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FARMERS' MASS MEETING

The future of Skagit county may well be decided at the mass meeting of farmers to be held at the Sedro-Woolley city hall this Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Government engineers have pointed out the dangers to the entire county if farmland keeps washing down the Skagit river, and action by the farmers to form a district for raising a small tax for maintenance of the WPA revetment work will mean the immediate expenditure of \$425,000 on new bank protection work on every danger point on the river.

The proposed district will be similar to a diking district and will raise a small sum each year to keep a small crew of men busy inspecting the river bank protection work and repairing any small breaks before they become like the one at Utopia, where several hundred feet of revetment has been washed away. The county commissioners have promised to buy the required equipment to start the big new project if maintenance funds can be raised as no county funds are available.

Plans for protecting the river banks from damage by log tows are being worked out, as the county has offered to put in log booms. The Utopia district is in danger of being wiped out, and if this occurs, Sedro-Woolley, Burlington and Mount Vernon and hundreds of acres of land will be in danger of flooding. Utopia farmers, who started this movement, wish to impress the rest of the county with the need for immediate action. Every farmer in the county should attend this meeting, which will be addressed by the state officials in charge of flood control.
