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## ROAD MAKING.

Subject of Good Roads a Potent One to Beltrami Settlers. The Best Way to Get Them.

With the return of spring comes the vexing nuisance of poor roads, stumps, ruts to the hubs, and deep puddles. In common with new territories, Beltrami has any amount of poor roads and large districts with practically no roads at all. Much has been accomplished in road building and much money spent. But there is an immediate need of better roads everywhere. How to get them is the perplexing question. The new settlers do not feel like going ahead and building new and permanent roads for later settlers to use without contributing their share. So, most communities are apt to lie idle and wait for a full settling up of vacant lands, 'Tis this which much retards the growth of a county, while if the roads were already there, the settling up would be a question soon answered. One of the plans suggested by the Good Roads League is worthy of study at the present time. On this line the new paper at Shevlin, the Graphic, furnished a very sensible article last week, which we reproduce in full:

There is no expenditure of money made by the farmers, business men and settlers of Beltrami county that will give so large a return as money expended on improving and making new roads. The crying need of the county at the present time is "more and better roads." Let every one take up the cry, until every nook and corner of this vast region, whose only set back in being rapidly settled up and developed is its lack of roads, will take up the refrain and never cease its clamor,—talking, working and voting—for good roads until they have attained their object and got them.

No country has a better natural foundation for good roads than this section of country, right here. The swamps and sloughs, with few exceptions, have good solid bottoms and need only to be filled and graded above the water line to make good substantial roads. If you ask the average settler why they do not go to work and build roads, his reply will be that so many are required, settlers are so few and their means so limited that they could never stand the expense. Then he will begin to lament because the business men, village corporations, county or state will not appropriate sufficient.

## FREE HOM'STEAD

Bill Was Defeated in the House In Spite of Cong. Eddy.

The Homestead Bill has been defeated in the house, much to the sorrow of the people and surprise of the author, Mr. Eddy, judging by his hopeful letter in last week's Bagley Independent:

Washington, D. C., Mar. 26, 1900  
Beng. F. Brown, Esq.  
Bagley, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 21st will say that of course no one can be absolutely certain about future legislation, but I think the Free Homestead Bill is now in better shape than it has ever been before and I hope and believe that it will pass the house in the near future. I have no fear for it when it reaches the Senate as it has passed that body several times.

The ceded agricultural towns on the White Earth Reservation can be opened for settlement at any time by proclamation of the president, and Senator Nelson and myself have had the matter up before the President and urged him that this land be immediately opened.

FRANK M. EDDY.

## WORK IS ACTIVE

In the Improvement Line In Bemidji, with Good Prospects of A Building Boom.

There were all-knowing people who last summer prophesied that this summer would be a dull season in the building line. They are doomed to continual disappointment. Prospects were never brighter for an industrial summer. So anxious are many to put up business buildings and dwellings that they cannot wait for the frost to get out of the ground.

Silver Bros. and Thos Bailey are putting up a large building on Second street, opposite the Concert hall. It will be 40x24 feet with an additional shed of the same size. This firm will handle a big line of all kinds of agricultural implements, wagons and buggies. The development of the agricultural resources of the county, makes this a very promising enterprise and they intend to boom Bemidji as the center for farmers' supplies.

The old postoffice building is being remodeled and enlarged for the use of A. T. Wheelock, as his increasing trade makes larger quarters necessary. The building now occupied by him will soon be in the hands of carpenters also, as we mentioned last week.

The Kelliher building on Minnesota avenue has been finished throughout and has been purchased by Ed Bancroft and H. F. Scott, two popular young Bemidji men, for the sum of \$3600. They will immediately use it for saloon and restaurant purposes. They paid a good price, but the location is a good one and their hustling abilities will prove the investment a profitable one.

Small buildings are going up all around town. There will be a large number of summer residences put along the lake shore district. The inquiries for business places bespeak a lot of building in that line soon.

Fine stationery for sale by Olson & Sutton.

Wheelock's is the only news depot. A full line of Magazines, Periodicals and Sheet Music. Will order anything you want that is not in stock. Also a full line of Fruits, Confectionery and Novelties.

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Go With the Crowd  
And Get Your Goods  
Where You Can  
**GET EVERYTHING.**

**WE HAVE IT.**

**McCuaig & Ludington**

## A Test For One Day Only!

I will sell the following articles on Monday, April 16th, only, at greatly reduced prices, to ascertain the true worth and circulation of Bemidji's Newspapers. You will have to cut out the coupon in this advertisement to secure any of these goods and hand it to the salesman. Take the Goods home; if not satisfactory ask for your money.

**COUPON**  
CUT THIS COUPON OUT AND BRING IT ALONG  
**BEMIDJI PIONEER**  
**BARNEY BURTON'S**  
NEWSPAPER CONTEST.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 4c The celebrated Kenosha     | 4c Men's white Handkerchiefs     | \$1.25 Men's Brown and        |
| 4c seamless Gents Hose sold   | 4c with pink and hue borders     | \$1.25 Black Stiff Hats in    |
| 4c elsewhere for 10c. As a    | 4c generally sold for 10c.       | \$1.25 late block, generally  |
| 4c newspaper test Monday      | 4c Newspaper test only, but      | \$1.25 sold at \$2 As news-   |
| 4c only, and but two pair to  | 4c two to a customer             | \$1.25 paper test Monday      |
| 4c a customer.                |                                  | \$1.25 April 16, but one to   |
|                               |                                  | \$1.25 a customer. Bring      |
|                               |                                  | \$1.25 coupon with you.       |
| 9c Men's Silk Finish guar-    | 63c Men's Jersey wool fleece     | 9c Men's Champion water       |
| 9c anteed seamless extra,     | 63c Shirts. Good value at 90c    | 9c proof cuffs. Manufactur-   |
| 9c spliced heel and toe Gents | 63c Test sales                   | 9c ed by the Fiberloid Co.    |
| 9c Hose, generally sold at 15 |                                  | 9c Test sale                  |
| 9c cents a pair, but one pair | 75c Men's all wool Sweaters      | 15c Harris & Co. and Pioneer  |
| 9c to a customer.             | 75c in maroon and black col-     | 15c make, 25c suspenders all  |
|                               | 75c ors with sailor collars      | 15c goat                      |
|                               | 75c would ordinarily sell at \$1 |                               |
| 25c Men's Randum natural      | 75c Test sale 75c, but one gar-  | 97c Men's Mocha Gloves        |
| 25c grey Undershirts and      | 75c ment to a customer.          | 97c in tan and black colors   |
| 25c Drawers. Test sale        |                                  | 97c generally sold at \$1.25. |
|                               |                                  | 97c Test sale 97c. Only       |
| 69c Men's natural all wool    | 4c Men's champion proof col-     | 97c one to a customer.        |
| 69c Undershirts and Draw-     | 4c lars, manufactured by the     |                               |
| 69c ers. Test sale            | 4c Fiberloid Co. Test sale       |                               |

Kindly remember not one of the above items can be had after Monday night at these prices. The articles will be sold on Monday only until they are all gone. I want to get a better knowledge of the influence of an advertisement in the Bemidji newspapers have and that does me the most good. I think I can get at it in this way. Kindly bring the above coupon along as a favor to yours most friendly and with appreciation.

**BARNEY BURTON**  
The One Price Clothier  
BEMIDJI, MINN.