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Conditions that annually cost the people of the United States a half billion of dollars with no benefits whatever, if seen, should attract serious consideration, and arouse energetic action to change them. These costly conditions are the bad roads over which the things which the people of the United States yearly haul, at least four billion tons, to and from railway stations or navigable waters; whereas if these country roads were made as good as it is not only possible, but practicable to make them, this loss of six dollars per year, per capita would be saved and to a family of six persons the annual loss is \$36.

The figures in the above paragraph, or elsewhere in this article, are not random conjectures made to round periods, or to generate heat for hot air declamations, but have been patiently gathered from the US census reports, the circulars and reports and bulletins of the directors of Public Road Inquiries of the US Department of Agriculture and other official documents. If the Observer wished to treat its readers with a hot air editorial it could readily do so by writing about the war in Asia, high art in Italy, the beauties in the Sultan's harem or the cut of King Edward's coat, but it believing that the condition of country roads in Union county are of far more importance to its readers than any one or all of these more attractive subjects it is content to give, for the consideration of its readers a few prosaic, but nevertheless important facts, with the hope in a small way hastening the day when Union county will be as famous for its good roads as it now is for its big red apples, luscious cherries, fragrant strawberries, grain, sugar and lumber products.

Professor W C Lake of the Purdue University of Indiana in an article written for the US Agricultural Department printed for general distribution in circular No. 23 in answer to the question Will it pay farmers in dollars and cents to improve their public roads? In substance

**I. HARRIS
THE MEAT MAN**

Is still doing business at the old stand. Will be glad to see all his old customers as well as new ones. As good prime beef cattle is now scarce, I have on hand a fine selection of cured meats, hams breakfast bacon. About the fifteenth of May, I will have a fine assortment of young prime beef, which are now fattening. Do not forget that I now have as good fresh beef as there is on the market as well as fresh fish and poultry.
Prompt Delivery Phone

wrote after making inquiry in forty counties where the common roads are practically good, rendered so by recent improvement. First-The average increase of in selling price of land down to existing improved highways is \$6.48 per acre.

Second-The average increase per acre that would result from improving all the public roads in the county would be \$9 per acre.

Third-The estimated cost of converting the common public roads (in the county) into improved highways is \$1,146 per mile.

Fourth-The estimated average annual loss, per 100 acres, from poor roads is \$76 28.

In five years the loss from poor roads in Indiana would aggregate \$2,432 for each section of land or \$70 more than would construct two miles of good roads that would enhance the value of each section \$9 per acre and for the whole section of 360 acres the increased value would be \$3,760.

The annual loss of 500,000,000 from goods now practically faces upon the farmers, a sum sufficient to construct 33,233 miles of good roads each year.

It is to be hoped that Russia will at last realize that she is no match at this time for the loyal Japanese, who are fighting for existence. In years past the Russians have done as brave fighting as any nation but in this war outside of the War department there is little interest taken in the results by the masses and the best results can not be expected when over ninety per cent of the army has to be drafted.

A Positive Necessary

Having to lay upon my bed for 14 days from a severely bruised leg, I only found relief when I used a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. I can cheerfully recommend it as the best medicine for bruises ever sent to the afflicted. It has now become a positive necessary upon myself. D R Byrnes, Merchant, Droversville, Texas, 25c, 50c, \$1. Sold by Newlin Drug Co.

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There are many kinds of meat, but we sell only the best kind. A trial order will convince you of the truth of this statement. We kill only the best specimens and kill it correctly.

Our prices are as low as consistent with the best quality.

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Parties desiring pure bred poultry can secure eggs from the following well known breeds at \$1 per setting of three Bar Plymouth Bock, White Wyandott, Single Comb Brown Leghorn, and Silver Laced Wyddott.

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You can get as good for \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 a pair, and to match your dress, too, good as the price can buy in the U. S. right here at the Chicago Store

Hosiery

Nice fine, real lisle hose; plain, lace embroidered, ect., extra good for the price, at the Chicago Store.

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Lots of the newest and prettiest of turn-over collars, Stocks, etc. 15c to \$1.50 each. Also ready to use lace and tucked lawn Vests, Yoker, Etc. Or a shirt waist, a veil, a belt, a Petticoat or any such furnishing. There's one thing sure, the price will be right if it's to be had at the Chicago Store.

**All Shoes aren't
Alike!**



There's as much difference in shoes as there is in candy or cigars, or Panama hats. Unless you're an expert in shoe values - go the wise thing. And that is - buy Keith's Konquerors. They're as staple as

Lowney's candy, or a Mayville's Best or a Paul's Perfecto Cigar.

\$3.50 to \$5.00.



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