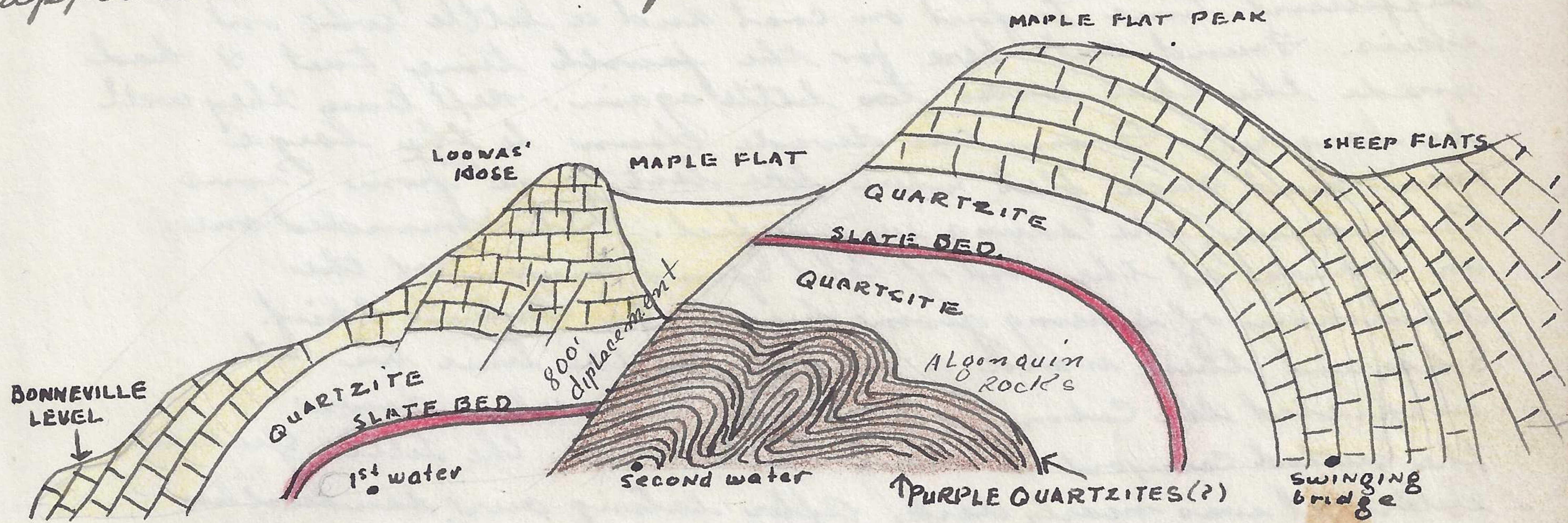


1/29/38. T. Beneford called at home at 8:45 to ³⁸⁰¹²⁹⁻¹⁴ arrange for a hike. Decided to leave at 9:30 with the intention of making the round trip up State and down Rock. Arrived at mouth of canyon about 9:45 and soon well on way. Had trail already broken to first right hand fork so were able to walk upon the surface. On way observed again the familiar structure at mouth of canyon. Structurally it appears to me to be as follows:



It appears to be a sluffing off on the west of the anticline that dominates the entire front range. The slate beds outcrop at the mouth of the canyon and can be traced to first water. It reappears far above the level of the canyon on the level of maple flat. Again near switch back of trail up canyon it reappears as a vertical bed on the overturned side. The sequence of bed remains the same wherever observed. Had orange and emergency rations at swinging bridge, bar at first left hand fork and then hit the trail with skis. A crisscross of buckskin beneath ski sock increases the friction of contact between snow and sock. The trail up slate to the divide of Cold Spring seems to me can be made under any kind of snow condition, not as steep as it would appear. However is a treacherous spot to be in if a snow slide should ever start off Grove Peak ridge. On the side hill where the three mines are located is an unusual heavy & thick growth of mt. Laurel. At this time of year the foliage was free from deep snow and appeared to be quite green in color. It has a north side hill exposure while on the south side of the same canyon there appeared to be a decided lack of this plant. Also at this point the buds of the willow were already in catkins and the aspen bud with a recent resinous covered at the points of opening. This area no doubt receives its share of blasting winds but its south exposure and open cliff area to the west no doubt has its warming effects upon the plant life. The Cabin just below the divide of Cold Spring Canyon and our canyon has been remodelled. Upon the old log structure is placed a new roof and a new door & window fitted in the