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opening which to from even get a view of the distant mountain. Also took a picture from this point to show the misty atmosphere rapidly approaching from the west.

The picture 10-3-5-39 was taken about 2:20 P.M. Tarrred here as long as possible but storm soon drove me off the higher ridge. So left ^{at 3:00 P.M.} with

the race on to beat the storm headed this way. The transformation of this storm was most abrupt. Farther along the ridge recorded snow banner off the ridge I was following. The picture 11-3-5-39 slightly emphasizes the magnitude of these banners but can say that they are of sufficient concern to evade their cutting pressure and freezing contact upon the face and hands, something comparable to standing in front of a fire hose loaded with buck-shot. ^{picture 13-3-5-39 like above but not recorded.} On first flat below conifer clad peak is an old Abies Concolor stationed at the upper end of stranded valley as if a sentinel of the ridge. Made a snow reading 30 feet west of this tree and found the depth to be exactly 5 feet. Followed back same course to divide of wide canyon and then took main canyon trail. (?) On flat south of divide of wide canyon recorded a 4' 4" depth in open field. Could see eagle soaring as indicated. Hawk nests and other snow depths indicated on map of the deer Creek. The anticipated ski run on the return was disappointing because of crust formed since morning snows. Also narrow canyon difficult to traverse. On flat picked up shippskin and by 5:00 P.M. was at car. No grouse observed, no deer observed, two flocks of pine grosbeak, few porcupines, long tail chickadees, hairy wood pecker, Coyote tracks, Peromyscus tracks on snow (?) & rabbit tracks, otherwise wild life uncommon. Picture 12-3-5-39 show clouds lifting in morning on ridge opposite Stewart flat country. While driving past Williams home below Vivian Park observed 49 pintails, 50 G.W. Teal and other ducks in open pond in his water pasture. Consider day very successful as far as reaching destination & gaining photographic record of place & conditions.