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Winter's gift to spring! The legacy of winter is an accumulation of old snow that has done good service in protecting as a blanket the winter wheat crop, and now is to do further service, especially when lying at higher levels, in furnishing water for power and irrigation purposes. The old snow is compacted and is about one-half water; that is, ten inches when melted would amount to about five inches of water. About this time of the year snow surveys are made so that power and irrigation engineers may tell how much water is available. This is done by carefully weighing samples of snow at various places in a watershed, and from these determining the amount compared with other years.

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