

## FLOOD DANGER IS NOT FEARED IN THIS CITY

That Mount Vernon and its surrounding community is in no immediate danger of floods from the Skagit river was the information learned today in the county engineer's office, which keeps an accurate check of the height of the river. While other streams in the state have been rising steadily and overflowing at many points the Skagit has been steadily falling. However, this condition will be changed within the next twenty-four hours when a rise of about six feet is predicted as a result of the heavy winds of the last day.

The river gauge stood at 7.2 feet this morning, which is about seven inches lower than it was on Saturday. Since last Tuesday, January 12, the river has fallen 7.1 feet, the gauge having read 14.3 on the morning of that date.

A flood condition is not prevalent, it was learned, until the river rises to a point of 20 feet or more. The Skagit has not been near that point since June, 1931, when it rose to 18.7 feet. In May the river height was around fifteen feet and sixteen feet on several occasions, and in January, a year ago, the river rose to 20 feet in one day.

While the river was at a new low this morning for the last several weeks, it will begin rising steadily for the next several hours and by late Tuesday evening will be from six to eight feet higher it was declared. No alarm is felt, however, unless a rise of fifteen or more feet should occur and the height of the river will then be termed as "dangerous."

The following Associated Press dispatch tells of weather conditions in various sections of the state:

Winter's hold appeared broken throughout Washington today as climbing temperatures brought rain and melted much of the snow of last week, threatening to send streams out of their banks again.

Along Puget Sound and the coast, rain fell most of yesterday and last night, Seattle registering its greatest 24-hour period fall of the month, 1.08 inches. Snow was washed from most of western Washington, except in the mountain areas.

Weather bureau officials in Seattle said they did not anticipate any great floods from the present thaw and rain, as, due to the cold

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The streams may rise and even overflow, they said, but probably will not reach a serious flood stage. Storm warnings continued to fly along the coast.

Longview, with 2.17 inches in two days and a half, saw the heavy snow of last week disappear. The rain was driven in from the south by a heavy gale. A slide on the Pacific highway, caused by the heavy rain, delayed traffic near Castle Rock last night, the road being half covered.

East of the mountains both Yakima and Spokane reported higher temperatures. At Yakima the thermometer registered 25 above, the warmest for several days. The official weather prediction was for more snow or rain with the odds slightly in favor of rain. Yakima streets have been snow covered for 56 days and residents there were hoping for a thaw.

Although it snowed off and on all day yesterday in Spokane, the temperature reached 36 degrees above zero, the warmest in several days. Rain started to fall about last midnight and today the streets were covered with slush.