

High Water Hits Lyman

TEN FAMILIES ARE MAROONED

As an aftermath of the high water of the last few days, the upper Skagit people are experiencing much anxiety from possible danger of landslides.

This is particularly true of a small group of ten families, who are marooned on a small island across the river from Lyman, caused by the washing out of three bridges across the Skagit near Lyman, or their approaches.

Practically all communication with the outer world has been removed, except by cable. Through this means of transportation, provisions are carried across the swollen river each day while the families on the island send back milk and eggs by return cable.

With the Skagit river in its present turbulent condition, it is considered little less than folly to attempt to cross it by any boat or launch procurable by the islanders. Their condition is rendered more perilous through the small landslides which are occurring along the banks of the river in the vicinity of Lyman.

The Lyman bridge extending from that city to Day Creek, was carried away Tuesday night, while the two bridges across Alder creek are rendered useless for the present, owing to their approaches having been swept away.

For a time the bridge between Lyman and Hamilton was impassable but was repaired today so that light cars may pass over it.

Since last night, portions of land are caving away on the Lyman side of the Skagit and grave fears are entertained by the residents whose homes or stores are close to the river bank.

The five-room house of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stiles is now occupying a position in the center of the main street of the city. Landslides close to this building seemed to make it unsafe and it had just been moved away from near the brink today when a slide occurred which would have been disastrous had the building remained on its proper site.

Several of the smaller homes within ten to twelve feet of the river have been moved. Men are hauling spruce trees and laying them along the river to prevent caving in of the land near the school building, and steps to prevent loss are being taken by residents of Lyman.