

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Circuit Court Judge Donald L. Resig of Ingham County has ordered the closing of the Milwaukee Road Railroad freight depot at Amasa and transferring the operation to the Channing depot some thirty miles to the east. The Michigan Public Service Commission had ruled less than two years ago, after examination of all the pros and cons that the station would stay in operation. The Milwaukee Road Railroad Company, unhappy with the decision of the Commission filed suit in the Ingham County Court for relief from the order to continue operations at the Amasa depot. Local officials, woodcutters, jobbers and related industries are concerned because of the recent closings of stations in Iron River and Crystal Falls with the abandonment of over fifty miles of mainline track. The Amasa station serves numerous jobbers including the American Can operation at the Triangle Spur and AGA Inc. and is open five days a week with Russell Willman of Crystal Falls as agent in charge. The tracks will not be abandoned but the depot closing is an effort to reduce overhead costs.