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Heavy Rains Close Roads

The heaviest rainfall in the history of Sedro-Woolley, fell here Wednesday night, according to H. L. Devin, official government weather man here for 36 years. Between 6 p. m. Wednesday night and 9 a. m. Thursday morning there was a total of 2.25 inches of rainfall, which followed 1.83 inches Wednesday up to 6 p. m. The weather turned warmer Wednesday night, so that if a warm wind comes up, there is considerable danger of a flood. This morning all roads were open, with water much lower than Sunday. There was a slide at Minkler lake, which was cleared to let traffic through; and another slide reported above Concrete. The road to McMurray was closed by high water, but the Pacific highway to Seattle, was open. Hart's lost three heifers near the bridge Sunday and one man across the river lost several cords of stove wood, he had sawed.

Heavy rainfall during the past few days brought the river almost to flood levels, closed the road between here and Concrete, and caused sloughs to overflow in many places. Many roads were closed Sunday, including the Pacific high-

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way at Silvana, but cooler weather brought the water down. The river rose eleven feet Sunday, but at last reports, had gone down five or six feet, in spite of continued rain.

According to statistics of H. L. Devin, local government weather man, November is twice as wet as usual. October rainfall was 6.31 inches here as compared to the normal 4.8 inches and the November rainfall up to November 15, was 6.4 inches as compared to the normal of 6.74 inches for the entire month.

A total of nine hundredths of an inch of rain fell on the last three days, November 9, 10 and 11, and then on Saturday 1.88 inches came down, followed by .71 inch on Sunday, .39, Monday and .85 inch Tuesday. During the past two days, the warm wind of Sunday stopped and snow was falling in the hills, and the river lowered.