

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES RIVER HEARING IN MOUNT VERNON, NOV. 30

The War Department of the United States engineering office, through W. J. Barden, colonel of the engineering corps, located at Seattle, has issued a notice of public hearing to be held in Mount Vernon, at the Commercial club rooms, on Friday, November 30, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the Skagit river project will come up for discussion in all its phases.

According to the notice, all persons, taxpayers and farmers alike are invited to attend the meeting which will be held by the engineering department, and at which meeting views will be taken as to the methods of improving the river as directed by the river and harbor act of September 22, 1922, for the Skagit river.

The information especially desired by the engineering department, as contained in the special notice, calls for the following particular data and facts:

Character of improvements desired.

Names of vessels now using the waterway with draft and tonnage of each.

Amount and character of present commerce.

Amount and character of new com-

merce that it is expected would develop if the plan of improvement desired were carried out.

Land reclamation, protection from floods or any other special subjects so far as any plans therefore might be the improvement of navigation and so far as any plans therefore might be coordinated in a logical and proper manner with those for the improvement of navigation so as to lessen the cost of the latter and compensate the government for expenditures made in the interest of navigation.

Local cooperation that may be expected in carrying out any desired improvement.

The official notice urges that all information, intended for accuracy, should be submitted in writing. Oral evidence and data will be received just the same, however, and it is hoped that all persons who have anything to offer will be present.

The Commercial club river committee, the commissioners, the citizens' river committee and other organizations highly interested in the matter of improving the Skagit river should make it a point to attend the meeting as urged in the official notice.