

a blue sky and prospects of a complete change of weather to the good. Two large snowslide encountered before reaching the right hand fork. 5 young conifer trees and many other tree fragments were lying upon the surface of the slide which completely filled the canyon and extended downgrade a short ways. From the forks on found very few gophers active, however some working. Numerous coyote tracks many beautifully preserved in the mud of the trail, some indicating passage only but a day or so ago. Water coming down nearly all canyons but especially the right hand fork. The beginning of the higher N.S. trending valley leading up to divide of State and Kolob Can. was not very inviting as far as the snow covered ground was concerned. 4/5 of the surface was covered with snow or wet saturated ground from running waters of snow. Coyote tracks now very common. A dusky grouse left its feeding ground upon the damp surface. It is rather peculiar but I have invariably found the grouse in this promontory point on previous trips. Continued up this beautiful valley and as we were 3 blocks down from the spring and lake we found the valley completely covered with snow. Arrived at the lake and spring and found a bare spot north of the spring about 50'. The sun had left and the atmosphere in general indicated a rather late nightfall but could still see in late twilight. Commenced setting up camp at once, knowing full well that darkness would hinder operation. Both of us soon had camp tent up. It is a good idea to make it a rule that as soon as one person uses the axe he is to indicate the future position the axe is to take when not in use and then see to it that it is always returned there. A few large nail will help in tying up tent where time and extra rope are valuable. First place all material other than tent in a position where fire is to be built as it is then out of the road for setting up tent or firewood pile. As soon as the tent is up one prepares the floor and one gathers wood. It is important that the fire wood is in first thing before dark sets in. By now the tent floor was prepared and we soon had the equipment and sleeping bags placed in the tent. After all initial tasks were accomplished we started the fire and put some tea water on. It is very important that the general duties of camp are preformed before fire is started particularly when a large group is along as it interferes with the acts of hardship that one is used to. A fire is death to a working spirit. A prepared lunch is brought for supper. Just before eating we put in our dish water pan for washing again after supper. A candle was used during early part of fire when we desired a continuous ~~for~~ light. The fire soon was in good order and we did not have use for candle. The rest of the water not used for tea was used for the boiling of rice & raisins as we sat around the fire after supper. This preparation of food was for tomorrow morning but cooked while we had time and good fire. Dried apricots also cooked. Washed