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Rains Bring High River

Heavy rains Wednesday and all night long stopped abruptly this morning, then the weather changed to a chinook wind. Old timers immediately began drawing a parallel with past November floods and are predicting that this November will be another one for the books. The Skagit began rising during the night and by 1:00 today the guage at the Dalles read 31.55 and still rising. The water reached a high point of 35.7 last week before receding.

The soggy ground, unable to hold any more of the torrent poured on it the past twenty-four hours, began to give way this morning. A slide near Newhalem blocked that highway. Another at Van Horn on the rise to the Faber hill came close to blocking the road. Other small slides are reported all up and down the valley.

All creeks are flooding.. Jackman Creek at Van Horn rising fast and at noon today almost ready to flood the flat below the highway and railroad bridge.

The county road to Darrington is closed due to a washout of the highway at Rinker Creek. The road down the south side of the Skagit from the Dalles was also closed by high water.

Traffic to Sedro-Woolley was being limited to the few adventurous souls who wished to drive their cars through water and a dangerous fill along the detour road.

In the lower valley dikes are being patrolled constantly in fear of softening due to the continued high water and rain. A crest higher than that of last week is expected in Mount Vernon, barring any unforeseen changes in weather that might add further water to the already past flood stage Skagit.

All dams in the valley have been holding back all water possible, but now can only wait until the river flow drops enough to permit timed use of top gates to ease the strain on the main flow below Concrete.