

ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE TRIP?

H. L. Willis Urges Skagit County To Learn of Flood Control.

The trip to Tacoma next Friday and Saturday should be of interest to every man and woman in Skagit county. When in 1906 the whole volume of White River was turned into the Puyallup, trouble began for residents along the lower reaches of the Puyallup. In 1914 King and Pierce counties took up the job in earnest and in the next few years had the flood problem solved.

We in Skagit county are facing a similar but larger problem. For the past ten days the county has had an engineer from the U. S. Geological Survey at work on the upper Skagit near Concrete assembling data on the volume of last December's flood. The object is to determine how much water came down upon us last December. For it is evident that we could make no adequate plans for taking care of any flood unless we knew about how much water was to be taken care of. When this new data of our recent flood is secured, all the other data on the flow and flood of the Skagit River will be assembled from their various sources. The general plan then seems to be to place all this data in the hands of a competent engineer and ask him to submit a comprehensive plan for the control of our river. If it seems necessary this plan could be submitted to consulting engineers for their approval or rejection. When we get this far it will be up to the people of the county or the flooded area to determine what next shall be done. Then we shall have an authoritative, comprehensive plan under which not only we local people can work but which we can present with respect to the state or the U. S. government when we go to them for help. Let us never forget that we will get no help worth while from any source until we show that we are worthy of some help by beginning to help ourselves.

It is just here in making ourselves more intelligent and interested in river problems that this trip to Tacoma is of value. We want to see what they have done there; not necessarily that that will be what we want to do, but that we may more intelligently criticize, adopt or reject our own plan when we get it. For if a plan is ever put over, it will be because we people of Skagit county are behind it.

Every man or woman in Skagit county who is interested in the control of our Skagit river floods is not only invited but urged to go with this Skagit county delegation to Tacoma next Friday, December 1. Arrange groups of four or five in your various communities, share up the expense with the owner of the car, and leave some in time to reach the court house in Tacoma at four P. M. Friday, December 1. The court house can be easily found. It is about four or five blocks straight up the hill from the unfinished skeleton of the Scandinavian American Bank building. At 4 P. M. Mr. Roberts, chief engineer of the Puyallup project, will show the delegation the maps and pictures in his office in the court house and explain the work. The next forenoon he will show them the work on the river going upon one side of the river probably as far as the city of Puyallup and where crossing and coming down on the other side. If any one should fail to get to the court house Friday afternoon in time, he could join the party Saturday morning probably at about 10:30 at the Indian school bridge. This is the bridge on the Pacific Highway over the Puyallup River just east of Tacoma and will be the first step on the inspection of the river Saturday morning.

Let everyone remember that the only credentials he or she needs to become a delegate to this convention is interest in the control of the Skagit river. Come, and get ready to give old Skagit a wallop before he wallops us once too many. Any one desiring further information call up or see Mr. Fowler, Mount Vernon. Also we would like to get some idea of the approximate number of people going from this vicinity. Therefore any one planning to go will please call up Mr. Fowler and tell him the number in the

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