

## HIGH WATER IN SKAGIT COUNTY

### Heavy Rains and Warm Winds Again Send Stream To the Flood Stage

Skagit county is recovering from an attack by high water followed by an extreme cold wave which struck here Monday afternoon sending the thermometer down to around the zero mark. A slide which wrecked an interurban car between Bellingham and Mount Vernon Monday morning and which also tore out paving on the Pacific Highway and a section of the G. N. tracks also tied up the light and power lines causing much inconvenience here Monday and Tuesday.

Heavy rains and warm winds caused the Skagit to rise rapidly Friday and Saturday, the stream reaching the 20-foot mark at the old gauge across the river from the Mission theatre. With the sudden drop in temperature however, the stream began to go down. Dry Slough southwest of Mount Vernon was unable to hold the flood and the water soon covered the farming district of Fir island with from one to two feet of water. Water also backed across the pavement between Mount Vernon and Conway and south of Milltown. Traffic, however, was not interrupted.

Farms near Alger and Belfast north of Mount Vernon are covered with water which overflowed from the Samish river and Friday creek. Some damage was done to several bridges.

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The Puget Sound Power & Light companies' line to Skagit county was down the latter part of last week and the fore part of this week due to the heavy winds and snow in Canada. For a time Mount Vernon secured light and power from the plant at Concrete but this was shut off Tuesday morning and the Mount Vernon officials then appealed to the Superior Portland Cement company and Tuesday afternoon this company shut down its plant in order that Mount Vernon might be supplied with light and power.

The lack of power endangered the water supply of this city as it was impossible to operate the pumps from the river and for this reason the cement company came to Mount Vernon's rescue.

The Puget Sound Power company on Tuesday night put through a line to its Stave Lake Plant in British Columbia and Skagit county is now being supplied with light and power.