

MOUNT VERNON ARGUS.

December 3, 1909

RELIEF PARTY IS ORGANIZED

Isolated Homes In District May Need Help

LACK OF FUEL A PROBLEM

Homes Cut Off by the Flood May Need Food and Medicine But are Without Means of Reaching Town

A special meeting was held at the Commercial Club this morning to organize relief parties to go out into the flood stricken districts with provisions and medicine which may be required by some of the families without boats who were caught by the flood and are still unable to get out because of water in sloughs, ravines and gorges. Undoubtedly there are isolated cases like these that are in dire need of assistance, and the purpose of the meeting was to anticipate probable cases of actual distress like these, and take immediate steps to organize and send relief parties throughout the flood district to see if assistance is required.

A relief committee was appointed by President Moberg with power to act, comprised of Messrs. N. B. Hannay, N. J. Moldstad, Warren Shea, E. Branchflower, and Geo. E. Peck.

The flooded district was organized into three parts. The committee called for volunteers to cover the territory. The purpose was to send five men through the district north of the McLean road; five men into the territory south of the road and a party in a boat to the North Fork bridge to cover the country at that point. Among the volunteers were Dan Savidge, J. Foster, N. B. Hannay, Simon Johnson, Ed Barber, Doc

Miller, Joe Parker, E. Branchflower, Shell Elkins, Frank Pickering, E. E. Clayton, G. B. Grace, John Meehan, Arthur Perin and Warren Shea.

It was decided that it would be impracticable to cover the territory on horse back as the incipient ice and numerous "chuck" holes and intervening ravines of water would not only make traveling dangerous but in many places physically impossible. All of the volunteers, excepting the boat party, left at noon on their commendable mission of mercy.