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Snow surveys! In the West, where we have more land than we have water for, it is very important to know how much snow is stored in the mountains, since it will later feed the streams for irrigation and power. If the amounts are normal, then the farmers will plant all they can; if below, then they will plant less, thus saving labor and seed. To determine the amount of snow stored in the watersheds, snow surveyors explore the snow fields, using snowshoes and skis, and measure the water content of the snow by weighing samples. They can then estimate to within 5 or 10 per cent. the probable run-off in acre-feet of water between April and July.