

POSTOFFICE IS THIRD CLASS

**Increased Business During Last Four
Quarters Warrants Raise—
Office Pays Salary.**

Postmaster J. A. Knapp received notice from the postoffice department that the Binford postoffice has been raised from a fourth class to a third class office, the change taking effect on October 1.

On account of the raise, the postmaster is now on a salary basis instead of being paid a commission. In order to attain this raise in classification, the postal laws require that the cancellation of the office must reach the \$250 mark, for four consecutive quarters.

The raise to a third class denotes the progress Binford is making. The receipts of the postoffices are usually taken as a barometer of a town's condition, and The Times is pleased to note this advancement, along with the many other improvements made in our village during 1916.

Postmaster Knapp has purchased a new set of about 50 or 60 lock boxes and as soon as these are received, he will rearrange the entire cabinet, and make other changes that will facilitate the handling of the mail.

An increase in the price of the box rent is required with the raise to third class. The call boxes are now 20 cents, small size lock boxes are 35 cents, medium size 45 cents and the large size 60 cents for each quarter.

McHenry Drug Store Sold.

McHenry Tribune: This week a deal was consummated whereby F. H.

Strehlow disposed of his drug business at this place to W. A. Sigfried, of Sanborn. The transfer has been made and the new proprietor has already taken charge. This will be a surprise to many who were not aware that any change was being contemplated.

Mr. Siegfried, who owns a thriving drug store at Sanborn and is one of that city's most successful business men, enters our business circle highly recommended. He has a competent and wideawake manager here and will keep at all times a complete line of drugs and sundries in stock. He will also carry a large line of holiday goods at the proper season. P. H. Costello, of Sanborn, will have charge for the present. The business fraternity regret exceedingly to lose Mr. Strehlow but extend the glad hand to Mr. Sigfried.

Mr. Strehlow has not as yet decided upon an other location and will be here for sometime closing out his interests and looking after collections.

Blacksmiths Want Law Amended.

The blacksmiths and mechanics of North Dakota are having petitions circulated over the state praying the next legislature to amend Sec. 6877 of the compiled laws of North Dakota for 1913. As the law now stands they have no opportunity to file lien for work done. No class of workmen are beaten out of their hard-earned money more than the blacksmiths and mechanics and the law ought to be amended.

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