

peak, the higher of the two, and the cairn which we built was well seen from the trail to Lake Agnes. We accomplished our descent to camp without difficulty, arriving at four o'clock, a total time of nine hours. The time could easily be shortened to six.

Next morning I called W. and F. at 4.30 A. M., and in an hour we were ready to start for a trial upon Mount Temple. In ascending Sentinel Pass we kept to the left, as before, and after cutting steps up the ice slope reached the bad rock slope, of which I have spoken. We were longer upon this than upon any other portion of equal length upon the whole mountain, and when we reached the top of the pass, the possibility of three or four thousand feet more of such slopes was far from reassuring. The last three hundred feet occupied us over an hour, for we made but little progress in the slippery stuff.

After a rest of a few moments we began a gradual ascent from the col on the east side of the arete, and proceeding up a wide gully set with a series of ledges, we were soon upon the sloping mountain side, among a great number of low buttresses or columns obstructing the view while near, and all looking alike at a distance. It was extremely difficult, therefore, to follow the route that I had outlined from the Minnestimma Lakes. At length, however, we came upon a level with the top, the first or lower of the two cliffs or "steps" seen in profile from the camp. Leaving now the steeper ledges by which we had turned this cliff, we ascended diagonally upward to the right along an easy slope of smooth rock partially covered by a stratum of slippery scree, reaching the foot of the hard quartzite cliffs or stratification, which forms a continuation of the second or higher of the two "steps" above mentioned. The surmounting of this stratification was the doubtful point of the ascent, for the cliffs were steep and the ledges few, and it would be necessary to try one of the water courses or steep gullies. After skirting the base of these cliffs for a considerable distance, and finding no gully sufficiently attractive, we finally chose one that led us to within about twenty feet of the desired level. We left it here and by a series of maneuvers along the ledges to the right succeeded in gaining the easy slope above.

At this point a suggestion was made by F. that we continue up the east side of the arete, which looked about as good as the west side had done from camp. W. was in favor of the west side, in which view I finally concurred, and we immediately ascended a small snowfield and crossed the sharp ridge, marking the spot in order to recognize it on our returning. And now for the first time since leaving Sentinel Pass we looked down upon our camp and the Wastach Valley.