new dye growth

Dye —
However in sun dye has penetrated full depth of 16 in

Top 1 in., 100% red.
Upper snow still firm - 10% red?
Bottom 8 in., 25% red

* Theory: Melt water at surface penetrates crust to moist snow below and adds its weight to start

NB

gravity descent of capillary water. In other words the bottom primes the runoff.

The crust need not be melted fully, but is perforated,

Drip Tapes at 8 am

6:45 (x ² c)	3.29 "
7 am	3.29
7:30 am	3.29
8 am	3.29
8:30	3.29
9 am	3.32

Pumped 0.35
an an

5:30 to 9:00 renewing
circulation = 3.5 hrs.
7:15 fm to 9 fm drying
= 1 3/4 hrs stopping.

Water stoppage 1/2 hrs
with snow 1-1 1/2 ft.
When snow deeper
delay is longer —
slower starting a

9:30 am

Temp.
In sunlit TC Wire 2/10ⁱⁿ Snow 35°
T - 1/2 buried 41.2

On snow

TC 41°
T - 45, 44°

See H-T² for air
temp. at this time.

B.N.F.

12:15.

Rod planted 18.5" above
snow level

Sub-scan T graft photos
No. 6. + brought in

Hat day - *
Pasture

Drip pan cold

Today or tomorrow
last day of me
here in Pasture

Found cutter

J.J. will return
Blair Eddy.

Pump for tank
efficient but valve
pipe must be tight

Donner Lake

settled slope. Litter on snow

on surface

1155pm

Tc

36.8 36.5 *

T

32.8 32.8 *

T bulb about 10' above mid-slope
than surface of Tc.

1/10 in above snow for bath. Tiny traces

Mark snow

Tc 44 45.5

T 34 34.0

1/10 in beneath snow surface

35.6 39.8 37.4

32.2 33.0 33.0

Tc 39.5-40.7 Wind buried
T 33 Bulk covered
with wet snow

7.5 5.8 8.7

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2.6

7.8

2.4

1.2

3.2

1.6

4.8

5.4

3.6

1.8

7.5

2.2

13.5

3.2

2.2

Pasture
Hot day - $\star - T$ $62^{\circ} F$
16 hrs above 32°

Drip pan edge shows
Today or tomorrow is
last day of melt - means
here in Pasture.

Found cutter of Obre
T.J. will return it to
Blair Eddy.

Pump for tanks very
efficient but valve in
pipe must be tight closed

afternoon
Donner Pass

No large balance. So
wait until tomorrow.

Donner Lake

In semi-shade
 TC 38°
 T 34.8°

NB | above ground
 T graph $6 \frac{3}{4}^{\circ}\text{F}$ for first
 hour $68-70^{\circ}\text{F}$
 over bare ground.

Damner Lake Cause

→ Dollans own these grounds,
 So ask them for permit for
 shelter.

T.T. will ask for privilege
 on County Road for pan and
 tank

2130 from
 At same spot -
 Sun stronger

On snow - just in surface
 for TC; on surface for T

TC $42.2-42.5^{\circ}$
 T 38°

In strong sun - middle of road -
 dirty dirt = Forest
 On snow surface

TC $50.0, 53.5$
 T 37°

In surface (in shadow) by tree top.

$\frac{1}{10}$ in.
 TC $39.5-40.4$ | 35.0
 T 32.5 | 32.1

In sun again.

In surface

$\frac{1}{10}$ in. in snow
 TC 37.4° | 38.9
 T 33° | 34

T graph 70°F

Study

contrast between temps
over soil and over
snow.

The 70°F in shelter seems
high as compared with
the high 30's over snow.
What would have been
the maximum over snow?

(*) Took #1 photo of gate and
snow clad ledge above
snow course.

Took also view of Mt Rose
from W shore of Donner Lake.

Donner still snow covered
except small area at
head.

- Note.

(*) April 1st, at Donner
Observatory was heavy
not snow almost like
rain. So the two gages
caught the same amount

Rested at office

Posture - Evening

6:15 pm ^{on cleaned snow}
In shade, Sun 15° up -

Tc 33.5° / 35.0° / 32.0°

T 33.0° / 33.0° / 32.5°

Snow crystals leave water
marks on my hand but have
congealed - i.e. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the tiny
area but the other $\frac{1}{2}$ has a
surface still soft

Over soil

7 FT H-T 52° (Max. 62°)

Humid 46%

11 FT - H-T 52.8° (Max. 63°)

14 FT H-T 52° (Max. 62°)

Humid. 48%

Min. current 52° F.

N.B -

Is temp. change over
bare ground more sluggish
than over snow? Radiation
effects less? Is this the difference

* Tipped slightly
above snow
surface
perhaps $1/10$ "

between Guelph and me?
He can't see the next step -

= Is excess of temp. over soil
much greater than over snow
with reference to congealing
of snow?

** Bath readjusted -

6:45 pm Sun just down.

More congealing -

Tc 32° F / 32° / 31.4°

T 32.2° / 32° / 32°

7 FT 44° F

11 FT 44° F

14 FT 44° F

{ 20 min. later
than 52° F etc.

Min. current 42.5° Humid 78%

Look on surface crystals green
but under crystals red -

Drip tube has risen $.03^{\text{in}}$
in last 50 min. Snow only 6^{in}
deep.

May 6:

Sun on level 5:30 am,
but over hill on pan 6 am
at thermome 10° high. at 6 am

6:05 am. In direct sun. 10° up.
On the frost (dusty)

TC 33.5

T 37.3

In thin shade of shrubs

TC 31.9 / 30.8

T 30° / 29.6

In stronger sun

TC 35°

T 22.5

Before 6:15.

New dye has turned slightly red
Quite red in front of reflecting
Signs of red returned in
several places. Frozen mack
softening slightly.

6:25 am			On shaded slope
TC	35°	32°	
T	33.6	31°	Sun plants on 33.5 bulbs 31.0

6:30 am

Frost dripping from metal cans
and tins.

6:40 am

New dye has descended $\frac{2}{3}$ ⁱⁿ
Wax soft to touch on
Ice surface moist.
Shell ice $\frac{5}{100}$ in or $\frac{1}{2}$ ⁱⁿ
 $\frac{1}{10}$

Temp.
On snow - in shade
T graph 32° (Min 26)
T 32°

7FT A-T 32° (Min 28°)

Humiid. 78%

11FT 30° (Min 26°)

14FT 33° (Min 28°) Humid 90%
Min. current 35.4°

7 am -

On snow - In sun

TC 38.5 (but wire sun 1/10")
T 34.0

readjusted
TC 38.9 / 35.0
T 33° / 33.0

* Drip tanks 2.24

7:10 am

In sun - On snow 1/10" deep
TC 38° 39.5
T 34.4 34.0

Depth Loss
at glass tube since
12 Noon yesterday 2.7 in.

Drip May 5 10 in
May 6 20.7 in

In tiny 2x2" area of tilted

(a) shaded snow
TC ... 38° / 37.4 / 38°
T 34° / 33° / 34°

Crust 7 m. thick.

(b) Slanting toward sun, dipping
into snow

TC 44° / 41

T 33° / 33.6

tiny pinpoint crystals
flash out and disappear
like twinkling stars. Each
flash is a melting and
disintegration. A wonderful
panorama a foot beneath
your close gaze.

The day of melting is here
a field of white sparkling
jewels.

7:55 am -

Drip Tank 2.24 in

Chain 16ft long - lines
full open.

Sunk $\frac{1}{10}$ in into snow $\frac{2}{10}$ m -

TC 37.4-38.0 | 42.5 | 36.8

T 34 | 33.2 | 34.0

$\frac{1}{2}$ in above snow

TC 56° 52.4

T 43.8 49.8°

Query! Which is more
accurate - min or max?

8:30 am

Driptank 2.26 + = $\frac{2.26}{2.25} = \frac{2.26}{2.24}$

Dye Dens 5 in but still in crust.

In shade

On snow.

Graph 38°

T 39°

7 FT H-T 46° Hem 46%

11 FT H-T 46°

14 FT H-T 48° Hem 44%

In sun $\frac{8}{10}$ in above snow

TC 53°

T 48°

Note similarity with shade temps

8:50 am 2.29 (T.T.)

Drip tank

Total depth approx 5 in.

NP - Temp at surface
at 8 am similar to
temp at Danner lake
at 7 pm yesterday.

No need to carry them today

9:15 am In shade 39° - T 38°

Wye red. Melting even in shade

11:30 am

Photo of drip pan partly
bare - #2.

11:40 am

Drip tank 2.88
Drip tank 3.88ⁱⁿ

* 3. Mole nest in snow.

Today hot.

Afternoon

Donner Pass.

→ No gain in drip tank.
Tank pumped in test of valve.
Could pump water but
air in drip pan valves.
Due to solidity of snow?

Went lower down shelter.

J.J. made sketch of angle-
iron support for cows nest.

Photo of cows nest & pump

Donner Lake

X Depth of drip tank
constant at 1.02ⁱⁿ.
Leak probably.

Must exhaust tank.

Steps + ladder for platform
and therm. shelter.

X Must see Dollars re
right to erect tank.

→ photos of Mt. Rose and
Donner Lake.

Truckee R.S.

Set pen down 20° F.

The Trig. Precip. gauge
located near H-T, Moved
from maintenance station
off highway in Truckee.
Back home at 5:35 pm.

Thurs May 9

Cool damp air and
a sprinkle sprain last
night.

Some clouds today.
But only a few drops of
rain at Soda Springs last
night.

Does this break the
brought? 30^+ days of it.

Clyde took me to Donner
Lake and Pass, left at
8 am.

Drip pan at Donner
Pass full of water.. Wire
failed to clear it as
far as valve.

Value must have
failed. Turning does

not open the pipe.
and Johnnie suggests the
standard faucet valve.
Must make the change.

The tank also leaks.

Met Johnnie at Donner
Pass and transferred
over load to him,
1. Calcium ordered but
none available now -

2. Took up 2[#] dye
Fuchsin
3. Iron wire and bolts
for cross nest.
4. Soft chain for tank.

Johnnie will renovate
the tanks and build
passes around them
for summer.

Fred Oglet needs
him next week or

a survey.

* Gerdal wonders about snow at Soda Springs next winter if I go to India. Johnnie can be instructed.

Tuesday May 21 / 46

To Soda Springs 9 am bus

Truckee R. to Boca just bankfull. North slopes (ie facing south) are almost bare. Lake Norden flat "water with snow on south shore. Bad news - good news! Dennis wants us to move equipment in Pasture to bare ground. He is bringing cows as well as horses.

Ashton is now in charge of Central Sierra Snow Laboratory and invites me to lunch - Johnnie.

Visited both Pasture and Laboratory.

NB Rent House has now been squared up. The guylines will be removed and the bare spots made by us will be resodded.

We shall offer Dennis hay and grain for the grass spoiled.

↓ Ashton clearing up the snow drifts in the road. He has a commendable house and very valuable recorders of sun, wind, temp. at three broad levels.

The Parshall flume ^{now} works quite satisfactorily.

The house should have been located on a rock outcrop nearby in a

large opening.

Is making a quantitative snow survey. 176 feet by marked points and diamond-shaped grafts.

Bart Parsons and Nelson devise it.

Many precip. gages too. Sleeve in the orifice now cut from 10 mil. to 3 mil. Should be even less. No air space should be left.

Rode on the snowmobile.

Looks like my father takes laboratory of old days except his continuous measurements of weather elements.

Our project at Soda Springs is more versatile

and is seeking more fugitive phenomena.

Ashton feels that I should be living with them.

Gendel suggested to Johnnie that he direct Soda Springs project if I abandoned it for India. Does he consider it his fourth station?

Danner Pass being well cared for - Crook nest rebuilt. Solid but rather small.

Johnnie at Ashton's suggestion has put a cap on outlet and forced the air up thru drip pan. He pumped till he sweat. Since

then the water in the tank has been rising -

[On May 22-23 it was rising very slowly but days had been windy and cold.]

* Johnnie has samples of 5 samples. None 80 to 150 m. deep. Density well over 50%.

* (a) Study development of density in windblown snow and rate of melting or better power of capillary suspension.

(b) Now need density measurements for depths of 60 m (5 feet) to compare with deeper

(c) and mass of snow when water-laden and when percolated almost

dry (ie when drifting has ceased).

NB Showed Johnnie how to weigh cores at home on the weight-scale. Use a bucket with water that will balance the lead weight and put cores in bucket to weigh them. Check also by weighing by spring balance. Compare density of wet and dry snow.

Doomer Lake

Described by Johnnie, all fencing ready but tank must be dug up for repairs.

Drip pan dry. Permission to use land granted by Dollar agent

to Johnnie and by higher
ups, probably Dollar family.
Must now ask Henry Loehr
Nevada County Commissioner
for use of sides
of County roads! Henry
was our neighbor boy
and shared our Tahoe
camp.

Home by 5pm bus.

May 23.

Phone from Johnnie
and Dennis. We can
continue to use the
pasture.

The valve at Donner
Lake was $\frac{1}{4}$ wrong -
i.e. opening was NW
instead of N. Must have
a shoulder on the valve
to feel its correct position

Got estimate from
State Printer of cost
of printing Monograph.

Maximum cost

2500 copies \$4500

1500 " " 3850

Library binding

500 copies @ 70¢ each.

Includes 70pp extra.

But additional blocks?

Station has set aside \$3000
I will add war bonds for
balance of \$3850.

April 16 - May 1, 1943.

FEDERAL-STATE COOPERATIVE SNOW COVER SURVEYS
 FEDERAL, STATE AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
SURVEY NOTES

Directions and Suggestions for Snow Cover Sampling

- (1) The usefulness of snow cover surveying depends primarily on the care and honesty of the men actually doing the field work
- (2) The work of the snow cover surveyor is often laborious, especially in stormy weather, and men willing to undertake such work can usually be depended upon to do their best and record the results faithfully.

Directions for Using the Snow Sampler**A. Care of Sampler:**

- (1) In transporting sampler, extreme care should be used to guard it against injury; it can be easily dented.
- (2) When sampling on steep slopes do not cling to the sampler to avoid sliding down hill; the tube is easily bent.
- (3) Keep the sampler covered inside and out with a thin coating of

*Soda Springs
July 28, 1946*

be used in spacing by tape measurements, so that the different years on the same course will be at the same spots.

(1) Plunging the tube should be avoided. In driving, a steady down-thrust is preferable to twisting, because with the latter a small amount of snow enters the slots. However, a minimum amount of twisting aids in the driving and also facilitates the quick cutting of the thinner crusts. Plunging should be entirely unnecessary. In case the sampler sticks or freezes down, a light twist will usually release it.

(2) The presence of temperatures below 32 degrees F. in the snow, while the temperature of the air is above freezing, often causes the snow to adhere firmly to the orifice of the cutter after a depth of from 10 to 12 feet has been reached. This difficulty can be met in three ways.

(a) Withdraw the sampler when cutter becomes clogged and clean cutter and tube thoroughly. Push the tube rapidly through the snow without stopping until bottom is reached but do not plunge tube. Repeat until a complete core is obtained. *A complete core is one whose length is not less than 90 per cent of the depth of the snow.*

(b) In case sampling is being done in the forest, keep the sampler in the shade as much as possible to keep it cold.

The best method of all is to sample when the temperature of snow is near freezing, or late in the season when the temperature has risen to 32 degrees F. At these times

empty in proper column in field book. When the sample has been taken place the sampler in the cradle and record the weight for tube and core or the Mt. Rose scale this reading equals the water content of the snow core. For the standard tubular scale the water content is given by the

The zero setting in the case

The zero setting in the case of the micrometer scale for the standard tubular scale should be checked at frequent intervals (not more than 5 measurements).

If dirt is picked up by the cutter it should be cleaned out with knife before weighing the sample, and proper deduction made before recording length of core or depth of snow.

Appropriate covers are to be provided for protection of field notes and other documents which are related to the inside of

Sketch maps
the covers.

Use pencil only for recording field measurements. Fill in complete description of course, party, date, etc.

Any extended remarks as to weather conditions at the time of survey or shortly before the survey, unusual difficulties encountered, etc., may be placed on the back of the sheet, as one side only is to be used in recording.

the snow measurements.

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COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS

State _____

Drainage Basin _____

Snow Course _____

Party Dec 20 - 30, 1942.

Date Nov 11, 1942. Snow Depth Wind Ch.

*Description or Number of Course	†Sample Number	Depth of Snow Inches	Length of Core Inches	Weight of Empty Tube	Weight of tube and Core	Water Content Inches	Density Per Cent	Remarks
Dec 20	61	16			16	L2	Cla	
21	45	2	22	3	19	LNW	Clay	
22	43	6	T		19	LW	"	
23	38	24	2.09	10	29	LNW	Clay	
24	44	29	2.15		26	BNW	"	
25	33	20	.81	12	38	LW	"	
26	28	2			38	LSE	Clay	
27	43	4	.16		36	LW	Pt. clay	
28	41	36	.22		34	LSE	Clay	
29	38	30	1.28	4	38	LNW	"	
30	42	21	T		36	LNW	"	
<i>(Revised to be grouped)</i>								Dec 30 7.00 - 81.2 0.22 in.
<i>9 fms front of hotel 32° S snow still open</i>								

*Show number or description as given on sketch map, i.e., "Course No. 1," or "Major Course," or "N 5° E," etc.

†Always start measurements for sampling from the *initial* point as shown by the sketch map of the course and follow the spacing for samples as indicated. Particular care should be taken to note any *irregular* spacing between samples.

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Snow Course West of Laramie River
in Routt Co.

Party Democrat
Date Sept 30 1947

Date _____

scription number course	Sample Number	of Snow Inches	Length of Core Inches	of Empty Tube	of tube and Core	Water Content Inches	Density Per Cent	Remarks
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1 33528 498638 ~~Seal re~~

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Basin _____

Show Course _____
Part

Date _____

scription f Sam. Depth of Length Weight of Weight of Water Therm.

Course	Spec. No.	Show Inches	Or Core Inches	Empty Tube	and Core	Content Inches	Per Cent	Remarks
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12 12 50 55

- 2 - 2

shown by the sketch map of the course and follow the spacing for samples as indicated. Particular care should be taken to note any irregular spacing between samples.

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Shelter

course $\frac{1}{4}$ hr above wet bar
dry sand.

Party _____
Date _____

Minion ΔC_{min} Depth L_{length} Weight Weight
 of of tube Water Density

Sample Number	Length of Core Inches	Empty Tube	Length of tube and Core	Content Inches	Per Cent	Remarks
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Table 1. Summary of the results of the study of the effect of the presence of the *luteinizing hormone* on the development of the testes in the male rat.

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Number Course pie Number

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COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS

State.....

Drainage Basin.....

Snow Course.....

Party.....

Date.....

Description or Number of Course	**Sample Number	Depth of Snow Inches	Length of Core Inches	Weight of Empty Tube	Weight of Tube and Core	Water Content Inches	Density Per Cent	Remarks
	8	47.8 -3	43.8 -3	82.6	105.7	22.6		Not very wet and no drift
	9	49.5 -5	47.7 -5	82.6	107.6	25.0		Sad very wet and no drift
	10	50.3 -5	48.9 -5	82.4	108.5	26.1		See above No drift here
	11	48 -2.0	44.2 -2.0	82.4	106.2	23.6		wet and no drift
	12	56.5 -5	53.7 -5	82.4	111.3	28.9		Wet in at bottom
	13	Not meas.						
	14	Not meas.						
		10 meas. total as Edoly did						
		48.7						

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State.....

Drainage Basin.....

Snow Course.....

Party.....

Date April 26, 1943

Description or Number of Course	**Sample Number	Depth of Snow Inches	Length of Core Inches	Weight of Empty Tube	Weight of Tube and Core	Water Content Inches	Density Per Cent	Remarks
	1							
	2	25.6	19.2	49.7	58	8.3		
		26.5	23.3	49.7	61	11.3		
		-1.0	-1.0					
	3	23	21.4	49.7	62	12.3		Water run out in a stream
		-1.0						
	4	18.5	17.2	49.7	60	10.3	"	
	5							
	6	27.5	27.5	49.7	64.3	14.6		
		-5	-5					
	7	24	23.5	49.7	62.1	12.4		See at bottom
		-2.5	-2.5					
	8	24	24.7	49.7	59.9	10.2		
		-2.5	-2.5					

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State.....

Drainage Basin..... South Yuba

Snow Course..... Soda Springs No. 1

Party..... 19

Date..... April 16/43

*Description or Number of Course	**Sample Number	Depth of Snow Inches	Length of Core Inches	Weight of Empty Tube	Weight of Tube and Core	Water Content Inches	Density Per Cent	Remarks
1								
2	45-40	-8	65.8	86.8	21.0			Grazing sheep
3	40.537		65.2	89	22.8			Quadrat reading
4	36-34.9	-3	66	87.8	21.8			Handpicking ice crystals
5	45-42.8	-3	66	89.6	23.6			Water saturated ice crystals
6	45.543		66	89.6	23.6			
7	45-42.8	-3	66	90	24			Very little
8	46.531	-5	66	84	18.9			

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Basin.....

Show Course.....
Books.....

Date _____

scription **Sam- Depth of Length Weight Weight Water Density

2² 50.5 44.866 about 7

		Sampler toe clogged now			
		so back & has to release it			
86	41	40	65.8	96.6	20.8
	-5	-5			
9	43	35	66	87.4	
	47	38.5	66	88	22
10	43	40.4	66	88.2	22.2
11	42	36.4	66	84.8	
	-1.2	-1.2			
11a	42	41.5	66	86.2	20.8
	-3.5	-3.5			

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samples as indicated. Particular care should be taken to note any irregular spacing between samples.

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Party

Date.....

**Sample Number

42.1	NE of Taetela	10) 221.0.
	described corn stalk	221.0
44 41	66 87	
-1.5-1.5		
2.5	66 67	1 1/2 mm.
cannot cut down at		
cryptole = they squeeze out		
and because of "tension"		
cannot hold up - but break		
down before the weight		
of the samples.		

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COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS

State.....

Drainage Basin.....South PlatteSnow Course.....No. 1 (Key)

Party.....

Date.....May 1 - 10:30 - 11:30 am

*Description or Number of Course	**Sample Number	Depth of Snow Inches	Length of Core Inches	Weight of Empty Tube	Weight of Tube and Core	Water Content Inches	Density Per Cent	Remarks
1								<u>Wet snow</u>
2	17	15.2		49.8	57.4			<u>Wet snow</u>
	-8	7.8						
3	15	15		49.8	58.9			<u>"Water" snow at midcourse surface</u>
	-2	-2						
4	15.5	15.5	50	56.6				<u>Ice crystals Very little water in Rate</u>
5								
6	21	21	50	62.1				<u>Ice crystals Wet</u>
7	18	18	50	60				<u>Dry</u>
	-5	-5						

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5								
6	21	21	50	62.1				See sketch map wet
7	18	18	50	60				Dry "
	-5	-5						

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Basin.....

Party.....

Date.....

ercription Number **Sam- ple Depth of Snow Length of Core Weight of Empty Weight of Tube Water Content Density Per Remarks

5.5 4.5 5.0 5.7% 1/20

	-1.5	-1.0		
9	14.3	14.3	50	56.6
	-1.3	-1.3		
10	20.5	18.5	50	60.6
	-1.3	-1.3		
11	16.5	16.5	50	58
	-1.0	-1.0		
12	23.4	23.2	50	60.3
	-1.2	-1.2		
13	—	—		
14	—	Bare		
	W.M. Best night (HT)	38° apparently		
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did not stop making all night.

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Soda Springs
Dr Church's May 1/43
Survey of Key course

Averages

$$\frac{\text{Depth } 17.2}{\text{Courses } 16.7} = \frac{97.1\% \text{ courses}}{\text{W. Cont. } 8.9}$$

$$\frac{(\% \text{ of Normal}) 21.2}{(\text{for Truckee River}) \text{ Basin}} * \frac{8.9}{17.2} = \frac{57.7}{= \text{Dams}}$$

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$$\frac{8.9}{42.0} = \left(\frac{1.0}{\text{for } 1 \text{ min}} \right) \frac{n}{B_a}$$

Soil
Dry Churn
Survey

	<u>Aug 26</u>
Soil	44.2
Dry Churn	40.5
Survey	35.7
	45.5
	44.7
Avg	46.5
Depth	40.5
Cores	42
W.C.	38.5
	46

Cores

$$2 = \frac{57.7}{= \text{Dana}}$$

May 1

172 [8.9]

$$2 = \frac{57.7}{= \text{Dana}}$$

2 Dana