

THE TIMES IS SIX YEARS OLD

Commencing With this Issue It
Starts On Its Seventh
Year.

Six years ago today the first issue of the **TIMES** was published. It was a six-column folio, two pages printed at home, with Pepper & Keene, publishers and Theo. K. Curry as editor.

Six years has brought about a wonderful transformation in Binford. The **TIMES** feels that it has been a factor in the up-building of our little city, and, tho' it has had its ups and downs it has managed to keep on top somehow.

The present publisher has been connected with the paper for a year past, and we might say that it has been the most successful year in its short career. We take this means of extending our thanks for the liberal patronage accorded us.

Below we re-print a few items from the first issue:

Contractor Norstrum went to Hannaford yesterday on business.

Miss Belle Reid was the guest of relatives at Cooperstown Monday night.

Assessor A. M. Hemerline was making the rounds of the city the first of the week.

Mesdames Truscott and Jellison visited at McHenry during trains hours Saturday.

The city fans are advocating base ball these days, and as we have the timber here for a comparatively strong team, there may be "something adoin'" here shortly.

County Treasurer Ole Bakken was a guest in the city Sunday night. He drove up from Cooperstown Sunday, to look after his farming interests in this vicinity.

The stone for the foundation of Merchant Buchheit's new residence in the east part of town, is on the ground, and the building will soon be under way of construction.

We are pleased to note the fact that a number of our citizens are planting trees and shrubbery around their homes. Nothing tends to beautify a town more than to have the streets and yards well supplied with shade trees. Now is the proper time to start trees.

A farmers' elevator meeting was held here the forepart of last month, for the purpose of talking over the advisability of building a farmers' elevator at this point. Much enthusiasm was manifested at the meeting and a committee was appointed to draft by-laws and articles of incorporation and report at the meeting to be held June 6th. Farmers and others interested in the above move should keep this date in mind and attend the meeting.

Considerable building will be done at Binford the coming season, both in business blocks and residences. The work of excavating and laying the foundation for O. S. Gunderson's large implement hall and office is being pushed, and B. E. Nelson expects to commence work soon on his new building; besides these, other business buildings will be erected. Among those who will build residences are Jos. Buchheit, Martin Knapp and M. H. Jellison, the latter gentleman now having his residence about enclosed.

Now that base ball is all the rage, you will find in most towns a regular team, and in many of the towns, you will also find a bunch of very clever and enthusiastic citizens who will almost wager that they scare up an aggregation of business men who can practically paralyze the regulars. This idea was current among some of our genial citizens last week, the outgrowth of which was a challenge to the Binford team to cross-bats with a "picked up" team for a seven inning game. The challenge was accepted, the game was played and resulted disastrously for the "pick-ups." This week all is calm and serene, and the ball team claims the right to strut around—until the next game, at least.