

CITIZENS OF N.D. SHOVEL SNOW

BINFORD SETS A PACE AND DOES A STUNT IN THE CUTS. MOSE & McHENRY GET BUSY ALSO. "EVERYBODY WORKS BUT FATHER," AND HE WORKS TOO.

The branch towns, being on the verge of doing without coal or flour on account of trains failing to run, citizens of Binford sent a telegram to Supt. Butt telling him the situation. Mr. Butt wired back to send out the citizens to shovel out the cuts, and the company would pay for the labor (he must have lost sight of the dividends) and would also send a train out at once.

The message was received on Sunday, and Monday afternoon thirty-six men who could and would go, started out and went through two big cuts, shoveling off the top snow and loosening the remainder of it down to the rails, working all the time under direction of Section Foreman Standahl, one of the finest fellows in the world today. Next day the work was continued and two more cuts were opened up in the same manner, the Binford brigade continually shoveling un-

til they were commanded to halt through fear that they might suddenly come upon the company's dago force and annihilate them on the Jessie battlefield where the bunch had been in camp since last Friday, and had not shoveled enough snow to make a snow-man.

There was a snowplow in Jessie Friday and there were two or three dead engines, a bunch of men killing time with shovels, all kinds of reports about the trains, a lot of angry people further up the line, and Time dying a horrible death at the hands of the crew at Jessie. Time wore on, and more engines congregated at Jessie until one would think a junk dealer had opened up a scrap iron market at the lake town. On Thursday the plow started from Jessie and got to the first cut about a mile out, floated gently into the snow and stuck; backed out and went in a

little further and stuck again. This performance is said to have been repeated several times; at any rate the plow did not get here Thursday, and is not here yet at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The snow in that cut was deep but it was practically all loose so that with any effort whatever on the part of the plow to get through it, they should have come along without much difficulty, and if the snow was too hard for them it was the fault of their own crew of shovelers, whose duty it was to have had at least two cuts in shape in five days' time, when the Binford crew prepared three big cuts for them in three half-days.

The first snow plow that arrived at Jessie has been there since last Friday, a crew of shovelers has been there with them, they have also had three engines there which died from exposure, the people from up this way have

shoveled the snow loose for them and they have received several more engines during the past two days, they have had two days of the nicest weather that could be expected, and why in the name of common sense have they not run through here? Some claim that the railroads are doing all in their power to open up the roads, but this cannot be true with such an example as this to judge from. If their efforts all over the state have been as slight as their efforts at Jessie during the past week then we claim they are not making an effort and they are not doing their best to open the roads. We would be pleased to find something to give these men credit for if we could, but we are frank in saying that we have no credit marks for them this time as regards their attempt to get out of Jessie.

We are not suffering here yet,

and while the depot, loading platform, ties and other railroad material last we do not expect to suffer, either. There is a lot of material here for a new depot and it has been here long enough to become pretty well seasoned, so that it ought to make good fire wood, then when that is gone the old depot will come in handy and the railroad company can send Agent West a tent for shelter, then the loading platform can come down, so there is no cause to worry so far as fuel is concerned, and when it comes to flour, we think there will be some way to get that. We have coal at Jessie that can be obtained but is the duty of the N. P. Railroad to haul the coal to Binford, for Binford has made it possible for them to get here, now that they are at Jessie, so we have done our duty to ourselves and more than our duty to the railroads.