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No Water for Power; River Is Lowest in Many Years

This section is having the driest season it has known for many years. H. L. Devin, official weather statistician, says that the Skagit river is the lowest he has ever seen it in the month of November for the past 47 years. The water is as low now as it ordinarily is most Februarys, when everything is frozen in the mountains.

The water in the Baker river dam at Concrete, which generates electricity for Sedro-Woolley, is 75 feet low, and for the last six weeks it has been necessary for Sedro-Woolley to get power from the Shuffleton plant on Lake Washington. Here electricity is generated through steam by burning oil at the approximate expense

of \$100,000 a month. However, the water company reports there is plenty of water for domestic purposes.

There has been only one-fifth as much rainfall as usual for this month. Precipitation from November 1 to 24, inclusive, has been 1.34 inches, while the normal precipitation for this period is 6.74 inches.

October also was a dry month. The rainfall was 1.06 inches as compared to the normal of 4.80 inches. For the past month and three-quarters there has been only 2.40 inches of rainfall, while the normal for the same period would be 10.20 inches.