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HIGH WATER ON SKAGIT RIVER BREAK ALL PAST RECORDS

Fairhaven Avenue Flooded With a Foot and a Half of Water
River Raises Twenty-four Feet Above Low Water Mark
Mark—Above all Past Records

¹Some among the oldest settlers of Skagit County are found to make the statement that never before have they seen the river rise to the marks reached during the flood, which came during the first part of the present week.

Monday noon marked a . . . in the . . . Southeast grid which had continued unchangingly strong and hard for forty eight hours.

The Skagit was overflowing its banks, all of which gave the notice to those of premium experience that for at least eighteen hours the water would continue to rise rapidly, and that there would . . . along the barriers of the famous old river.

At about 10 o'clock Monday night, W.H. Joyce who lives just east of town, gave the alarm by phone, announcing that the water had broken over the county road east of the Jewell place and was running down the big slough towards the east part of town which is quite timely settled. In a short time the . . . and the railroad trestles were swarming with people who were

moving to the low lands to warn the people there of their danger. However, notwithstanding this early alarm many were caught like rats in a trap.

When the alarm came the writers who among the first to go down to the trestle bridge south of town and spread the alarm . . . Arriving at the bridge we found Messrs. Badley, Hannain and Stone who were yelling and warning their neighbors to get out.

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Down at the east end of Fairhaven avenue the current was very swift and the bridge went out . . . leaving some forty people shut out in this lowest land and in a swift current of water.

Next morning a boat was built at the Hurpet (sic) mill by W. T. Choucaflatt (sic) and others after a car load of boats came from Anacortes shortly after daylight.

This was a swift current in the big Skagit but with the heroic effort of good men the following families were brought to safety: . . . this was not until after daylight Tuesday morning.

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¹ Portions of this article were unreadable and those portions are represented by . . . inserts. This is the only article located on this flood event. Due to the condition of this article its transcription cannot be relied on to be absolutely accurate.

Thursday was a great day in Burlington and many talked of camping on the heights Tuesday night, but the change came about noon, the water went down rapidly and Burlington has perhaps received less damage than any other town on the Skagit.

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While the East Mt. Vernon dyke held good, a snapshot from the auction building on the hill at Mt. Vernon shows a sea of water from Mt. Vernon to LaConner. Much damage was done in West Mt. Vernon and the hundreds shut in. LaConner was underwater as well as the entire flats from LaConner to Bayview and Mt. Vernon.

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