the discription of persons who have been there to cut timber, it appears to have a valley much resembling that of the Willopah. though narrower; the soil black and rich, and the ground covered with alder and vine maple; Should this prove practicable, as there is every reason to believe, a road would not only open up to settlement a tract of valuable country, but much shorten the distance between the mouth of the Columbia and the head of the bay. The tide is said to extend up the river about 20 miles to a fall of some 12 feet in height.

There is a bar at the mouth of Gray's river but the water inside is sufficient for large boats.

(A) The Indians formerly had many villages through this part of the country, one of which is said to have been on the Kimbia, or Deep river, just below the mouth of Gray's river where it forks to the Willopah, but since the almost entire extinction of the Coast tribes they have been dispersed and become obliterated.

The practicability of a good wagon trail from the Willopah to the Cowlitz road is sufficiently established. Its western terminus might be at Woodward's, about thirteen miles from the mouth of the river, to which point small steamboats could run at all seasons, ~~The Gray's river route also deserves and~~ immediate ~~success. The importance of both these roads to the Territory are almost~~ obvious to require comment. There

~~The course of the Chehalis river is so remarkable as to deserve a particular notice in reference to this part of the country. Heading about fifteen miles~~

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