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HEAVY RAINS CAUSE A RAGING SKAGIT

The heavy rains of the past two weeks have caused considerable inconvenience to people living along the Skagit river. It seemed that the high point of the raging Skagit had been reached Sunday morning when the debris dam and the Mount Vernon bridge went out, carrying a portion of the temporary trestles away. Part of the trestle went out on Saturday, thus putting the bridge out of commission and causing those who wished to get to Mount Vernon to go around by the Avon road and come in from the north.

The bridge was put in such shape that pedestrians were able to use it, and many farmers coming to town stopped their vehicles on the opposite side of the river and walked over into town.

The river dropped Sunday and Monday, but the heavy rains of Monday night brought the river up again. Heavy rains in the hills kept the stream up to a dangerous point and in many places the water covered the low lands.

Reports from various parts of the county show that rain fell in torrents Monday night and Tuesday and that all during the past week, considerable water fell in all sections of the northwest.

The heavy rains of Tuesday brought raging torrents of water down the old Skagit and for the first time in nine years the danger line was reached on Wednesday morning when a little over twenty-one feet of water was registered. The dike broke south of

town and considerable land was flooded. However, the standstill came about noon and by Thursday morning the water had fallen to the seventeen foot mark.