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HAMILTON REPORTS MUCH DAMAGE BY LAST WEEK'S FLOOD

LOSSES IN AND AROUND HAMILTON ARE REPORTED IN THE ITEMS SENT IN BY THE HERALD CORRESPONDENT

The following items of flood damages in and around Hamilton have been sent in by the Herald correspondent at that place:

Almost universal housecleaning has been the rule in Hamilton this week. Only a few houses in the main part of town escaped the muddy waters of the flood, which reached its highest point about midnight Monday. At one o'clock Tuesday morning the waters began to recede, and by nine o'clock all houses except a few on the exceptionally low ground were clear of water, but the mud remained.

The Steen ferry is entirely washed away. The flood about two months ago sunk the ferry boat and it had been raised and repaired and was just about ready to operate again Monday. The ferry poles and cable were carried away, and the ferry itself is somewhere along the Skagit or in the Pacific Ocean.

Rev. Mr. Hoy drove his car to Lyman Sunday morning to keep his appointment there, and tried to return home after the service but found the water too high to reach Hamilton. He could not get back to Lyman when he tried to do so, so he had to leave his car near the Lanway place, and it was nearly covered by the water.

A shed full of neatly piled ricks of wood floated to the side of the road near the Yungbluth Inn and collapsed.

Old residents here tell of three former

big floods in the history of the town, in 1897, 1909, and 1917, and it is said that this flood was one of the highest, though probably not quite as high as that of 1897.

The old road is entirely gone at Birdsvew, the bank of the river being now within a few feet of the old schoolhouse.

The ferry house at the Steen Ferry is just ready to topple into the river the bank having caved in almost to it.

The little schoolhouse across the river from Steen's is within a few feet of the new bank the river has carved for itself.

The current washed away the bank under the barn on the Fred Meins place and half of the barn broke off and floated away. Carl Hoover, tenant on the lace, also had five head of cattle drowned.

The Van Horn Shingle Company at Van Horn lost heavily. The shingle sheds were ruined, the filing room of the mill was carried away, and two dry kilns collapsed and the shingles which they contained floated away on the flood. Residents of the houses by the mill, including Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Ellison, took refuge in the mill, putting a stove in the filing room, stove and all, but the main part of the mill remained standing. Mr. Ellison telephoned to Hamilton every hour, giving reports on the rise of the water until the telephone line to his station across the river went out, then Mr. Shields reported from the Van Horn side of the river until the water rose

to the telephone and it had to be taken from the wall. These reports enabled the Hamilton people to estimate the rise here and to prepare for it.

Concrete reports seeing a house float by which was identified as being from the Abe Young place at Sauk. A barn full of hay also floated by there and a hog house with several hogs squealing their protests at their involuntary boat ride. An automobile was also seen floating down the river. It is said that this car was stalled near Sauk and the owner left it and went to Sauk for help, and could not get back to it again.

Among those who had chickens drowned were Mrs. W.D. Martin, who lost all but six out of a flock of about three dozen. Mrs. A. Stafford had but four left from a big flock, and Mrs. Blake Tate lost about a dozen. O. Bohland lost two fine calves. He put them in the upper part of the barn for safety, but they jumped down and were drowned. A number of people report the drowning of pet cats.