

below. This mature and meandering effect of the river is more evident above the point where Wallsburg Canyon intercepts the main canyon than below the interception. The accumulations from both Wallsburg Canyon and the first canyon south may have dammed it off at some time back creating a lake where the river course now is located. The cornices on Vantage Peak and ridge are well developed from previous winds and snows but at 10:00 today no snow halos or banners were associated with them. No recent avalanche or snowslide was discernable on slopes of Vantage peak with snows apparently undisturbed since stormy period which ended yesterday morning. Sun warm and bearing down out with no effect upon the snow surface. Have taken off coat and hat and still rather warm. Since trip of last week there has been slides down gullies on west exposure of ridge to the east of crescent ridge. These slides appeared to be superficial new snow slides and have started from the very head of the gullies. In crossing the ancient valley floor section of ridge find that the snow has blown down to the tops of the Artemesia and small bushes <sup>Leaving</sup> with only a superficial layer of snow upon them which, of course occasionally allows the snow shoe to sink through into the dead spaces among the branches. A few rocks are also exposed here. Have often wondered whether these flat points of the ridges were here because of the winds or the winds present because of the topographical expression existing. Possibly a wind gage placed at different points along the ridge would decide that. Brink of second flat section of ridge at 10:30. Wind has started to blow and is increasing in velocity as I progressively move up the ridge. Brink of 3rd flat section at 10:42. Wind sufficiently strong enough to call for the wind proof coat and cap with wool neck scarf. This small third floor level is at the immediate base of Vantage peak. A beautiful grove of oak lies to the left from here. Trail becomes enjoyable now because Cascades become visible through the low pass to the south of the peak. It has been interesting to follow the course and activity of the rabbit (probably a