

# THE COURIER-TIMES

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## **High Water Floods Many Parts Of District; Railroad Stopped**

After several days of rain and chinnooks, the river in all parts of the district, went over their banks in many places on Tuesday. A stretch of some 150 feet of the Great Northern near Hamilton was washed out, and the town of Hamilton was cut off from everything but telephone communication Tuesday morning.

The bridge over the slough at Hamilton was washed out, and the bridge to the Lyman ferry at Lyman went down stream Tuesday. At the unprotected places on the river near the town of Hamilton and Lyman, big areas of land and trees were washed bodily into the river. In the Sterling district, families started moving out of danger Tuesday afternoon. The old road to Burlington was covered, and lowlands between Sedro-Woolley and the river were under water Tuesday afternoon.

The paved highway between Stanwood and Everett was rendered impassable Tuesday with four feet of water over the road at the Island school. The Nooksack, and all other streams to the north were reported out of their banks. Big areas of land in the Burlington and Sterling districts were under water Tuesday, and also in the upper valley. All sloughs along the Skagit river are covering the adjacent land, and the river is filled with drifting trees and debris. The river rose five feet Monday night.

Tuesday night the river rose several feet more, covering the road between the trestle and the river bridge south of this city, and large areas of land. By Wednesday morn-

ing the flood had reached its crest, and had receded from the road this side of the river. The Clear Lake road near the Eldred place was under some four feet of water and impassable. School children from the outlying districts were unable to reach school Wednesday.