nion steamboats is a small settlement, containing a
thirdrous bay store house, tavern & a few dwelling houses.
It is situated on the right or west bank of the nion, & is backed
for some distance by low bottom ~~country~~ lands, similar
in character to that ~~[illegible]~~ on the east bank. A trail
has been cut from ~~that~~ this place to opposite the forks of the
Cowlitz, ~~along the west~~ but no advantage would be ob
tained in crossing the nion here, which would counter
vail the ~~disa~~ objection to traversing the low grounds.

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