yellow fir & cedar are of ~~a~~ very durable quality and ~~to~~ these ~~the~~ alone should be employed either for roads or bridges. Instances are not uncommon in the forests where ~~upon the trunks of~~ trees of two or three feet in diameter have ~~sprung up~~ grown up on the trunks of ~~fo~~ others which had fallen, and which still remain perfectly sound beneath the external or sap wood. Stone cannot be obtained on the line except in quantities & of a description of but little use. ~~Sawed lumber for a plank road~~ There are at present no sawmills ~~from which plank could be obtained at present upon the~~ sufficiently near to permit of transportation of plank, but ~~it is believed that~~ should it be considered desirable, to hold out ~~to offer~~ the inducement ~~to offer the inducement~~ ~~things~~ would ~~a~~ unquestionably be erected at suitable points, of which there are many. ~~The~~ Lumber of the proper description now brings at the ~~the spo~~ various mills on Puget's sound, $15 per thousand & it is believed that the offer of ~~a~~ contracts ~~at that price~~ for ~~a consid~~ the quantity required ~~for that~~ ~~on~~ to build that portion of the road between the Cowlitz landing & Fords prairie with plank would secure ~~the~~ immediate erections of mills capable of furnishing lumber at that price if not lower. Should this not be thought expedient, logs of ~~sufficient~~ proper size for corduroy roads & puncheons, or split plank can be had on the ground.

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