

### Buchheit-Bakken Co.

To gain and hold the trade of a large percentage of the village of Binford and tributary country is something of which any firm might be proud to boast, yet this record is true in every way of Buchheit-Bakken Co.

The store occupies a large sized floor space and all the departments are stocked with goods that are finding a ready sale to a satisfied trade. No pain or cost is spared in the effort to please, and the firm considers it a grievance not to be allowed to correct a mistake.

The men at the head of this store have been closely allied with the business life of Binford since the birth of the town. Many important improvement movements in Binford have had their beginning in this store and their influence is to be reckoned with in any enterprise.

Everybody in the country know Buchheit-Bakken Co., because they have been satisfying their needs since the settlement of this country was first started. That they have one of the model stores of the county need not here be proven, as it is by no means a secret. It is always neat, attractive, and crammed to the wall with good things to eat and to wear, and the customers are promptly waited upon. The people from the rural districts find it an excellent place to leave their produce.

The firm was incorporated in 1910, with a capital of \$50,000.00. Jos. Buchheit is president, John Knapp is vice president, Stephen Rorvig, secretary, Ole Bakken, treasurer. Mr. Bakken is a competent book-keeper, and has that department of the institution to look after, besides attending to the correspondence. Messrs. Buchheit, Knapp, and Rorvig, with Miss Emma Bergstrom in charge of the dry goods department, and John Norman on the grocery side, form a quintette of salespeople who are hard to beat.

At this season of the year, their store is an interesting place to visit. Their holiday goods on display make a showing that compares favorably with stores in towns many times larger than Binford, and the wise shopper will find there innumerable things suitable for gifts. Read their large ad in this number.

New books and magazines at Cannon's.

### The Peoples Store

This firm located in Binford in the summer of 1908. The proprietors are L. P. Larson, C. F. Ringlee, O. A. Holte and A. P. Kautson.

The people of the entire community were not slow to recognize the ability of this firm. They were not slow to understand that the large line of goods carried made possible the satisfying of every want, and that merchandise of merit could be secured here as well as at any other place in this section, hence the gathering of the people from all quarters. They not only carry at all times a large stock of merchandise, but it is a well selected one, purchased by experienced buyers who know well the demands of the trade of this section. The attractive manner in which the merchandise is displayed and the courteous treatment accorded to every one who enters the doors are features which tend to increase the firm's popularity. Dependable goods, at right prices, appeal to all communities alike and the knowledge that honest values are given for every dollar spent with the above named firm is one of the valuable assets of the store.

L. P. Larson is a manager of recognized business ability and because of his manner and methods there has been an advanced movement year after year. C. F. Ringlee attends to the book work and correspondence and in a "pinch" will jump of his stool to wait on trade with the rest of 'em. With Miss Alma Bruns and A. W. Ringlee, the other clerks, who are good trade getters, the store has a capable force of salespeople.

The People's Store has a good sized block of this number of The Times and holiday shoppers will find it an easy matter to solve that perplexing problem of what to give for Christmas by reading their ad.

### First State Bank

No sooner was it certain that Binford would be the name of a new town on the extension of the Cooperstown branch than a number of energetic business men decided to start a bank here. This was in 1902 and the name of the new institution was the First State Bank of Binford. The incorporators were, James Gray, M. L. Gray, and George M. Young, of Valley City. The capital stock was \$5000. A. G. Bonhus was acting cashier. In April, 1903, the

above named gentlemen sold their interest to E. M. Pollock of Fargo, R. C. Kittel of Casselton, and D. W. Thomsen of Minneapolis, and in November of the same year, F. W. Whitcomb became cashier.

On January 25, 1904, Chas. Burseth, A. Garborg and O. G. Arneson bought the bank and a general reorganization took place with Mr. Burseth as president, A. Garborg, vice president, and O. G. Arneson, cashier. No changes were then made until the following year when E. T. Talmadge and C. E. Talmadge bought an interest and the capital stock was raised to \$7000, and the latter elected assistant cashier. In June, 1906, the number of directors was increased to seven and the capital raised to \$25,000. In February, 1907, Theo. Smogard, who had been the bank's book-keeper, was promoted to the office of assistant cashier, and in January, 1908, O. G. Arneson was elected vice president, Theo. Smogard, cashier, and E. C. Amadon, assistant cashier. At the January, 1912, meeting of the directors, Arthur Idavog was made assistant cashier.

In 1906 a new building was erected. This is one of the handsome brick structures in the village and is located on a Main street corner in the center of town.

There has been no more important factor in the upbuilding of our town and the development of the country surrounding than the First State bank. It has ever been ready to assist any legitimate enterprise for the good of the individual as well as for the growth of the city, the proprietors being quick to understand that in proportion to a town's population is its business to be determined. This bank has ever been looked upon as an indispensable factor in the community, which is rich in agriculture and stock raising.

### Crane-Johnson Co.

In February, 1905 the Crane-Johnson Co. established a lumber business in Binford. The company has eight yards, located at Walum, Hannaford, Cooperstown, Binford, McHenry, Sutton, Juanita and Glenfield. The home offices are at Cooperstown and the officers are: Maynard Crane, president, J. E. Johnson, vice president, and F. C. Potter, secretary.

The company has spacious yards here, which are well stocked with building material of all kinds. They

also carry a large stock of cement and plaster, and handle wood and coal.

O. S. Helgeland has charge of the branch here, and the company is fortunate in having so capable a man in their employ. Ole is always on the job, knows the lumber business thoroughly, is obliging to the trade, and a great deal of the credit for the excellent business of the firm should be given to him.

It is well known fact that this firm is considered one of the most substantial business enterprises in the state. Good material, polite and courteous treatment, and a square deal all around is the foundation of their success. That is how they have grown to have such a strong hold upon the residents of this section.

### Hammer-Thingelstad Co.

Binford is indeed fortunate in possessing a business institution of such magnitude as that of Hammer-Thingelstad Co., conceded to be one of the largest retail establishments in this section. The modern, progressive methods of the firm have given this city a wide reputation as a trading point, and every business venture, large and small share in the profits resultant from such advertisement. Doing business on a large scale has made it possible for this firm to travel at the head of the profession along with the other big concerns of the county.

The company is incorporated for \$50,000.00. The officers are H. P. Hammer, president; Geo. H. Condly, first vice president; J. C. Thingelstad, second vice president.

Much of the success of the firm is, no doubt, due to ability of J. C. Thingelstad and his associates, F. G. Lewis, H. B. Hanson, Carl Christianson and Martin Evensrud. It gives this paper unlimited pleasure to speak of these interesting business men, for such they have proven themselves to be.

With a line of hardware and implements which include every need of the community, they are forcing their way to the front in a way that cannot mean other than success.

There has never been a movement started in town, the object of which was to add to our greatness but this firm would at once cast aside its outer garments and work for it. Hence they are valued as citizens as well as for their business qualities.

### First National Bank.

With the development of Binford and western Griggs county, a few men saw favorable opportunities to invest where they saw the promise of good returns on their capital. Relying on this belief, they organized the First National Bank on June 20, 1906, and its success from the date its doors opened, down to the present time, has fully demonstrated the wisdom of the venture.

The organizers were Lewis Berg, J. H. Sinclair, H. P. Hammer, Geo. H. Condly, and A. H. Berg, of Cooperstown, and the local men interested in the bank were Jos. Buchheit, Oscar Greenland, Joseph Ebenbier, Matt Rorvig, John Mustad and Anton Pederson.

J. H. Sinclair was the first cashier of the institution, and acted in that capacity until his removal to Kenmare. Oscar Greenland was elected cashier on May 1, 1908, and since that time the bank has been under the same management.

A recent statement of the bank's condition shows loans and discounts of \$115,034.46, and deposits \$119,429.30.

From the day it opened its doors to the public, business steadily increased, and at no time was there ever a hint of anything but the utmost stability. The men behind the bank saw that its business policy was sound, and that no methods were adopted save those that have been tested and found to be suited to the country.

By consulting the advertisement you will note the splendid array of officers and directors—men who not only stand high in the community but in the financial world as well, and it is largely because of these stalwart characters that so enviable a business reputation has been established.

### Greenland, Pritz & Co.

Since the founding of Binford, this firm has been doing business at the old stand, though there has been a change in the firm since it was started. It was in the fall of 1899 that Oscar Greenland and Bejrg Bros. of Cooperstown established their hardware business here under the firm name of Oscar Greenland & Co. The company did business under that name until the year 1905, when Otto Pritz purchased an interest, and the firm name changed to Greenland, Pritz & Co. Mr. Pritz took active charge of the management of the

store as soon as he entered the company, and that he has succeeded, both for himself and for the whole firm need not be a subject for any lengthy discourse here.

Mr. Pritz has made a success, and the people of this community have unlimited confidence in him and his manner of doing business, and confidence, you know is the hinge upon which the business world hangs. Because of this confidence the store has been given a business prestige that is indeed enviable. It's a real pleasure to bump up against such people, for trading is made easy and you know you are given the advantage of every business concession. Mr. Pritz is a thorough business man, applies the Golden Rule to every business transaction, and is there with the goods whenever the occasion demands.

The firm was incorporated Jan. 18, 1907, with a \$50,000.00 capital. The officers are: Lewis Berg, president, Oscar Greenland, vice president, Otto Pritz, secretary-treasurer.

### The Drug Store.

It is a pleasure at any time to enter as conveniently an arranged and tastily kept store as that of O. Almklov & Co., dealers in drugs and sundries. If there is any profession in which it is necessary for a man to thoroughly know his business it is that of a druggist and in this particular regard Binford is peculiarly fortunate, as Mr. Anderson's competency in compounding drugs is acknowledged.

Mr. Almklov and Mr. Anderson purchased the interests of Geo. Lockett in October 1909. The former has a drug store in Hannaford and devotes his entire time to his business there, while Mr. Anderson has charge of the store here. At no time in the years of the drug business here has there been a better kept place than has been conducted by Mr. Anderson, and this fact is appreciated by the best people of the community. Their business is constantly increasing, largely owing to the fact that they carry only the best of goods and all who enter the store receive honest and courteous treatment. There is no more popular firm in the county or one that is held in higher esteem.

They carry everything in a first class drug store, and their holiday display this year is one of unsurpassing beauty. It will pay you to pay them a visit.