

To-day a party of three have been to visit a veritable curiosity in the southeast corner of Griggs county. It is a small mud volcano, situated in the valley of the Sheyenne west of the river. The mound formed by the overflow of this mud spring, as it seems to be, is some ten feet high, and perhaps somewhere near twenty feet wide and forty or fifty in length. On the summit of this mound we found a pool of mud six or eight feet in length by one and a half to two or two and a half in breadth. We thrust the longest stick at hand into the soft, mortar like mud to the depth of six or seven feet without finding bottom. Stones and buffalo bones thrown in it went down nobody knows how far. It is said that some persons in the neighborhood have thrust a sixteen foot pole into it without finding bottom. It is also stated by residents in the neighborhood that in the winter it sometimes freezes over for a time, and then bursts out again and overflows. Mud of different consistency may be found over the top and down the slopes of the mound, in some places dried and corrugated by cracks. To those interested in natural curiosities it is worth going some distance to witness the strange phenomenon.

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