

THE MOUNT VERNON ARGUS

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Water Reaches Rim of Skagit River

High wind coupled with a heavy rainfall, caused the Skagit river to rise in wrath Monday and Tuesday, reaching a stage early yesterday morning that caused some anxiety along its course but no great damage was done. The river started to recede yesterday. The stream nearly reached the flood stage of 23 feet in 1921.

A break in the dike on Fisher's slough south of Conway caused the water to back up toward that town and over the Pacific highway. Traffic however, was not impeded. Another break at Dry Slough caused the water to start over Fir island but not to any great depth.

The outer dike near Burlington broke early yesterday morning and would have gone through the secondary dike but for the quick action of the residents in that neighborhood near Dr. Cleveland's farm.

Reports from Hamilton state that 400 feet of the Sedro-Woolley-Rockport highway and the Great Northern railway right-of-way had been carried away into the Skagit river by a landslide west of Sauk. The house of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkins of Sauk was reported to have been swept away. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins were in Concrete. The bridge leading to the Lyman ferry also was reported to have been washed out.

This is the first time, according to old residents of Mount Vernon, that the flood stage has been reached by the Skagit in the month of February.