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RECORD RAINFALL DOES GREAT DAMAGE IN COUNTY

The heavy rains which have been almost continuous from September 10 until Thursday this week have broken all rainfall records for the county for this season of the year, and have caused great damage to crops in Skagit and Whatcom counties. It is estimated that the damage to oats, potatoes and late fruits in the two counties will exceed half a million dollars. Only about 30 percent of the oat crop had been threshed when the rains began, and it is believed that the greater part of the remainder is now practically a total loss. In many places in the lower valley hundreds of acres of standing grain have been flooded and have been under water for weeks.

The Skagit River has been at almost flood stage for several weeks, but no direct damage from the high water has been reported. Near Mount Vernon some of the dikes were threatened for a few days the first of the week when several small breaks occurred, but the dikes were repaired before any damage was done. The river has been falling rapidly for the past few days, and it is believed that all danger of flood damage is over for the present. The rain has now stopped, for the present at least, and Skagit county residents are hoping for some weeks of the usual fall weather.

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