

# BOX PARTY IS A SUCCESS

### Pierce Prize Winners Delighted With Norfolk.

### STANDING ROOM AT A PREMIUM.

### An Enthusiastic Audience Attended the Presentation of "Lost River" at the Auditorium, to Which the Contest Added Interest.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] Miss Mary Powers of Pierce, together with her party of four friends, occupied box "B" at the Auditorium last night and the biggest houseful of playgoers that has filled the pit this season occupied the rest of the theater to watch the presentation of "Lost River."

The seat sale ran strong all day long and early in the evening the "Standing Room Only" sign had to be hung up at the door. Every single seat was taken and many stood in the aisles to watch the play which had been given unusual interest by the contest for the box party that was awarded to the most popular young lady of north Nebraska.

The theater party were driven from the Oxnard at 8:10 o'clock and a few minutes later, Miss Powers leading, took their places in the box. The interior wall was handsomely draped with an American flag and a number of mammoth palms and beautiful plants added much to the pretty effect. In the party were: Miss Powers, Mrs. W. E. Powers, Mrs. Berg, Mrs. Cate and Miss Cross. The five ladies were prettily gowned for the theater and wore red carnations. As they entered their box a round of applause from the audience greeted the prize winners.

After the theater they returned to the Oxnard hotel where they remained until 1 o'clock today when they returned to their homes at Pierce over the Northwestern.

"We are all delighted with our pleasure trip to Norfolk," said Miss Powers enthusiastically this morning. "We have all enjoyed every minute of our visit and are coming again. Every part of the two days has been made interesting by the cordiality of the Norfolk people universally and we owe not a little of our enjoyment to the Oxnard hotel where every detail is so nicely attended to and where one's moments are made so perfectly pleasant by the management."

"Lost River" is one of the realistic types of theatrical art resembling in many ways the sort that "Way Down East," and "Shore Acres" are made of. Homely, old fashioned and quaint in various instances, it affords ample opportunity to the actors who put it on for clever work and thrilling moments. It was an audience enthusiastically which turned out to watch it last evening and they were all ready to greet every stirring episode with a hearty hand. A little love story runs through the play, in which the young man of city breeding loses his heart to the simple country girl, and in which, after every trick has been resorted to by the lady of fashion to break the match, the simple country girl wins out. There is, of course, the usual country lover of the country girl and he is very jealous. He tries to do a few killings but finally gets cold feet and takes to the tall, neat timber.

The company which presented the production are all possessed of a pretty good type of dramatic art. Elwood F. Bostwick made good with the house as "Robert Blessing." Harry McRae Webster was a popular man in the part of "Buster," from start to finish. As a villain, Frank Trenor was about as good as they make them and he succeeded in getting the cordial hatred of his auditors at once. That is always a mark of clever work in a villain. Pauline Duffield made a hit as "Grandma Gates" right in the beginning and she owned the house thenceforth. Marguerite Starr played the part of a star roll in the "Toll Gate Girl," and her sensational ride along the river bank on a real, live horse, followed closely by the villain on another actual animal, made a picture that was highly exciting and which sent the cold shivers through you lest she might get caught. The horses were both beautiful beasts and at the end of the scene they were cheered to the echo by the house, which was not satisfied until the curtain had gone up three times in recognition. The bicycle scene was another bit of realism which took well.

The company arrived in Norfolk from Omaha and left early this morning for Sioux City where they appear tonight.

A very large number of people came from outside towns for the play and all were well pleased with the production. Many were here from Stanton, Pierce, Battle Creek, Tilden, Oakdale and other points. A large number of seats were reserved in advance for these people. "We are always glad," said one of the visitors, "to come when there is something good. The only drawback is that we can't always tell just what is good and what is ordinary, but we are glad we came for "Lost River."

### FRIDAY FACTS.

F. Lambert was down from Foster this morning.  
Lee Hall was a city visitor yesterday from Plainview.  
Mrs. W. H. Anderson and Miss Paul-

ine Anderson of Belgrade were Norfolk visitors yesterday.

Thos. Wash't was a city visitor today from Schuyler.

H. Peters of Pierce transacted business in Norfolk today.

D. D. Brunson left at noon for St. Louis, to be gone a week.

E. M. Flynn of Plankington, S. D., is visiting his friend, Peter Barrett.

The West Side whist club was delightfully entertained last evening by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Davenport.

H. C. Matrau left for Chicago at noon to see his brother, Rev. B. F. Matrau, who is supposed to be dying.

W. E. Powers of Pierce, real estate hustler and ex-newspaper man, is transacting business in the city today.

The patrons' meeting that had been planned by the Woman's club, has been postponed until after New Year's.

Owen Dugan, foreman of the telephone line gang, is again making his headquarters at the Pacific, after a trip out through the state.

At the meeting of the Sons of Herman to be held this evening there will be initiation of candidates, election of officers and election of delegates to the grand lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Taylor have returned from a three weeks' trip in Kansas. They enjoyed fine weather during their visit and had a very pleasant time all around.

A car labeled "powder, handle with care," attracted some attention in the Union Pacific yards today. It was going or had been to Rock Springs, Wyo., and whether it was loaded or not it was treated with considerable respect by the train crews, and the ordinary pedestrians were inclined to give it a wide berth for fear it might go off by spontaneous combustion.

As he was turning the corner at Norfolk avenue and Fourth street in his buggy soon after noon today Dr. H. T. Holden was thrown out on the icy street and his knee was quite severely bruised. He was carried upstairs to his office and his hurts given attention, but it was found that no injury had been sustained and he was soon able to be about again. It was reported soon after the accident that his leg had been broken, but this report was erroneous.

Protection lodge, No. 101, Degree of Honor, elected officers at the meeting last evening as follows: Mrs. L. A. Miller, past chief of honor; Mrs. John Quick, chief of honor; Mrs. H. G. Balm, lady of honor; Mrs. B. W. Barrett, chief of ceremonies; Mrs. Robb, recorder; Mrs. Roseberry, financier; Mrs. F. W. Koerber, receiver; H. P. Freeland, outside watch; L. A. Miller, inside watch; Mrs. Fred Linerode, guide; Mrs. Fred Hollingsworth, trustee for two years. For the past year or so the lodge has been meeting at the Railway hall, South Norfolk, but it was decided last evening to again hold the meetings in one of the uptown halls.

The Norfolk office of the Nebraska Telephone company today received one of the large cables that will be used in improving and extending the service here. It weighs 4,800 pounds and the draymen were somewhat fearful of making a delivery to the office, fearing that the weight would break almost any of the wagons available. The work of rearranging the system and preparing for the removal of the office is proceeding apace. Manager Sprecher has been notified of the shipment of the new switchboard and is having a lookout for it as it must be cared for as soon as it arrives. Superintendent H. C. Denny was here from Omaha yesterday to look after the progress of the work.

H. C. Truman has just secured possession of the property recently purchased by him next door of the Oxnard hotel and is now engaged in getting it ready for occupancy. The walls are being replastered, new floors laid, and the building will be generally overhauled and fixed up properly. When the repairs and decorations are completed Mr. Truman will move his wall paper and paint establishment from North Fourth street to the new location. The repairs will require some considerable time before they are made to the satisfaction of the new owner who will meantime continue in business on North Fourth street. The stock and tools of the marble cutting works have been temporarily stored in the Korth building.

### SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT.

Amount State Superintendent Fowler Has to Give Out is \$255,483.

Lincoln, Dec. 18.—State Superintendent Fowler has completed his apportionment of school monies for the various counties in the state. The money to be distributed amounts to \$255,483.48. Based on 376,303 pupils, there is an allowance of slightly less than 68 cents per pupil.

Douglas county, with over 42,000 pupils, receives the largest apportionment, which is \$28,516.42.

Lancaster county's apportionment is second, \$14,985.34, for 22,072 pupils.

Antelope gets \$3,205.90, for 4,722 pupils; Boyd, with 3,350 pupils, gets \$2,274.42; Brown gets \$850.70 with 1,253 children to divide it among. Cedar—children, 9,058, \$3,434.08; Holt—children, 4,797, \$3,256.83. Knox—children 5,862, \$3,979.89. Madison—children 6,290, \$4,270.47. Pierce—3,444, \$2,338.24. Platte—6,538, \$4,438.85. Rock—1,146, \$778.05. Stanton—2,734, \$1,856.19. Wayne—3,772, \$2,560.92.

# ANOTHER VITAL CHANGE

### Northwestern Road Will Move Another Office Here.

### CHIEF ENGINEER THIS TIME.

### It is Rumored Among Those Who Ought to Know that Another of the Main Offices Will be Soon Moved From Omaha to North Nebraska.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] It is rumored among those men who ought to know best, that the Northwestern railroad will very soon move the head office of another department into Norfolk from Omaha. This is the office of chief engineer, which place is now held by A. A. Schenck.

Mr. Schenck is chief engineer for the Nebraska & Wyoming division of the road. Under him are the superintendents of bridges and buildings of the various divisions. In his moving about, he is compelled to go over all of the lines of the road from time to time and this, of course, can be done much more conveniently from Norfolk than from Omaha.

Those who are posted here, they say, a tip as to the plans for moving this branch of the main offices of the Northwestern system to this city. The change is to come soon and is but another indication of what the Northwestern is to do with Norfolk.

The same reasoning prompts this change from Omaha to Norfolk as that which brought General Superintendent C. C. Hughes into the city. This is practically the center of the entire Nebraska & Wyoming division and from this point an officer who is called to various spots on the several districts, can get out and in much more advantageously.

Mr. Hughes Likes Norfolk. Perhaps the move is suggested for Mr. Schenck's department because Mr. Hughes, who has been here for a week, is very much pleased with his new location and finds many advantages in the Norfolk office over those of Omaha. He has found that he is so nicely situated in the center of the system that he can strike for any terminus within a few hours where a day longer, almost, was required out of Omaha.

The chance of bringing the chief engineer's department into north Nebraska and the well based rumor to that effect, is merely another indication that the Northwestern will gradually bring their entire center for Nebraska and Wyoming to this place and is a very good sign that there will be something more doing in this direction.

### SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

J. F. Zajleek was up from West Point yesterday.

W. Collard was a visitor yesterday from Wisner.

Paul Nicholas of Stanton was in the city yesterday.

J. Prativinsky was a city visitor yesterday from Stanton.

John H. Harding was down from Meadow Grove yesterday.

Miss Edith Berryman of Creighton was a city visitor yesterday.

Miss Nels Pohlman of Winside was shopping in Norfolk today.

Mrs. Sutherland of Madison was shopping in Norfolk yesterday.

Miss Louise Collander was in the city yesterday from Stanton.

T. J. Morrow returned yesterday from his extended trip west.

Sheriff J. J. Clements came over from Madison on the noon train.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Melcher of Wisner visited Norfolk friends yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McCallum were in Norfolk yesterday from Gibbon.

H. M. Kiddle of Scribner was in the city yesterday meeting Norfolk friends.

Mrs. A. P. Doe of Davenport, Iowa, arrived yesterday to visit her daughter, Mrs. G. D. Butterfield.

Arthur Pettitt of Warnerville was in the city yesterday, and announces his intention of leaving Tuesday of next week for South Dakota.

Judge J. F. Boyd and Court Reporter W. R. Powers came in from Pierce on their way home to Neligh after having attended the district court session.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Proatz and daughter of Stanton were in the city yesterday doing some trading. Mr. Proatz is street commissioner of his home town.

The Epworth league social, given at the M. E. church last night was a very successful venture and quite a number attended to enjoy the musical program and the refreshments that had been prepared.

Friends of Miss Ella Bland gave her a surprise party last night at her home on South Sixth street. With games, refreshments, and other prerequisites to a good time, the evening was enjoyably spent.

It was so cold this forenoon that it seemed unlikely that there would be anyone in from the country to do trading, but there were a large number of teams lined up along the streets this afternoon and the merchants enjoyed a very fair patronage.

Michael Moolick left on the noon train today for Sioux City to represent Norfolk lodge No. 97, A. O. U. W., at the funeral of the late C. J. Howe, who was a member of the lodge, which is to be held from the family home in

Sioux City tomorrow afternoon.

Rev. S. F. Sharpless has just returned from Lynch, where he has been holding evangelistic services. Several persons were received into the Presbyterian church of that place. The church contemplates putting up a building in the spring.

The flower cantata, given by the pupils of the Grant school in the high school room last evening entertained all that could find seats, and more. The little performers were well drilled in their parts and the singing and drills were exceptionally well executed. The receipts were very satisfactory to the teachers who had charge of the entertainment and a neat little sum was added to the picture fund of the school.

N. A. Rainbolt had a birthday yesterday and in celebration of that anniversary Mrs. Rainbolt served an elegant 7 o'clock dinner last evening to thirty-six guests, at their handsome home on Koenigstein avenue. Later in the evening six-handed euchre engaged the attention of the guests until quite a late hour. Dr. F. G. Salter won the "shouting" prize, Mrs. C. E. Green won the prize for ladies and Dr. Bear that for gentlemen.

Rev. W. T. Findlay, a well known Presbyterian minister, died at his home at Winnebago Wednesday night and his funeral is being held this afternoon. For a number of years he has been missionary to the Winnebago Indians, and has served for some time as stated clerk of the Niobrara presbytery. His wife is a prominent worker in the woman's missionary societies of the presbytery, and they have a number of children to mourn the loss of a father. Rev. Mr. Findlay was very highly esteemed by his fellow ministers of the presbytery and by all other people who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

J. A. Ballantyne of this city is certainly having more than a full share of affliction in his family, and the heartfelt sympathies of all Norfolk people are with him. He went to Tekamah Saturday to attend the funeral of his wife's brother, the circumstances of whose death are already well known. On Monday he attended the funeral of his mother at Bloomfield, she having died Friday, at the age of seventy-five years. His brother, Walter, is also very low at his home in Bloomfield. Mrs. Paddock, mother of his wife is very seriously ill at her home in Tekamah, and Mr. Paddock, who has heart trouble, is prostrate with grief and remorse, and is said to be falling. It is a series of calamities that would try the strength of anyone, and it can but be hoped that the affliction to Mr. Ballantyne's family has seen an end.

Writing from Los Angeles, Cal., to Norfolk friends, Geo. L. Whitam gives some interesting items regarding former Norfolk people and the weather that is being experienced in that section of the country. He states that the family of D. J. Koenigstein is well and Dan is busy at work. Continuing he says: "We have had no rain since we came here, which will now soon be eight months, but it is sprinkling this morning. I see Al Bigelow at times but have not as yet seen J. E. Horne. E. B. Kenyon is building a home, which is now about completed. I have only seen S. L. Gardner once since he came. W. O. Tolliver has bought a home near at hand. We live on the hillside and do not feel the cold as those who reside on the level. We have seen no frost as yet, but those who live lower down tell me that there has been no frost nor ice. We have tomatoes going to waste on our vines and peas in blossom. We always have roses in bloom."

Those who knew Solomon Paddock say that he was, when he was himself, kindness itself. No more generous or considerate man was known in the community. A veteran of the civil war where he fought for his country, he had contracted a taste for liquor which he could not thoroughly overcome and it was the clutch of this alone, by which he was subordinated on that Thanksgiving day, which allowed him to lose all self control and in one rash and terrible moment to shoot down his own son. The younger Paddock was outspoken and when his father came home with a jug, he broke the jug into bits with an axe and an instant later gave up his life.

The deed was done during a visit of Mrs. Paddock with her daughter in Norfolk—a visit which she had been waiting three years to make. As a result of the momentary passion, Solomon Paddock was given a room in the jail at Tekamah, and here, after considering the matter evidently with deliberation for more than half a month he finally took the case into his own hands and relieved his neighbors and the courts of determining the question of his guilt and its degree.

MONDAY MENTION.

F. A. Huston was down from Neligh.

J. N. Bundick is in Omaha on business.

F. L. Stephens was in the city from Loretto.

W. H. Reynolds spent yesterday in Fremont.

A. W. Lucke of Madison was in the city yesterday.

R. A. Stewart of Omaha was in the city over night.

M. L. Kile was a Norfolk visitor from Creighton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson are here from Long Pine.

W. V. Jansan of Chadron was in the city on business.

H. W. Anderson was down from Battle Creek yesterday.

Mere Johnson was a Norfolk visitor from Newman Grove.

E. Faes and M. J. Moyer of Madison were here yesterday.

D. J. Farrell of South Omaha is in the city attending to business.

Miss May Durland spent Sunday with her parents in Plainview.

Mrs. Peterson of Newman Grove was a Sunday guest in Norfolk.

J. Q. Foy was registered at the Oxnard from Battle Creek this morning.

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# TO HER FATHER'S FUNERAL

### Mrs. John Ballantyne Again Summoned by Tragedy.

### FATHER'S DEATH COMES HARD.

### Mr. Ballantyne Has Just Returned From Funeral of His Mother, His Brother and Brother-in-law, Making the Affair Doubly Hard.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] Mr. and Mrs. John Ballantyne of this city left at noon for Tekamah where they were called by the announcement of the tragic death of Mrs. Ballantyne's father, Solomon Paddock. Word was received by telephone at the Ballantyne home shortly after the fact had been learned at Tekamah and Mrs. Ballantyne made ready at once to leave on the first train. Mr. Ballantyne arrived at 11 o'clock from Wayne and returned at 1 to Tekamah. He had heard nothing of the affair until he reached home.

In this connection rather a remarkable incident was noted. It was clearly a case of mental telepathy, which produced a strong effect. Mr. Ballantyne had come from Bloomfield to Wayne on the morning train and was bound for Sioux City, together with his son. He had given the conductor mileage as far as Wayne and started into the station there to purchase a ticket for the rest of the trip. Suddenly he hesitated, stopped and turned to the son. "I have a notion," he said, "to go back to Norfolk. I feel as though something there needed me and I shall go back." At once the two entered the Norfolk train and reached the city at 11 o'clock. When they did arrive, they learned of the terrible disaster which had befallen the family but a few hours before.

Series of Disasters. That troubles never come singly is certainly true in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Ballantyne. On Thanksgiving W. S. Paddock, the brother of Mrs. Ballantyne, was shot by his father during a visit of the mother in Norfolk; only last week Mr. Ballantyne was called to attend the funeral of his mother; on Monday of this week he made a long trip to reach the funeral of his brother at Bloomfield, only arriving in time to see the casket lowered into the earth, and now the elder Paddock has added to his tragedy by taking his own life and ending the work of the courts.

Mrs. Ballantyne has suffered terribly since the first shock and the news of her father's death was very hard for her to bear. Her mother, Mrs. Paddock, is in an exceedingly serious condition from the strain of the past few weeks and the sympathy of all north Nebraska goes to them now.

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H. C. Pershing of Pierce passed through the city on his way to West Point.

A. J. Dunlevy, manager of the Auditorium, is in the city from Tilden on business.

Judge J. B. Barnes went to Lincoln this morning to attend a session of the supreme court.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Caulton of Silver Creek are guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Doisen, North Twelfth street.

Wm. Whitla, manager of the Edwards & Bradford lumber yard at Anoka, was a city visitor yesterday.

J. Allbery and family will soon be at home in their beautiful new house that has just been completed in The Heights.

Grant S. Mears, sheriff of Wayne county, arrived in Norfolk over the Union Pacific last night and went to Wayne this morning.

Mrs. May Wright and children, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. A. B. Burnett, during the past three months, has returned to her home in Knoxville, Iowa.

The election of officers of the Norfolk castle of Royal Highlanders will take place at the regular meeting to be held tonight, and all members are urged to be present.

The new cottage which is being built by C. H. Krahn on his Madison avenue property is rapidly approaching completion and will be ready for occupancy before many days.

Mrs. Kimball and niece Miss Kimball, and Miss Turner, all of Pierce, came down this morning to attend the "Lost River" entertainment at the Auditorium this evening. They are guests at the home of Mrs. H. E. Austin on South Fourth street.

Warren Sisson and bride are guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Sisson. After a visit here they will go to Elk City, Oklahoma, where he is manager of a lumber yard.

E. C. Howe, general manager, and J. N. Bundick, local manager of the American Beet Sugar company, went to Omaha this morning. From Omaha Mr. Howe will go to his home in Denver.

R. J. S. McCallum of Gibbon, this state, has arrived to take charge of the clothing department of the Fair store. His wife accompanied him and they are preparing to keep house in the P. A. Shurtz residence on Park avenue.

Jessie M. Garvin, impersonator, singer, and lecturer, addressed a large audience at the M. E. church last night, on the temperance question and in addition sang several songs, that received favorable comment. She handled the liquor traffic relentlessly and her talk was well received. Miss Garvin is here under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. and will lecture at the First Congregational church again tonight.

James Speed, who is to lecture at the M. E. church tonight on "Red-head," an illustrated story of a woodpecker, being the second in the entertainment series being given this winter under the auspices of the several young peoples' societies of the city churches, talked entertainingly this morning to the pupils of the high school, on natural history subjects. Mr. Speed has evidently been very observing of nature's wonders and gives interesting descriptions of bird and insect life that escape the ordinary person. Mr. Speed could evidently give a whole lecture on a wasp's nest, an ant hill or a last year's bird's nest, and those who attend this evening will undoubtedly be well entertained.

Michael Moolick returned on the noon train from Sioux City where he attended the funeral of the late C. J. Howe, of whom he was an old time friend, as representative of Norfolk lodge No. 97, A. O. U. W., of which the deceased was a member. The A. O. U. W. lodges, Nos. 181 and 196, of Sioux City, had charge of the funeral, which took place at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and was largely attended, both by the Workmen of the city and the friends of the family. A large number of beautiful flowers were contributed by friends, relatives and members of the order. Mrs. Howe announces that she will continue to make her home in Sioux City, for the present at least.

# Optics

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