

# Valley City Boosters Get Splendid Reception Along the Branch

Valley City boosters made a hit with their special train up the branch Monday.

Decorated in gala streamers and banners, 150 Valley City boosters, accompanied by the Municipal band, were met in Binford by a large number, including all the school children. Several selections were played by the band, followed by a short speech by Mayor Ritchie, in which he called attention to the advantages offered by Valley City, particularly their schools for higher education. Mr. Ritchie urged our school children to complete their high school course at home but by no means should they stop there. Valley City, he said, has splendid facilities for equipping the student in search of higher learning.

The stop in Binford afforded an opportunity to become acquainted with a large number of Valley City's business men, and this acquaintance is certain to promote a feeling of good, community fellowship.

The visitors were banquetted during the noon hour at the Masonic temple by the ladies of the Eastern Star, and in commenting on this, the Valley City boosters were happy in explaining that this feature was one of the most pleasant of the entire tour.

A special car attached to the train carried a number of high officials of the Northern Pacific railway, including Passenger Traffic Manager A. B. Smith, of St. Paul; R. W. Clark, assistant to the President; J. C. Simonton, Ass't. Gen. Freight agent; L. R. Challoner, Traveling Freight Agent, all of St. Paul, and Supt. F. C. Huntington, of Dilworth.

Prominent among the Valley City delegation whom The Times man had opportunity to greet, were Congressman Young, Mayor Ritchie, Senator Ployhar, and that good booster, Editor Trubshaw, of the Times Record.

Binford people generally are pleased over the change in the train service which now makes Valley City its terminal instead of Sanborn. That city offers accommodations to the traveller for points east who must wait for train connections, that could not be obtained at Sanborn.