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SKAGIT RIVER FLOODS

With high water threatening the Skagit valley, the people again turn their attention to the river and flood damages. If a bad flood occurs during the next few days, there will be meetings and resolutions concerning getting flood relief and loss of many thousands of dollars to property and business; the water will go down and interest in flood relief will subside until the next flood comes along.

So far the most federal relief for the Skagit has consisted of surveys. As the river has a different channel each year, each survey shows different results. Years ago the county had a small tax for flood relief, but when there were no floods the people had the tax dropped, so there is no balance built up to use for flood control.

Hundreds of acres of land have been washed away by the river. From Sedro-Woolley up, many sloughs are threatening to become main channels and a lot of old timers think in time, the river may take out part of this city, unless some flood control work is done. Our river bridge is in terrible condition, with the bank going out near it and the piers needing protection.

We will think of flood control now, but when the danger is gone, we forget floods and turn to thoughts of more pleasant things, consoling ourselves with the idea that there probably will not be another one for many years. It may take a real catastrophe to get real flood relief for the Skagit.

One bad thing about the probable legalizing of beer in the near future, is the blow such a thing will be to the home industry. Big business will put scores of small beer parlors in homes in and near Sedro-Woolley, out of business.
