

BINFORD

Its People, Its Wonderful Development and Rapid Growth, Business Enterprises and Great Opportunities

The thriving little town of BINFORD, situated on the North Pacific Railroad in Griggs County, North Dakota, from the outset made great promises to become an important commercial point, which would demand for it wide recognition among other towns in the country around as well as with the great masses constituting the patronizing public. Every promise has been fulfilled to the letter, and all who have been instrumental in bringing about this wonderful condition can feel justly proud of the success of their efforts. Being founded in the summer of 1879 for the purpose of providing the energetic farming community with a thoroughly satisfactory market and trading point conveniently located for them, it has grown wonderfully during its six and one-half years of existence until it has filled every wish and desire of its people and of the surrounding country, and has furnished a highly satisfactory market for grain and farm produce in addition to becoming a trading point where the best market affords can be obtained at "live and let live prices."

At the present time Binford contains—two general stores, two hardware stores, two hotels, one drug store, one physician, one bank, two churches, school house, one dress-making and millinery establishment, two lumber yards, brass band, five elevators, two livery barns, one blacksmith shop, one meat market, one barber shop, pool room, and confectionery store combined, one photograph studio, one contractor and builder, one dray line, one plasterer and brick-layers, two painters and paper-hangers, and last but not least, a commercial club, which is doing all in its power to advance the very best interests of the town at the least possible expense to all concerned.

Following is a business directory of the town, with facts concerning the development of each enterprise:

Knapp & Buchheit

This firm represents the business of the first general store Binford, which was started by Martin Knapp late of this place, and Anion Christianson of Cooperstown. The firm started with the town, and by close attention to business and the observance of good business principles they built up a good business, and prospered accordingly. In April 1903 Mr. Christianson disposed his interest in the business to Joseph Buchheit, and the firm name was changed to Knapp & Buchheit under which name it continues at the present time, altho Mr. Knapp is now deceased, his widow retaining his interest in the business. It is understood that a change in the firm is to be made in the near future, where Mrs. Knapp transfers her interests to other parties. In 1903 they erected a handsome store building which furnishes them ample room for their large stock. The firm carries a good stock of general merchandise including dry goods, groceries, clothing, furniture, etc., and are enjoying a liberal portion of the patronage in and around the town. The Pure Food Law does not effect this firm as they carry only pure groceries. Full measure and honest prices. Their goods are first class and the patronage warranted.

O. S. Gunderson & Co.

This enterprising firm is doing a large business and their customers are aware of the fact that they get a dollar's worth of goods for every one hundred cents expended at this store. The firm are successors to Wm. McKinney of Valley City, who started the business in the year 1901 with his brother, George McKinney as manager of the business. About the first of the following year Mr. George McKinney was succeeded by Mr. O. S. Gunderson as manager of the McKinney store, who served in that capacity until June 9th 1903, when he and Stephen Rorvig purchased the business from Mr. McKinney and formed a co-partnership under the firm name of O. S. Gunderson & Co. They then erected a new and commodious store building in which they are still located and are prepared to carry on an extensive business in their line. They carry a full and complete line of groceries, dry goods, clothing, furniture, etc., and are prepared at all times to order promptly and satisfactorily. During the month of January of the current year, Mr. Rorvig sold his interest in the business to Mr. Peter P. Idsvog of Cooperstown, and the firm name is the same as before. Mr. Gunderson is also postmaster. The groceries sold at this store are those that come directly under the requirements of the Pure Food Law of North Dakota, and the dress goods measure precisely 3 feet to the yard, and everything is exactly as represented, which makes the store a desirable one for the purchaser.

Gull River Lumber Company

Is the firm title of our pioneer lumber dealers, who have built up a fine business in the town by always aiming to carry the best in the line of lumber, cement, paper and all other kinds of building material. Mr. E. M. Jackson is their manager at present, and thru his courteous treatment and good business principles has won for the company a very large patronage.

Pratt Sisters

Our dress makers and milliners are Miss Ida Pratt and her sister, Mrs. F. D. Cannon, who started in business here in the spring of 1903. They are both very competent in their lines of work, and many beautiful hats and nicely made dresses bear testimony of the good class of work done at their parlors.

The Maurer Hotel

Is where the carver comes to Binford found food and shelter, a good cook and a genial host and hostess. H. J. Maurer is the proprietor of this famous hostelry, and his geniality together with the becoming grace and cheerfulness of Mrs. Maurer, have made this hotel the cheery home for all travelers.

West Hotel

Are the suggestive words covering a neat sign board projecting from the front of a comfortable hotel in Binford, which makes a dreamy resting place for the weary traveler and a fine eating house for the hungry wayfarer. H. O. Alm is the good natured landlord.

Dr. J. E. Truscott

Represents the medical profession in Binford, and as his is one of the highest positions to be attained, he has proven himself most admirably adapted to his calling. He is very much up-to-date in his methods, and is without question, one of the most successful practitioners in the state today. The doctor is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, from which school he graduated with high honors. In August 1902, Dr. and Mrs. Truscott located in our town and since that time he has acquired an extensive practice, and has met with such continued success that he has won the confidence of the entire community, and honorable recognition from the profession at large.

The Phenix Pharmacy

When it comes to drug stores Binford challenges all towns of its size as well as some larger ones, to show up a better one or one better equipped to meet the demands of the general trade or one that is supplied with a more competent pharmacist than the above-named pharmacy which is located in our town. The proprietors are George Lockett of Binford and Frank M. Wolfe of Fargo. They began business here in March 1905, and have prospered. No pains or expense has been spared in making this store a beauty in appearance and giving the town the drug store of which we are justly proud. Mr. Lockett is the pharmacist and is thoroughly qualified to practice his profession, he having taken a very thorough course in pharmacy, and had many years of valuable experience. There is nothing for the public to fear in giving this store a good patronage, for all the drugs and medicines are strictly pure and prescriptions are compounded with great care and unerring accuracy.

Ben E. Nelson

conducts the barber shop, pool room and confectionery store. If you want a shave or a haircut or even a shampoo for that old bald head, Ben has two men who are only too anxious to get a chance at you. If you are longing for someone to skin you at pool, don't tackle Ben for he is a poor stickler. He has the outfit tho, for those who can play. In confectionery he carries only the best, and he is also a base-ball crank. In a great many instances a pool-room in North Dakota is shunned by a great many people because of their fears as to the legitimacy of the business conducted within, and the fears are often well grounded, but we are glad to say that Ben E. Nelson's place of business is not a "blind pig," and from his place of business he has won for the company a very large patronage.

We Say what we Mean, and Do what

We Say

We Want to Show

Anything in our line that might interest you at this time

Such as
Harness and Harness Goods
Locks and Hinges
CUTLERY
Enamel Ware, Tinware,
Stock Food and Remedies,
Paints, Oils, Glass

and in fact
EVERYTHING
 that belongs to a well
Assorted Hardware Store

We Sell the
"HERO"
Fanning Mill
 which is the best that money can buy

Greenland, Pritz & Co.

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condition it is safe to say that he was "loaded" when he entered.

Crane-Johnson Company

Who have a yard at this point, started in business here in the spring of 1905, and are among the most prosperous of our business concerns. Mr. Ole S. Helgeland is their genial agent and is always ready to serve customers promptly. Their material is of a high standard, and a good business is the result of their efforts here. Lumber and all kinds of building material, posts, sawed wood, etc., constitute their line.

Greenland, Pritz & Co.

When in the market for Hardware, Implements, Farm Machinery or Harness and Harness goods, the above-named firm is to be found with a complete line of everything they aim to carry, which includes all articles in their line from a shingle nail to a complete threshing outfit. One noticeable feature of this firm is that it is difficult to ask for anything they cannot supply you with at once, or that they can not get for you in a very short time. They carry a line of fully warranted goods and stand back of every transaction. They also have an excellent tinsmith who can turn out the very best kind of work on short notice. The firm originally was composed of Oscar Greenland of this place and Berg Bros. of Cooperstown, and was known as Oscar Greenland & Co. They started in business here in the year 1899 and with others, have experienced the uphill work of pioneer merchants. In January 1905 Mr. Otto Pritz of this place purchased an interest in the business, and the firm has since been known as Greenland, Pritz & Co. They have always enjoyed a liberal trade.

Haverson-Hammer & Alfson Bros.

Is the name of an enterprising hardware and implement firm doing a good business in Binford. The business was started in the spring of 1904 and was owned by Alfson Bros. of this place and Hjort & Thingelstad of Jessie. These members constituted the firm till the year 1905, when Mr. Fred G. Lewis of this place and Alfson Bros. assumed the interests of Hjort & Thingelstad and formed a co-partnership under the name of Alfson Bros. & Lewis. Success always attended their efforts, and they did a good business. In January of the current year the Haverson-Hammer Co. of Cooperstown purchased an interest in the business, and the firm has since been known as Haverson-Hammer & Alfson Bros. & Lewis. They have always enjoyed a liberal trade.