SCUSS RIVER PROBLEMS HERE

Committees Meet with the Board of County Commissioners.

A delegation from the River Improvement committee, which was made up of Skagit County citizens last July, met with the board of county commissioners yesterday afternoon. The delegation asked that the board again include in the 1924 budget a 1-mill levy for river improvement purposes, but were told it was too late to include this in the budget for 1924.

H.L. Willis was spokesman for the committee and asked the board if it would be possible to include the 1-mill levy again this year. He stated in order to get any outside assistance it was necessary that they make some start toward creating a fund for river improvement and action. He also stated that the committee desired the board to hire an engineer to make the necessary plans for the improvement of the conditions.

Van Buren, chairman of the committee, said that the board had discussed the Skagit river question when the 1923 budget was being prepared but as the year was still about $20,000 in the red, the board decided there was no further action to be taken, as they had received no report of the work made by an engineer named Stewart. The commissioners told Stewart when the fund was created by the 1-mill levy.

Van Buren told the committee that it would be impossible to add to the budget at this time as it already had been advertised and that the hearing on the question of the bridge would be held Monday, October 1.

R. McKinstry, speaking for the city, told of an investigation by a committee from that city on the question of the bridge. The committee wished to urge action for Mount Vernon, and that the board of county commissioners should consider the business interests and civilizations of Mount Vernon. He added that the board had been advised by the bridge committee to make a thorough study of the bridge.