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SKAGIT VALLEY IS RECOVERING FROM EFFECTS OF FLOOD

RAILROAD IS NOW OPEN FROM HERE TO BURLINGTON—EAST END OF COUNTY IS WITHOUT MAIL SERVICE YET

The Skagit valley is slowly recovering from the effects of the big flood of last week, and as far as Concrete is concerned, conditions are now about back to normal again. During the first part of the week only a small part of the mail came through and that very irregularly, as the railroad was closed and the county roads were in such condition that stages could not operate on a regular schedule. The freezing weather helped the roads and by Wednesday the stages were making their regular trips. The railroad was opened between this city and Burlington Wednesday and the passenger train made its first run over the road, and in the evening brought to Concrete about two tons of mail that had accumulated in Sedro-Woolley and Burlington. Another load of about the same size came in Thursday night, and it is now believed that all of the back mail has been cleaned up. An enormous quantity of express had also piled up in the down-river cities and the greater part of this was also brought up Wednesday and Thursday.

The railroad is still out of commission between here and Rockport and the up-river communities are without mail and railroad service. Travelers from those districts are coming here by auto and take the train of stage for lower valley points, but they have been practically without mail since the flood. It is reported that the railroad east from here will be repaired at once, and it is likely that

Rockport will have train service some time next week.

Trains have been running on the coast line since last Saturday, when the Northern Pacific was opened from Sedro-Woolley to Seattle and the line of the Great Northern opened from Burlington to Vancouver, B.C. the trains on both lines detouring at Sedro-Woolley. The Great Northern was opened from Burlington to Seattle Thursday. The track on the Anacortes branch was washed out in many places and it is reported that towns on that branch are still without any railroad service.