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A DISAGREEABLE LAND LORD

The Hon. R. B. Stone, Director of the U. S. Government's Road Inquiry in an official report said: "As to loss by bad roads, this office has learned, by consultations with many thousands of the most intelligent farmers of the country, that the expense of moving farm products and supplies averages, on all our country roads, 25 cents per ton per mile; whereas in the good road districts of this and other countries it is only about one-third of this amount. This extra expense amounts in the aggregate to more than the entire expenditure of the National Government, and taking into account all the hauling done on the public roads, the loss is equal to one-fourth of the home value of all the farm products of the United States."

His terse statement places the American farmer as tenant paying an annual rental of one-quarter of the crops grown on his farm to a very disagreeable landlord. Bad roads.

The size of our foreign trade will give a clue to the amount of a made of our country roads, for fully ninety per cent of the things that constitute it is hauled over country roads going to ports or railway stations enroute to foreign lands or from ports or railroad stations to consumers in this country. For the nine months ending with March 1900 our foreign trade was \$1,966,064 377 worth of stuffs, ninety per cent of which passed over country roads paying twenty-five cents per ton for each mile hauled thereon whereas if the roads had been good ones the cost per ton per mile would have been but eight and one-third cents per mile of haul over country roads.

Let us see how bad roads effect the wheat growers. For the nine months ending with March 1905 there were 1,016, 586 tons of products in wheat and flour exported from the United States all of which had to pass over country roads at a cost of 25 cents per ton per mile which made the amount paid for the amount exported aggregate \$254,145 for each mile it was hauled on country roads.

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

Had the roads been good ones the cost of hauling would have been but \$84,943. These figures show that bad roads, for the period under consideration, cost the wheat growers of the United States in the aggregate \$169,896 for each mile of road the amount exported was hauled over country roads in their present condition. It is an under estimate to say that the total of our wheat exports are hauled over country roads before reaching boat or rail car. But at an average haul of five miles, bad roads cost the wheat growers for the nine months under review \$849,480.

Walter Wellman states the Japanese have indicated they will demand an indemnity reaching close to a billion dollars. He says President Roosevelt considers this excessive and is seeking to induce the Japanese government to lower the figure. Mr Wellman generally gets close to the facts, and he may have secured them in this instance, but the policy of all concerned evidently is to keep everything secret until something is accomplished.

There has so far been no authoritative statement of the Russian losses in the battle of the Sea of Japan, but reports coming indicate they were greater than has been supposed. The Tokio correspondent of the London Telegraph puts them at 14,000 dead, and 4600 captured, while 3000 escaped. Another report coming from the headquarters of General Linévitch at Gunshu Pass gives the death list at between 9000 and 10,000 and the number of prisoners at 5000. It had not been supposed heretofore that the figures would go so high as those of either of these reports.

Notice to Water Consumers

Notice is hereby given to all water consumers that the hours for irrigation shall be as follows: from 5:30 o'clock p. m. to 7:30 o'clock p. m. Any and all persons found using water for irrigation purposes at other times other than herein specified will be fined according to the ordinances covering same.
H. O. GILMAN,
Water Superintendent for the city of La Grande.
Dated June 5, 1905

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And when we say reduced prices we mean exactly what the words imply. Excellent styles in India linens, silk, and Batiste, with white ground and colored dots and figures.

\$1.50 values,	now	\$1.15
2.00 "	"	1.50
2.50 "	"	1.85
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