

THE COURIER-TIMES

AUGUST 18, 1938

Log Rafts Do Much Damage To Revetment

Action Must Be Taken To Protect Bush Bank Work

Damage estimated at \$10,000 has already been done to the revetment work along the Skagit river by the log rafts which are being towed down the river. The rafts have already ripped out some three hundred feet of revetment at Utopia, which if not repaired before the next freshet, will cause a lot more damage.

Iner Nelson, government engineer in charge of this \$500,000 Skagit river flood control and erosion project, and County Commissioner E. C. Carr, made an inspection tour this week and saw a log raft rip big chunks of revetment out, as the current swung the raft into the protected river bank.

Carr said today that something must be done to stop this, or huge damage would be caused to the revetment. His idea is to drive dolphins at each of the sharp curves where the log rafts threaten to swing into the river bank, and to fasten sheer booms to these dolphins, to keep the rafts from striking the revetment. The first question to determine is whether the state, county, federal government or loggers should pay for the considerable expense which will be incurred in installing these booms. Carr hopes to work out this problem in the near future, because immediate action is necessary if many more thousands of dollars' damage is not caused.

More damage is done during low water as at present, than at any other time. Carr said today that the new Skagit river erosion project of about \$300,000 has been approved by war department engineers and is now being given a final checking before obtaining final approval.