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A DREDGER NEEDED.

Just now that seagoing vessels have to cross shoals in the Coquille river, situated between Bandon and Coquille City, on high tide, owing to the silting up of millions of yards of the bar, that the steamer has been gradually filling up and more vessels running aground than before the closing of the water front by jetty.

When the mind begins to run one along these lines, to inquire the cause and to make comparisons of what has been noticed in regard to other streams a condition is laid bare that is based on facts and not merely on theory.

The citizens of the Coquille valley are vitally concerned in regard to the public and should give it their prompt attention. Not the least face of the present situation is that should be settled and be followed, but those of future generations to consider well.

It is a well known fact to citizens which are shallow and have filled here and there are always working away their banks and changing from side to side, but made navigable the least, and thus the river is closing. This can happen in the Coquille which has been navigable for years, is proposition that is to meet it.

The ongoing season has not the Umpqua and the Coquille rivers, but has been accompanied by a great amount of sand and gravel in the bottom of the river, which has filled up the channel. The result is that the tide water is thus kept out and the fresh water in other seasons of the year is thus prevented from flowing out to the sea. The result is that the water is stagnant and unhealthful, and is also a menace to navigation, as it is impossible to keep the channel open.

The jetty system has been adopted by the United States government on the Coquille river, and has been carried out in accordance with the plans of the engineers in charge of the work. The jetties have been built out into the ocean, and have been extended from time to time as the river has filled up. The jetties have been built out into the ocean, and have been extended from time to time as the river has filled up. The jetties have been built out into the ocean, and have been extended from time to time as the river has filled up.