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## **FLOOD CONTROL OF THE SKAGIT RIVER TO BE DISCUSSED**

### **MEETING TO BE HELD AT MT. VERNON NEXT THURSDAY - MAIN PLAN IS TO FORM RIVER DISTRICT.**

A meeting of taxpayers owning land, which is subject to overflow, along the Skagit River has been called by H. L. Willis, chairman of the Skagit river improvement committee. The meeting will be held next Thursday, March 9, in the court house in Mount Vernon, starting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The meeting will be held under the direction of the committee, which was organized for the purpose of forming plans for controlling the flood waters of the Skagit.

The main plan of the committee is to organize a river improvement district under a law enacted by the legislature in 1911. This law allows such a district to buy or condemn land for straightening the channel of a river, to build dikes, locks and floodgates, and take any other action that may be necessary to control the flow of water. As the Skagit River is navigable, the acts of the district will be subject to the approval of the war department of the United States. The estimated acreage of the proposed district is around 70,000, and the cost of any improvement undertaken will be assessed against the land in the district in a similar manner to assessments in diking or drainage districts.

The Skagit river improvement committee held a conference in Seattle yesterday with Major General Goethals, who has been making survey for the Columbia basin project, and it is possible that he will be secured to make a survey of the Skagit river flood prevention project. Commissioners

Thompson and Nelson, and nearly all the members of the committee, attended the conference. It is expected that a detailed report of the conference will be made at the meeting in Mount Vernon Thursday.