

## A BOTTOMLESS PIT.

A STRANGE FORMATION IN ILLINOIS.

Just fifty miles out from Chicago and one mile this side of E. J. Lehnman's summer resort, Lake Villa, in Lake County, the Wisconsin Central trains all "slow up" until they move no faster than a man can walk. Then they turn to the west through a gap in the barbed wire fence and enter a farmer's pasture-land. They creep on through this for six or seven hundred feet in a most perilous way, and then get back on to their own regular track and resume their normal rate of speed.

The nearest approach to the bottomless pit which has been discovered heretofore thus far is at this place, and the Wisconsin Central trains, in order to avoid plunging into it, have to make a detour into the pasture to get around it. The road has been dumped with clay, stone and timber into that hole by the thousand carloads, and its officials are asking very anxiously why doesn't the hole fill up?

The Wisconsin Central was graded through Lake County about two years ago. At the bottomless pit there was a marsh something like half a mile wide. For about three hundred feet in the center or worst portion of it a low trestle work or pile bridge was constructed, and at either end of it a grade was secured by filling in with clay and gravel. The track was laid and the trains began running. Last fall in an evil moment, as it proved, the officials of the road decided to fill in the trestle-work with clay. Then the trouble began. They dumped in carload after carload, and seemed to make almost no progress. By putting in 350 yards of dirt a day from December 15th to June 10th the south 100 feet of the trestle-work was filled in in a pretty substantial manner, but the 200 feet remaining defied all efforts and grew worse daily until trains could no longer pass over it. For some time previously no locomotive was permitted to pass over it for fear it would sink out of sight, and accordingly the cars were drawn across with a cable.

About May 1st, although an enormous amount of material had been put into the hole, the roadbed had sunk so that when passenger coaches were drawn across the roof ends would come together. Then a side track was laid in the field west of the road line, and since that time all trains have had to go around the pit.

When the trestle-work was first built the piles were driven only about eight feet down. The contract called for forty feet, and a few were driven that deep, but it is said that the contractor, though paid for forty-foot piling, made a much easier and more profitable job of it. Hundreds of piles were driven down seventy-five to eighty-five feet until what was supposed to be hard pan was struck, and again and again the track was straightened up upon them. But the bottom dropped out again every night, and when the workmen appeared in the morning to put on the finishing touches the 200 feet of track looked as if it had been struck by a cyclone and earthquake combined. It persisted in getting into the shape of a letter "S" horizontally as well as vertically. Day after day and week after week was spent in trying to get that short stretch of track to stay in the place, and it only became worse.

Into that hole has been dumped over 1,000 carloads of clay, 1,000 carloads of stone, hundreds of cords of old railroad ties, all of the timber cleared from about six acres adjacent to the locality, and besides 500 or 600 piles have been driven in all the way from 20 to 85 feet. For three solid weeks 15 carloads per day of clay were dumped into a space spanned by twenty feet of track, and it has all gone—no one knows whither. As the track sunk, old ties were piled on and the rails laid over them. That process has been kept up until it is thought that the pile of old ties alone extends down forty feet. It is said that fully \$20,000 has been spent in trying to fill in the hole, and apparently is as far from being full now as it was when the first car load of clay was put in.

Alongside the track and in places extending beneath it are pools of slime mixed with water of about the color of ink. One can push a gas pipe down into the soft mud beneath for 47 feet without touching firm bottom. If a large stone be dropped in bubbles will rise for a long time and a foul stench comes up. The water is alive with huge poliwogs in all stages of development toward froghood. Mud turtles rising in size from a dollar to a dollar plate swim lazily about or sun themselves on the ends of protruding ties. Water snakes and garter snakes twist themselves in and out among the timbers or swim across the short stretches of water. Mosquitoes make life burdensome.

This bottomless bog is not only a source of great perplexity and expense to the railroad, but it is indirectly the cause of considerable danger. The sidetrack laid temporarily through the adjacent field is on very spongy and insecure soil, and as a train passes over it the track rises and falls like the waves of the sea. Under the locomotive the track goes down in places more than two feet. Two trains—one a passenger and one a freight, made the perilous trip through the field, while a *Daily News* reporter stood on the debris at the pit and watched them. They crept along like huge caterpillars, apparently bumping up their backs with a wavelike motion. The steel rails writhing vertically, like snakes,

and it seemed wonderful that the engine did not dive into the soft ground and vanish from sight.

"An engine will go through there one of these days," said the section boss. "It is sure to do it and will sink down out of sight in a minute. The engineer will have to hustle to get off in time to save himself."

Men are kept there day and night to give the track a careful inspection after the passage of every train and to repair any damage.

Some of the observers think that there is a communication with a subterranean channel by means of which everything put into the hole is carried away, but the fact that foul water rises and remains at the surface is against that theory. A plausible theory is that the basin is what is known as a "dead" lake. Within a radius of fifty miles there are now scores of lakes, ranging from one to ten miles in circumference. There are also many depressed portions of land which mark the sites of ancient lakes. Old Settlers say that the lakes are gradually filling up and that within their remembrance considerable progress in that direction has been made. They say that lakes which once were clear water are now thick with vegetable growth; that a sort of water moth grows at first and floats in summer and sinks in winter, gradually forming a mass and accumulating substance until a floating island results, and grass sprouts upon it and forms a sod.

The Wisconsin Central is thought to have found the deepest part of what is known as "dead" lake.—Chicago News.

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## LEGAL NOTICE.

In the Probate Court of the County of Salt Lake, Territory of Utah.

In the Matter of the Estate of Abraham W. Taylor, deceased.

Order to show cause why Order of Sale of Real Estate should not be made.

JABEZ W. TAYLOR, THE ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of Abraham W. Taylor, deceased, having filed his petition herein duly verified, praying for an order of sale of the real estate of said decedent, for the purposes therein set forth, it is therefore ordered by the Judge of said Court that all persons interested in the estate of said decedent, appear before the said Probate Court on Monday, the 1st day of August, 1887, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the court room of said Probate Court, at the County Court House, in the City and County of Salt Lake, Utah Territory, to show cause why an order should not be granted to the said administrator, to sell so much of the real estate of the said decedent at private sale as shall be necessary, and that a copy of this order be published at least four successive weeks in the DESERET WEEKLY NEWS, a newspaper printed and published in said City and County.

Dated June 22nd, 1887.  
ELLAS A. SMITH,  
Probate Judge.

TERRITORY OF UTAH,  
County of Salt Lake, ss.  
I, John C. Cutler, Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of real estate should not be made in the matter of the Estate of Abraham W. Taylor, deceased, as appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 22nd day of June, A. D. 1887.  
[Seal] JOHN C. CUTLER,  
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## LEGAL NOTICE.

In the Probate Court of the County of Salt Lake, Territory of Utah.

In the matter of the Estate of John McGuire, deceased.

Order appointing time and place for hearing Petition for Order to Sell Real Estate.

IT APPEARING TO THE HON. ELIAS A. SMITH, Judge of the said Court, by the petition of Annie McGuire, Administratrix of Estate of said deceased (herein filed, January 5th, 1887, praying for an order to sell real estate belonging to said estate) that it is necessary to sell the whole or some portion of the real estate and mining property for the purposes therein set forth.

It is hereby ordered: That all persons interested in said estate appear before the Probate Court of the County of Salt Lake, Territory of Utah, at the Court Room of said Court, in the Court House in Salt Lake City, on Monday, the 22nd day of August, A. D. 1887, at 11 o'clock a. m., then and there to show cause why an order should not be granted to the said administratrix to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceased as shall be necessary at public or private sale.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published at least four successive weeks in the DESERET SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS, a newspaper circulated in Salt Lake County before said 22nd day of August, A. D. 1887.

Dated July 9th, 1887.

ELLAS A. SMITH,  
Probate Judge.

Territory of Utah,  
County of Salt Lake, ss.

I, John C. Cutler, Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an order appointing time and place for hearing petition for order to sell Real Estate in the matter of the Estate of John McGuire, deceased, as appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, this 9th day of July, A. D. 1887.

JOHN C. CUTLER,  
Probate Clerk.

By H. S. CUTLER,  
Attorney.

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