No scientific exploration whatever has been made of this ~~coal field~~ region, nor even such an examination of ~~the the~~ ~~individual~~ particular ~~beds at Bellingham bay~~ ~~mines themselves~~ as to justify any opinion respecting their value. Such experiments as have been tried, indicate that for steaming purpose the quality of the coal is very good, but ~~how far~~ to what extent the ~~mines~~ beds can be worked is not settled. They appear on the edge of the water, most of them not above the high tides of winter. and it would ~~appear~~ seem that they dip slightly in shore as well as in a direction parallel to it. ~~How their value must depend upon the extent~~ ~~The appearance of the coal is very rich~~ ~~Coal of the same quality & in a workable seam~~ From the appearance of upturned edges of sandstone between high & low water mark, it ~~would seem~~ is conjectured that the ~~field~~ coal extends beneath the surface of the bay, and that ~~perhaps it may will be~~ ~~that~~ to the north of it, it will perhaps be found in place & in the natural position of the strata. ~~Coal of the same quality & in a workable seam was found by Mr H.A. Goldsborough & others on the Stoluchwamish, but at a point not easily accessible by water. It is~~ ~~Coal is also reported to~~ ~~It would appear that~~ The ~~sandstone~~ formation ~~which~~ commences at the Columbia river ~~of in which~~ where lignite or brown coal is found, ~~in~~ in thin seams and ~~small quantities~~ extends continuously northward to a great distance, the quality of the coal improving in that direction. ~~& no associated fossils~~

A ~~which appears again on the bowlity of Hookum Creek~~ ~~Attempts~~ were The first discoveries were made on the bowlity L'Hookum Creek. These were pronounced to be only lignite

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