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## **FLOOD CONTROL IS SPEAKERS SUBJECT AT C. C. MEETING**

### **COL. HANSEN SPEAKS ON NEED OF FLOOD CONTROL IN STATE - STUDY OF INITIATIVES URGED COMMISSIONER HAYTON**

The June meeting of the Skagit county Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday evening in Sedro-Woolley. Highlights of the evening were the subjects of flood control and a discussion of the numerous initiative measures now being circulated throughout the state. Flood control was advocated by Col. Hansen of Seattle, who is president of the state flood control council. He urged members of the local chamber to "set up on their hind legs and holler as loud as the farmers do in the Midwest," and stated that the only way the state could get action on the problem would be for every county affected to join in asking for government aid.

The Skagit River, he explained, has a flood plain because it is a filling river rather than a cutting one and at the present time it has a 1,200 foot fill - a job too big for the county to handle alone. The big argument of the government at present is that the Skagit is not sufficiently navigable to warrant federal assistance.

Col. Hansen stated that this argument could be overcome if enough people put in complaints to their congressman and he concluded his talk by saying that the good soil, good climate and fine place we have to live in should be worth making better by united action for flood control.