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## WANTS UPPER SKAGIT RIVER BED CLEANED

River Not Navigable Except
During High Water
Season

Sedro-Woolley has a new industry in the manufacture of lime for agricultural purposes. This was revealed at last night's meeting of the Skagit County Chamber of Commerce held at Fredonia when Dave Donnelly and Dave McIntyre addressed the members. They told of the new industry and urged county support.

The matter of forming an agricultural council in the county was discussed with the result that a committee is to be named to study the plan and advance it if possible. The committee will confer with C. H. Bergstrom, county agent, and will work toward the formation of such a council.

A committee will also be selected to confer with officials of the power company with reference to the use of the Baker river dam for flood control of the Skagit river.

President John Brisky of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce read a letter which he received from Hugo Bauman of Rockport with reference to the condition of the Skagit river during low water. Bauman said it was impossible to navigate the river between Sedro-Woolley and Rockport during low water because of snags in the bed of the river. He urged that the matter be taken up with the government and that a snag boat be put to work, claiming that if the river is navigable the year round, the Rockport community would benefit as well as the county at large.

A committee will be named to act upon Mr. Bauman's suggestion.