

# THE COURIER-TIMES

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## Three Skagit Cities Have Flood Scares; Danger Past

The present flood danger is Skagit county is now ended, but three cities, Mount Vernon, Burlington and Sedro-Woolley, had some bad moments. Sedro-Woolley was not threatened so much by the river as by high water from the hills north of town, which for two days surrounded several hundred homes and would have flooded the city, but for blasting out the old grade road in the middle of the night.

The fill south of town was threatened the latter part of the week. City officials, including Mayor Jones, worked for hours Friday night placing sand bags along the south end of the fill, and managed to keep it from being washed away.

Saturday night was the flood crisis in Burlington and Mount Vernon. At Burlington Saturday afternoon, the siren sounded an alarm to bring more help on the dike northeast of town. This time the dike held and it was thought the danger was past. However, a real break occurred Saturday evening and Burlington citizens prepared to move out. Merchants placed their goods on tables and otherwise prepared for high water. The flood reached the Burlington hospital, but the fact that the river was receding at the time, prevented any inundation. The creek just east of Burlington washed away part of the road. The big break on the dike near the old Cleveland place, took away a large stretch of highway.

At Mount Vernon, a general call was sent out for help on Saturday night as the river was beyond flood level on the dikes, and a break meant flooding the lower city. However, the Mount Vernon dike held, and the river receded before any damage was done to Mount Vernon. Roads and bridges throughout the county were damaged and the commissioners are now surveying the loss. The river fell rapidly Saturday night and Sunday and the flood danger was over.