

A fire in Shaw's restaurant Sunday morning gave the Binford residents quite a scare, and were it not for the quick action of Fred Norder with the aid of a fire extinguisher, we probably would be telling a different story, and Binford would be shy one business block. The fire was caused by the overflow when filling the gasoline tank of the coffee urn. Mr. Shaw had gone hunting early that morning and before he left he filled the tank with gasoline. Not knowing this, Mrs. Shaw proceeded to fill it, causing the overflow. She wiped up the gasoline around the urn and waited for some time before attempting to generate the burner to allow the gasoline to evaporate, but some of it had flowed under the urn and ignited when a match was touched to the generator. The heat forced the gasoline out of the tank onto the wall, and when Mr. Norder came for his breakfast the wall and ceiling over the urn was in a blaze. He ran to Maurer's hotel to give the alarm and returned with a fire extinguisher, Mr. Maurer going to the fire hall to ring the alarm, and before the chemical engine arrived at the scene, the fire extinguisher, which is often underestimated, had done the business. It was a lucky blaze, and had it not been for the quick action and presence of mind of Mr. Norder, the entire block, with the possible exception of the First State bank, would have been consumed.