

DISASTROUS FIRE WIPES OUT TWO GENERAL STORES

Binford is without a general merchandise store as a result of a fire early this morning, which destroyed the mercantile establishments owned by Buchheit-Bakken Co. and Ringlee's.

The fire was discovered at 4:20 a. m. in the Buchheit-Bakken Co. building and at that time had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building or the adjoining one, occupied by the Ringlee's and it was only by heroic effort that the office of Dr. Truscott was saved.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is generally believed that an overheated furnace was the cause.

The loss to the Buchheit-Bakken Co. firm could not be ascertained this morning, but the property is quite well covered by insurance.

Ringlee's carried \$6,600 insurance on their stock and fixtures. It was only a year ago that Ringlee's big store burned down.

Dr. Ringlee, whose dental offices were located in the second story above Ringlee's store, will be a heavy loser. Only a few of his instruments were saved.

The building in which was located Ringlee's store and the dental office, was owned by R. H. Carroll, and insured for \$2,000.

Mr. J. A. Knapp, of the Buchheit-Bakken Co. firm, has authorized The Times to state that he will make temporary arrangements to put in a stock of groceries to take care of immediate necessities, until such time as permanent plans can be perfected.