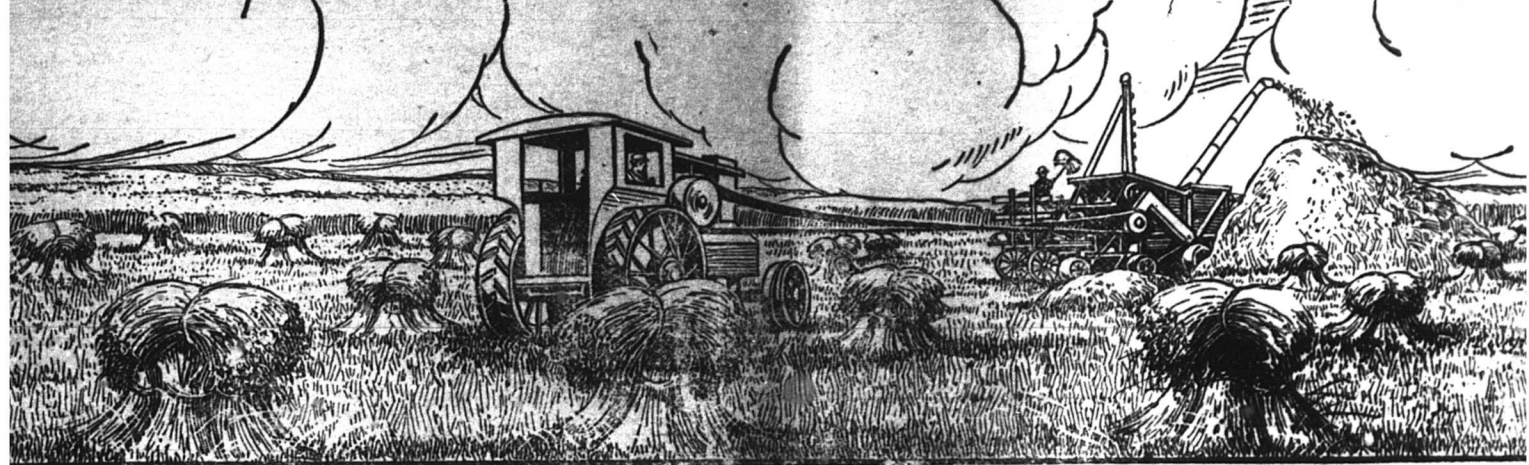


RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN SUNNY NORTH DAKOTA



Busy, Bustling, Prosperous Binford

A Town of Business Activity and Beautiful Homes--Centre of the Rich Farming District of the State

Invites New Business Enterprises to the City and More Settlers for Our Farm Lands in Griggs County

It is not the purpose of this Booster number of *The Times* to set forth historical events nor to tire its readers with long biographical stories covering the lives of our prominent citizens, although Binford claims the most loyal, progressive and public spirited set of boosters that ever made up the life blood of any community. Rather our aim is to truthfully deal with the advantages that Binford, Griggs county and North Dakota offer to those seeking a pleasant place in which to live as well as those who are looking for locations for manufacturing, industrial and agricultural pursuits.

Binford is one of the most thriving trade points on the Cooperstown branch of the N. P. railway. It is situated fourteen miles northwest of Cooperstown—the county seat—in one of the choicest sections of the country, and is surrounded by an energetic and thrifty population. It has a population of over 300, which is steadily increasing. Its business enterprises include general stores, drug store, two banks, state and national, one hotel, restaurant, a newspaper, meat market, photograph gallery, two hardware stores, two pool rooms, two blacksmith shops, an automobile garage, two livery and feed stables, a tailor shop, five elevators, a lumber yard and other retail establishments. It has telephone facilities, both local and

long distance. Binford has a modern and well equipped school building with an efficient corps of teachers. It is approached from all directions over well-built and substantial roads which greatly facilitate the hauling of produce to market.

The *Times* is guided by a spirit of conservatism rather than boastfulness when we say that we do not believe that there is another town in America of the same population that can equal Binford in the excellence of its business establishments taken as a whole. There possibly are villages that equal or surpass it in some particulars but in its entirety, from the barber shop to the banks, Binford's business houses have set a standard that is far in advance of the village's population and class. The stores and shops are run by energetic, enterprising, efficient business men who carry complete and extensive stocks in their various lines and who, without exception, are enjoying a prosperous patronage.

Binford is in the front rank among the towns of the eastern part of the state as a banking and commercial center. On November 1, 1915, the deposits in the banks amounted to \$265,000.00. Ably and successfully conducted along liberal yet sound lines, afford ample facilities in credit extended for present needs. That their enlargements will keep pace with the growth of Binford, and its

splendid tributary sections, may not be subject of question.

The merchantile men, the hardware merchants, lumber dealer, drug store, meat market, tailor, photo studio, hotel, livery stables, blacksmith shops—all these are displaying an aggressiveness that is truly worth commendation.

Improvements of various kinds are continually being made, new homes erected, lawns are being cared for in an inviting manner, church influences are wholesome, social elevating and inspiring, home influences a benediction, educational influences the most helpful.

Our town has little ambition as a manufacturing center. There is a vast amount of enterprise but it manifests itself not so much in promoting "wild-cat" plunges as in developing the many attractions that make this a model home town. The concerns and interests that center in the home, the circumstances and influences that constitute a desirable environment for the home—these are the elements that should be the most assiduously cared for by those who have the future growth of the city at heart.

Man meets his fellows here with a "Good morning, James, how are you this morning?" while the answer is "wafted back on the morning breeze, "Quite well, I thank you." The good women, as they toil the greater part

of the day in looking after domestic duties, hum a merry tune the while, because "love lightens labor." And over their teacups at an afternoon function or around some family circle, banded together as a club they discuss topics alone intended to elevate their race.

Binford has a village form of government. Otto Pritz is chairman of the council and the other two members are C. F. Ringlee and J. D. Reid. Stephen Rorvig is clerk; Oscar Greenland, treasurer; W. E. West, justice; and L. Amundson, constable.

The school system of this city is one of its chief prides. The building was erected the year 1906, and is a large and modern one. Three teachers are employed and the school population is 87.

Certainly, adequate and varied provision for education is the price requisite from the point of view of the home. The home means children and the children demand schools. And a town which claims to offer unique advantages to home lovers must possess not average but best school facilities whatever else is stunted, the school must be well cared for.

The board of directors are: Jos. Buchheit, D. A. Goplen, J. R. Truscott, Otto Pritz and C. F. Ringlee. They have an able secretary in Stephen Rorvig. With these gentle-

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