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## THINGS TO BE DONE

After all, it might have been far worse. No irretrievable damage has been done. The thing to be done now is to clean up, begin the work of repair, and proceed as though nothing had happened. Skagit county has a glorious future and not even extraordinary misfortune can set it back for any length of time. The weak-kneed brothers will move out; those made of sterner stuff will stay and reap the rewards of grit and energy. It is no time for calamity howlers, and they should not be tolerated. Let them go their way; their places will be filled by better men.

No expense should be spared to put the roads and bridges in as good and better condition than they were in, before the freshet. If necessary, the taxpayers should not hesitate to bond the county for any needed sum, and no man who has the interests of his county at heart will balk at such a move. It is no time for hysterics or petty politics—calm judgment, definiteness of purpose and indefatigable and well directed energy must now be combined. (The above editorial appeared in the Dec. 4, 1909 issue of "The Herald-Recorder," Skagit county's official paper published at Hamilton, the week of the "big flood." H. J. Bratlie, owner and editor-in-chief, was Hamilton mayor, and handled an insurance business, "representing the C. E. Bingham line of reliable insurance" as it said in one of the two advertisements he carried in his paper. Mrs. Bessie Luton furnished the Courier-Times with this old paper.)