13 ~~has been thrown over it by the county~~ It is about 30 yards wide, with banks six or eight feet high, but not raised beyond the mark of the freshets. A bridge has been thrown across by the county, which is elevated ~~about~~ 15 feet ~~to~~ above ~~ordo~~ its ordinary stage, ~~as~~ aprons being extended out on either side - This is rendered necessary by the drift. ~~A raised causeway will be required here as well as the~~ ~~N. E. bridge~~ withstood the freshet of the winter of 1854. 55, ~~one~~ ~~of~~ the highest known since the settlement of the country, and will probably be sufficient for some years. Its cost was about 600 $ A raised causeway is needed to connect this with the more elevated land beyond. Very thorough examinations of the adjacent country ~~have been~~ were made ~~to~~ for a better route through this section, but the broken and irregular form of the hills, & the deep swamps which are ~~scattered~~ interposed ~~through~~ among them ~~& under~~ have compelled a return to this as the only one at all practicable. ~~It is believed that~~ The present appropriation will probably not more than cover the expense of a ~~thoroughly~~ good communication ~~from the~~ through it, and even if no other ~~is~~ should be hoped for, ~~the expenditure~~ of the whole would ~~will~~ be better applied if expended ~~here~~ here, than ~~if scattered~~ scattered ~~among other less difficult~~ along the route in merely improving what is passable.

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