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**FOR GOOD ROADS.**

Will anything be done this year in regard to the improvement of roads leading into the city, or are they to be left in their present condition? This proposition should be one of the first matters of importance taken up by the Commercial Club and see if a start cannot be made in this very important matter. The better the accommodations that can be given to the farmers for bringing their produce to town the more they will bring and every load of wood and produce marketed here means money for Bemidji and all who live here.

Good roads do more to build up a town and the surrounding country than anything that can be done. A few good roads, cut to the full legal width, along the section or other lines would enable one to look a few rods ahead and it would show that someone had been in the country before and that there was something more than Indian trails to follow.

A great deal of business that properly belongs to Bemidji now goes to outside towns because of the poor roads leading into our city. The merchants of those towns sell large bills of goods to homesteaders in all directions owing to the poor condition of our roads.

We hope to see some concerted action taken by someone who can and will push the matter at an early day.

The subject of irrigation is coming to the front in politics. Irrigation of a certain kind has always had a front place in politics—right under the nose.

If the Turks would kill all the Bulgarians and the Bulgarians would kill all the Turks, the cause of peace would be sanguinarily advanced.

Cod liver oil has been cornered. There is a large juvenile contingent that would contemplate with equanimity with the cornering of cod liver oil as well.

**BRUTALITY IN INSANE ASYLUM.**

Sensational Disclosures Regarding Kansas Institution.  
Topeka, Kan., May 9.—Sensational disclosures were made here yesterday in the investigation of affairs in the Kansas insane asylum. William Mason, a former attendant, said all the new patients were brought into a condition of docility by orders of the superiors. Mason said the patient was first taught to respect the attendants. In answer to a question Mason said the attendants in punishing patients used their fists, and if afraid of hurting their fists clubs were employed.

**GOOD BOTTLE FOR WHISKY MEN.**

Inventive Clergyman Has an Offer of a Million for His Device.  
Indianapolis, May 9.—Rev. James Stafford, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Hazleton, perfected a stopper to make bottles non-refillable several months ago and has since secured a patent on his invention. A patent medicine firm recently offered him \$100,000 for his patent, provided it would do what he claimed for it, but he refused the offer. Yesterday a whisky distiller of Lexington, Ky., made an offer of \$1,000,000 for the device, and the minister now has it under consideration.

**Officially Denied.**

Washington, May 8.—Adj. Gen. Corbin has received the following cablegram from London:  
"Newspaper reports of my criticism of American cavalry entirely untrue. Letter follows. —Baden-Powell."

**Hermit Is Shot.**

Lancaster, Pa., May 9.—Isaac Stigler, a farmer living in Rapho township was murdered, presumably for his money. For years Stigler has lived the life of a hermit. Neighbors heard a shot and found Stigler's body lying across the doorsill of his house, dead. His bag of money was gone.

**Irish Land Bill Passes.**

London, May 9.—The Irish land bill has passed its second reading in the house of commons by a vote of 413 to 26.

**IRON GRATING**

Stares Frank Cummings in the Face--Hearing This Morning.

Confesses to the Stealing of Sixty Watches at Blackduck-- Bound Over.

Jasper Dade, Clerk in the Merchants Hotel, is Acquitted.

The case of the State vs. Frank Cummings and Jasper Dade came up before Judge Achenbach this morning. Dade was acquitted, there being no evidence against him. Cummings, the self-confessed thief, waived examination and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury this fall. Mr. Dade's many friends at Blackduck are feeling highly elated over his acquittal.

**NEGRO FORCED TO QUIT JOB.**

Color Line Against Postoffice Employee Drawn Again.  
Washington, May 9.—The postoffice department has again run across the color line in the South and the colored rural free delivery carrier at Gallatin, Tenn., was yesterday held up by armed masked men and compelled to give up his job. The postoffice inspector at Nashville has wired the facts to the postmaster general. The inspector was instructed by wire to investigate the case and in the meantime suspend service on the route.

**Venezuela Honors Carnegie.**

New York, May 9.—Andrew Carnegie has been decorated with the Order of Bolivar, second class, as a benefactor to humanity, says a Herald dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela.

**Bonilla on Top.**

Panama, May 9.—A correspondent at Managua cables that the war in Honduras has been definitely terminated with triumph for Gen. Bonilla.

**Freight Trains Collide.**

Burlington, Vt., May 9.—Two heavily laden trains on the Central Vermont railroad collided at Milton, fifteen miles north of Burlington. The fireman was killed and three others injured.

**Leo Is Pleased.**

Rome, May 9.—Pope Leo yesterday received with much satisfaction the collection of presidential messages which had been forwarded to his holiness as presented by President Roosevelt.

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**CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP SALE**

**Saturday, May 9**

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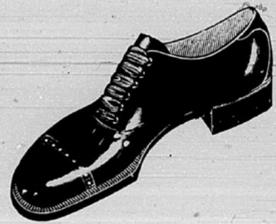
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Celebrated Ralston Health Shoes, worth \$4.00 for this sale only **\$3.00**



**Underwear.**

Men's mercerized silk underwear, worth 75c to \$1.00, now

**50c**

Genuine Jersey ribbed men's underwear, worth 50c, to close

**25c**

Fine balbriggan men's underwear, 35c, now at

**19c**

**Collars.**

An entire line of new collars in all the latest styles, worth 15c, sold at

**5c**

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Wilson Bros. imported men's sox in all the latest spring and summer creations, worth up to 50c

**19c**



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