

LUMBER YARDS CONSOLIDATED

L. R. Welles Lumber Co. Absorbs
Crane-Johnson Co. in
Binford.

A big business transfer involving the consolidation of the two lumber yards in Binford, was made last week, and as a consequence the L. R. Welles Co. have the exclusive lumber business in this village. The deal has been under consideration for over a year, and would have been made sooner, but neither concern was willing to relinquish their business at this point. The adverse crop conditions in this territory for the past two seasons caused a stagnation in their line, however, making it necessary for both to grant some concessions in order to avoid further losses.

The same conditions affects the lumber companies at McHenry, and that town will have but one yard, the Crane-Johnson Co. taking over the business of the L. R. Welles Co.

The public in and around Binford regret the withdrawal of Crane-Johnson Co. The company is composed of Griggs county men, and was considered as a home institution, and although they were given a just portion of the patronage, the volume was not great enough to warrant them to continue. In interviews held with members of the firm, they expressed a reluctance over being forced to retire from business here, and asked us to convey to their friends and patrons their regrets, and also to thank them for their patronage.

With the combined stock and the

exclusive field, the Welles company is in a position to do a greater volume of business, and give their customers much better service. They have retained Mr. Osen as their resident agent, and he informs The Times that he will strive to merit the patronage of the customers of the Crane-Johnson Co., as well as his old patrons.

Mr. Helgeland, who has been the local manager of the Crane-Johnson Co. is undecided as to his future pursuits. He will remain in Binford for the balance of the month. The Times regrets that he is to remove from Binford. He is a likable and accommodating gentleman and we wish him success and happiness wherever he locates.

Automobile Tags Soon Out.

The office of the secretary of state is busy sending out application blanks for automobile tags for 1915. The new tags are of turquoise green with black figures, and are quite unique.

Twenty thousand tags have been ordered for next year, as it is expected that number will be required. It has been discovered that many machines are being operated in the state without tags, while numerous machine owners place but one tag on their machine and pass the second tag onto another party, thereby running two machines on one licence fee.

The authorities of the entire state are now looking out for this class of dodgers and intend to see that every owner of a machine has his own tag.

By catching these dodgers through the natural increase of machines, it is quite probable the number will exceed 20,000.

Mr. Hall has figured out the final apportionment for 1914 and distribution will soon be made, announcement of which will probably be made this week.