

# BIG SACRIFICE SALE NOW ON

## At Fanger's Department Store.

### Good Roads A Vital Necessity

State Engineer of Minnesota, Takes Advanced Ground on This Subject.

As is well known, an axiom in business affairs is that the consumer pays the freight; to the cost of products is added the cost of transportation, and this cost is not borne by the producer, who simply adds it to the price to be realized at the market; nor by the middlemen, on whose books it is entered only as a factor in the cost; but we who purchase these products realize that we have paid not only a fair price for the product and a fair profit on the necessary investment, but also an additional and sometimes an exorbitant sum for the delivery of that product to our house or store. So we find that there are three parties interested to a greater or less extent in this proposition: The producer, who adds it to the cost of production; the middleman, who adds it to the selling price, getting his commission on such charges as part of the cost; and the consumer, who finally pays the entire bill.

According to the state census of 1905 we find that the urban population comprises 53 per cent of the whole population of the state, and on this portion of the population falls the greater cost

of increased transportation due to a defective system of highways. It has been shown that the average cost of transportation over the primary highways of the state is approximately twenty-five cents per ton per mile, which cost might be reduced fully one-half by an improved system of roads. It has been further shown that the consumption of native product hauled over our roads to consumers in this state amounts to over 2,500 tons daily, hauled on an average of ten miles.

This means an annual outlay at the cost of transportation alone of \$2,293,750. Now if one-half of this can be saved by improving our avenues of transportation we would have a fund of over 1 million dollars annually, which the urban part, or 53 per cent of the population, could afford to contribute annually for good roads.

To show the vast importance of this movement to the people I ask attention to a few statements of facts culled from the investigations made by those who have devoted many years in research along these lines. The average cost of transportation on our primary highways is twenty-five cents per ton per mile, and at that cost fully 95 per cent of the product of wheat twelve miles, from the field to the market, would cover the freightage from New York to Liverpool and back; but with this disadvantage that the wheat could only be moved on land when the roads were in good condition. It has been estimated that the farmers of Europe market their produce at one-third the cost that ob-

tains in this country, and they are able on most of the roads of France, Germany, England, and other European countries to avail themselves of the advantage of hauling maximum loads 365 days in the year.

So great is the burden laid upon the people of this country by a bad road system that the statement is now hardly doubted that the cost to our whole people for transportation by wagon is no less than 500 million dollars annually more than it would be had we such a system of highways as during the past fifty years has been constructed and maintained throughout Continental Europe.

It has often been said that the intelligence of a people may be measured by the excellence of their highways. We cannot subscribe to this principle. The rapid growth of our country, especially of the great West and of this state, during the past fifty years has defied our best efforts to keep pace with its development. Even among nations with hundreds of years of history to look upon, with their magnificent system of highways, no such advance has been made in their highway systems as this nation has experienced during the past fifty or twenty years. At the Paris road convention held last year the general opinion seemed to be that France, the nation of good roads, could teach us little or nothing new in road construction, and that the true secret of the excellence of foreign highways consisted not so much in their construction as

## Some Grocery Essentials

Unless you are careful your supply of groceries, plain and fancy is likely to run low. Look over your larder and see if there isn't something you need. Then come or phone us what you want, it will pay you, because of quality and promptness of delivery, no less than on account of prices. We are specially well stocked with a fine assortment of everything in our line. We give below a small list of staple and fancy groceries which you would do well to look over.

1 qt. bottle Hawkeye mixed pickles.....	20c	40 bars Haskins soap.....	\$1
Snider's salad dressing 1 pt bottle.....	25c	Fels Naptha soap per box.....	5c
1 qt jar pure fruit jam, assorted kinds.....	30c	Grandpa's Wonder Soap 3 bars for.....	25c
E. C. Corn Flakes 3 boxes for.....	25c	1 pint bottle bluing.....	10c
1 package Quaker Puffed Rice.....	10c	New Lima Beans, 3 lbs. for.....	25c
1 package Quaker Wheat Berries.....	10c	3 lbs. best Japanese rice.....	25c
Bulk crackers per lb.....	8c	4 lbs. best Scotch peas.....	25c
Brick or Limburger cheese, per lb.....	22c		

## A Piano Bargain

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in their admirable system of maintenance.

It would be difficult to invent or construct any piece of mechanism which on completion might be turned over to the operator with the assurance that it would run forever without further thought or care, but such a policy, unwise and expensive though it may be, seems to govern us in our road systems and we find a lamentable lack of authority in our laws for their proper care and maintenance.

We have learned that all civilized nations having a suitable highway system have obtained it through the cooperation and under the supervision of the government, and we have profited by this knowledge in applying the principle of state aid. We have also learned that their excellence is due to their methods of repair under government supervision, and it behooves us to be guided by their experience in this most essential part of the general plan.

### Notice to Creditors.

State of Nebraska, ss. In County Court, County of Cass, In the matter of the estate of Zerah Wilbur Cole, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the Administrator of said estate, before me, County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska, at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said County, on the 31st day of May, 1909, and on the 1st day of December, 1910, at 10 o'clock A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance.

Six months are allowed for the creditors of said deceased to present their claims, and one year for the Administrator to settle said estate, from the 31st day of May, 1909.

Witness my hand and seal of said County Court, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 30th day of April, 1909.

ALLEN J. BEESON,  
County Judge.

### Wanted:

One young man and one young woman. A movement is under way to organize a physical culture club in this city, to be conducted along clean-cut, high-class lines. It is especially designed for business men and professional people, whose duties prevent them from getting the necessary exercise to maintain and preserve their vitality at its best. The club will be open to all persons of good character who desire to improve their physical well-being.

To assist in the work of organization one young man and one young woman are needed (a married couple would do nicely.) Those of excellent character who would like to assist in this important work, with full remuneration for their time, are requested to write us at once. Please give your age, occupation and references. All communications will be held confidential. Write us now, please, and address as follows: Lock Box 454, Omaha, Neb.

### Advertised Letter List.

Remaining uncalled for in the post-office at Plattsmouth, Neb., May 10, 1909.

L. H. Brown, James Conn, George Davre, Geo. Halmes, J. J. Hoffman, Henry W. Loyd, L. J. Marquardt, M. D. Stewart, Miss Tillie Halmes, Miss Mary Hayes, Miss Kitty Jensen.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office May 24, 1909, if not delivered before. In calling for the above please say "advertised" giving date of list. C. H. SMITH, P. M.

Henry Pfeiffer, of the Pfeiffer Chemical Company of Philadelphia, was the guest of the Gering family the past week.

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