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about 150 feet. Four of these were found on snow covered exposures with little brush appearing above the surface. Then again the deep snow may allow them to feed on the tender upper branches without climbing a high wobbly tree. The highest one observed was about 300 feet down from Vantage Peak while the lowest one was seen in floor of canyon to the east of Crescent Ridge. No gregarious tendencies were noticed. No coyote tracks as yet. A small flock of Chickadees at beginning of trip were the only birds observed so far. One must follow exactly up ridge for to deviate to either side could spell disaster by starting a snow slide that would carry one down the either of the two canyons that head at Vantage peak. The ascent from the last flat to peak can be made with snow shoes or skis by edging or digging in with rims. However, if the snow will allow one to wade or walk upon it, it should be done.



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After taking a picture <sup>(3-2-12-39)</sup> of the Cascade country through the low pass to the left of the peak, continued on to the top, arriving at 11:00. The traveling time of 1 hour and 35 minutes represents a race against encroaching storm clouds moving in from the west which would likely obstruct view of the ranges and no doubt interfere with the proper light effect necessary for photographical purposes. Was rather coincidental that their should be approximately a 30 minute interval between the start of trip to the brink of the first flat; another 30 minutes from here to the brink of the second flat, and another 30 minutes from the second flat to the top of the peak. Wind now blowing on top with the west exposure an inevitable mass of moving snow, up and over the cornice into space beyond. Since there had been little wind since yesterday the conditions were favorable for snow movements up the mountain side.