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RIVER IS WASHING LAND AWAY RAPIDLY; THREATENS HIGHWAY

During the past month or two, more than an acre of land has been washed into the river, from the farm just west of the Northern Pacific railroad bridge south of town. The Blackmore gravel bunkers, about a quarter of a mile from the paved highway from the farm located at the bridge, is now cut off from the main road, as the entire road into the bunkers has fallen into the river.

The current seems to have swerved to the south, so that a big bend has been formed. As the land is composed largely of fine sand, it is being washed rapidly into the river, and if immediate action is not taken, several more acres will be washed into the stream in the near future.

Besides the washing away of this good farm land, the most serious menace is the dry bed of an old slough, which has been partially filled in, and is now exposed, or soon will be, to the full current of the river at high water. If the river is permitted to wash much more land away, the backwater will go up this slough at high water, and flood the pavement even worse than it is now at high water.

The county engineer and county commissioners have inspected the place, and believe immediate action should be taken, but so far nothing has been done. As the land which is being washed into the river is state land, an effort will be made to get State Land Commissioner Savidge to help. The county engineer believes that two or three wing dams to divert the current, would remedy the present conditions.