upon the Stoluchwamish ~~rise~~ in workable seams but ~~too distant from water~~ not accessible to water transportation. The Coal at Bellingham Bay ~~will~~ It must be lightered on board of vessels, the water being shallow to a considerable distance from the shore.

The whole of this formation has been considered by geologists as tertiary & the coal as not belonging to the true coal measures. Be this as it may its value for economical purposes is unquestionable. Even that on the Cowlitz & Skookum Chuck, though inferior to the product of the Dwamish & Bellingham bay mines was abandoned only from its not being accessible to tide water.

A singular ~~fact~~ circumstance in connection with this subject has been noticed at the Southern end of Whidbey's Island. A crevice in the earth exists there from which smoke ~~or vapor~~ constantly ascends, arising undoubtedly from the burning of a bed of coal or lignite beneath. The day round its edge is said to be baked of a brick red. It has been burning since the ~~discovery of the~~ settlement of the country. ~~The smoke is said to escape in puffs~~

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