

## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

AMPLY FULFILLED BY A BOX THAT WENT TO DUSTIN.

NELLIE ANDRES' WISH GRANTED

A Generous Box of Christmas Things Goes to the Home in Dustin, Holt County, Where There are Nine Children and no Santa Claus.

Miss Nellie Andres and her eight little brothers and sisters, living at Dustin, Holt county, are to be made happy at Christmas time, all because she thought she could reach Santa Claus through the columns of The News, and wrote that unless some Christmas gifts were sent her, she and her eight brothers and sisters would not have any. The little girl's letter follows:

To the Editor of Norfolk—Dear Sirs: Please send me a box of nice Christmas presents. I have eight little brothers and sisters younger than I. I am 14 and can't buy them any, so if you can't get me any please hand this to someone that can. 4 boys, 5 girls. Please send them for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Miss Nellie Andres,  
Dustin, Neb.

The publication of this little note in The News on December 5 brought a quick response from a number of people, adults and children, who were anxious to help make a merry Christmas in that home in Holt county where there are nine children and no prospect of Santa Claus. From that day until last night in a dozen Norfolk homes the little people particularly have been planning what they could send to Nellie Andres and her brothers and sisters. The box was finally packed and started on its mission of gladness. K. D. Small, the genial manager of the American Express company, became interested in the gift, and generously volunteered to frank the box to its destination. So it has gone its way, carrying with it the good wishes of a dozen grown ups and twice as many children, with the hope that it will reach its destination on time and bring joy and happiness to the Anders home.

It required a pretty good sized box to carry all the gifts that had been accumulated for the Holt county children. It contained dolls for the girls, toys for the boys, books, candy, nuts, and many other articles for both. Some of the things sent have been slightly used but many more are new.

If the little girl and her eight brothers and sisters, who were afraid they would not see Santa Claus this year, experience near as much pleasure in the receipt of the box as have the little people at this end who have generously poured out their treasures, then the spirit of Christmas, of giving and receiving, will have been amply fulfilled.

### WEDNESDAY SIFTINGS.

L. D. Sherman of Monowi was in town yesterday.

G. Werthing was down from Battle Creek yesterday.

A. Cardey of Wayne transacted business in town last evening.

Winnie M. Jones of Madison paid Norfolk a visit yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Weeks of Winside were in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. H. Galbraith of Foster was visiting Norfolk stores yesterday.

T. G. Aurlinger of Neligh was a business visitor in Norfolk yesterday.

Rollo Vallenbeck of Stanton transacted business in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Fisher of Madison were visiting in the city yesterday.

D. H. McDonald of Center was an early arrival in town this morning.

D. J. Mahoney and E. T. McGehee of Madison were in town last evening.

Rev. Sprague was called to Battle Creek last evening to preach a funeral.

Marshal Hay was transacting business at the county seat Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. B. F. Kistler of Galesburg, Ill., and Mr. Wm. Kistler of Rushville, Ill., sister-in-law and brother of Mrs. G. A. Luikart, arrived yesterday and will visit that lady until after the holidays.

Mrs. H. H. Mohr was down from Pierce today looking up Christmas presents.

Frank and Fred Mathes of Winside were registered in town yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren of Tilden were in town Tuesday seeing the Christmas displays and shopping.

Miss Mary Braasch of Plainview was in town Tuesday looking after Christmas gifts and other shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bengelin of Wisner were looking at Norfolk's Christmas windows yesterday afternoon.

E. H. Walter is reported among the sick of the city, also two of the children are having an attack of the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beach of Bonesteel were in town Tuesday visiting and acting as advance agents for Santa Claus.

Mrs. Eller and son of Lincoln are here to spend the holidays at the home of Mrs. Eller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Matrau.

The parents of William Hahn arrived today from Abilene to spend the holidays with him. They are stopping at the home of C. E. Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Quant of Woodland, Wis., who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wagner the past two weeks, left Tuesday afternoon for their home.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and

Mrs. D. R. Speece on the morning of December 18.

Thomas S. Heck, J. S. Davidson, W. B. Dickson, L. B. Smith, P. H. Eighney, all of Long Pine, are in the city at the Oxnard hotel.

Harry Loder and Frank Hirsch will be home tonight from a month's hunting trip in the Black Hills and Wyoming.

The Norfolk Business college now has an attendance of forty-eight students, and more are expected after the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Parker welcomed a son to their home last evening. Chas. and the mother and the boy are all happy over the situation.

Reports from the bedside of E. H. Luikart of Tilden, who has been suffering some days with appendicitis, are that he is considerably improved.

Miss Mary Larson of Council Bluffs is here the guest of Mrs. Schwartz. She was formerly a trimmer at her millinery store and is quite well known here.

The secret of the fine weather has just leaked out. Chief Moore of the weather bureau has just filed his annual report which says the weather cost \$1,336,198.58. All good things come high.

Joe Kratky of Stanton has purchased a residence near the Christ Lutheran church and will leave his farm and become a resident of prosperous Norfolk.

The new warehouse of Messrs. Blakeman & Coleman is progressing nicely and the masonry will be finished and the carpenters will be at work within a few days.

Assistant Postmaster Gentle has been hobbling around all the week with a badly sprained knee. He is at his post of duty most of the time but he gets around with difficulty.

L. E. Wallerstedt of this city, who has been traveling for Schenckberg & Co. of Sioux City selling groceries, will go with Lindeke, Warner & Sons of St. Paul, dry goods, on the first of the year. His headquarters will be at Mitchell, S. D., but his family will remain here until spring at least.

Congressman McCarthy has introduced a bill to authorize school districts within the limits of an Indian reservation, wishing to locate school-houses on an Indian allotment to acquire title to not over an acre of land. It seems in many cases schools in Nebraska in such locations cannot get the title and as a result cannot secure insurance.

The Logan Valley protective association of Concord, Dixon county, has been organized for the purpose of pursuing, capturing and prosecuting thieves and the recovery of stolen property. The company has incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000. The incorporators are John E. Hanson, Gus Peterson, H. J. Olson, A. Emil Nilson and L. H. Neumann.

Eugene Wheeler of near Pierce, having purchased a farm near Fairfield, in the southern part of the state, shipped two cars of household goods and farming implements and stock Tuesday, accompanied by two sons. Today Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler leave for their new home. They are highly esteemed people of the Pierce neighborhood and a host of friends wish them success in their new home.

The Baptist congregation will have a business meeting after the prayer service this evening to consider the calling of Rev. Mr. Cantwell of St. Paul to the pastorate of the church here. A full attendance of all those interested is requested. Rev. Sprague, the pastor at large for the state Baptist work, will again preach next Sunday, and probably continue until a local resident pastor is secured.

The Christmas rush of package sending has already commenced and both the postoffice and the express employees are busy as bees forwarding the piles of Christmas gifts to their destination. The express office now remains open each evening until 9 o'clock to accommodate Christmas shippers, and will remain open until that hour until after the holidays. It is advisable to send packages early to insure reaching their destination on time.

The Liberty Belles, which appear at the Auditorium this evening, is without question the finest attraction that has appeared in Norfolk this season, with the one exception of the Prince of Pilsen. It is an unusually high class musical comedy and will prove pleasing to the Norfolk audience tonight. The writer saw the piece in Lincoln on Thanksgiving night, where it played in the Oliver to a packed house, and he was satisfied that it is Norfolk's kind of a theatrical entertainment.

The recent state corn growing and corn cooking contest for boys and girls has stirred up the youth in many Nebraska counties where corn can not be grown. In such counties the boys assert that if the contest is broadened to include vegetables they will send some products to Lincoln that will astonish the judges. In many counties where corn cannot be grown profitably owing to climatic and soil conditions, choice vegetables, including sugar beets, potatoes and cabbage are produced with scarcely a crop failure.

If the contest next year is changed to include vegetables or small grain, a distinction will be made between irrigated and non-irrigated products.

You owe everything to your mother; the day you were born everyone else was willing to give you away.

A number of years ago a girl's Best Beloved gave her "Lucille" for her Christmas gift. Then it was a toilet set in a plush case, but Best Beloveds this year are giving fancy perfume sets.

## THIRD FIRE IN MONTH

BONESTEEL AGAIN SUFFERS FROM A DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE.

EVIDENTLY WORK OF FIRE BUGS

The Home of Mrs. Washington Purdy Is Entered During Her Absence and Set on Fire—House and All its Contents are Ruined.

Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 20.—Special to The News: Nothing is rehearsed more often in the minds of the people of Bonesteel today, than the old adage "When one fire takes place two more must follow." The third which followed about a month after the first, came yesterday morning about 3 o'clock, its raging flames being fed by the neat little cottage of Mrs. Washington Purdy, which is situated in the block in the heart of the city.

Fortunately it was discovered in time to save the block, for had it had a good start, with the wind where it was, nothing could have stopped it, but as it was, with the heroic work of the fire department it was subdued after a long and hard struggle, but not until after the house and all its contents had been ruined.

The house was unoccupied at the time of the fire, Mrs. Purdy being in Yankton, and from all appearances it was the treacherous work of a fire bug. A glimpse of the ruins will immediately convince one. It was started in the partition between the kitchen and the sitting room, just back of the piano and with a kerosene can half filled with oil sitting on the floor in the same room it was evident that the partition had been saturated with oil. Not only were all the curtains drawn, but heavy quilts were nailed over each window, the purpose evidently being to keep the blaze from being detected by passers by.

The opinion that prevails among the people of Bonesteel today is that during the absence of Mrs. Purdy, some one entered the house blinded the windows, saturated the wall with oil, set a match to it and left, expecting to see the house and probably the whole town in ashes in the morning.

### Madison Notes.

The Madison postoffice moved Sunday from its former location to one block south into the new building erected and recently completed by Dr. Smart.

The quarantine that had been on the home of George Kreitman and family the last month on account of diphtheria was raised last Friday. Eight members of the family had been down with the disease, one of whom died.

The funeral of Mrs. J. F. Mathews took place here Sunday. Deceased was a native of Maine and of revolutionary descent. The family has lived here nearly twenty years and is prominent in Grand Army circles. Mrs. Mathews being one of the charter members of the Woman's Relief corps.

District court adjourned without date Saturday, after hearing the docket. The injunction case of Dr. Baker against Dr. Montgomery, both of this city, came up for hearing Friday, was continued Saturday, but not decided. A further hearing in it will be had early in January. It grew out of a business transaction of the two doctors, Dr. Montgomery signing a bill of sale and an agreement by which he disposed, to Dr. Baker, of his instruments, office fixtures, as well as his good will and practice, for \$1,000. The agreement provided for a period of introduction, at the end of which Dr. Montgomery rented rooms in the same building with Dr. Baker and practiced medicine, in alleged violation of his written agreement. Dr. Baker secured a temporary injunction and the above hearing is to determine whether the injunction be made permanent or dissolved.

### Battle Creek.

Neighbors and friends made a complete success of a surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufman, who live eight miles southwest, Wednesday night. The occasion was their silver wedding. They were the recipients of a number of valuable presents.

G. C. Smith dropped dead at his residence north of the railroad track about 5 o'clock Monday night. He had been sickly for many years and the cause of his death is heart failure. He was about 53 years old, and leaves a wife and two children, Mrs. Wetzel at Madison and one son, Clyde. Deceased was a good citizen and a faithful member of the Baptist church. The funeral was held from the Baptist church at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning and the remains laid to rest at the Union cemetery. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Sprague, who is holding evangelistic services in Norfolk this week.

Chas. Martin is here again at the home of his brother, Editor F. E. Martin. Charles is an employee of the Northwestern road and was hurt last week.

Miss Rose Eisenminger of Humphrey was visiting here from Friday until Wednesday with her friend, Miss Mary Ruzick.

Early mass and high mass will be observed in the Catholic church on Christmas day.

Miss Tilly Jost of Tilden is visiting here this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jost.

Christmas services with trees will be held in the Lutheran and M. E. churches.

J. W. Risk and Ed. Wegner departed Tuesday for Oklahoma and Texas on a prospecting trip. Mr. Risk's son is in

Marlin, Texas, seeking relief against rheumatism.

Commissioner J. H. Harding of Meadow Grove was a Battle Creek visitor Saturday.

County Treasurer Beecher of Columbus was here on business Saturday. Johnnie Miller, who has been working about nine months in Hann county, S. D., came home Saturday to his parents.

Wm. Hawkins was here Saturday from Meadow Grove.

James Brozek is tired of town life and will move onto his farm southwest of town again.

S. K. Warriek of Broken Bow, who claimed an interest in a 30-acre patch five miles south on the creek, sold twenty-five acres to Fred Newkirk for \$500, and five acres to Chas. Praemer for \$100.

The Battle Creek Mutual Fire Insurance company held its annual meeting here Saturday. About seventy-five members were present.

The German Lutheran teachers of north Nebraska will hold conference here on Thursday and Friday of next week.

John Luick, Jr., is erecting a new barn, 30 by 36 feet, on his farm on Deer creek, west of town.

W. E. Hoover received a telegram Saturday from Rock Island, Ill., stating the serious illness of his father. He left for that place on the noon train.

## FUNERAL OF ROBERT CRAFT

HELD AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT 1 O'CLOCK.

UNDER AUSPICES OF MASONS

A Large Concurrence of Friends Show Their Sympathy for the Bereaved Family and Pay Their Last Respects to the Departed.

The funeral of Robert Craft, Northwestern conductor who died at his home in Council Bluffs early Sunday morning, was held from Trinity Episcopal church in this city at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the remains were laid to rest in Prospect Hill cemetery. The funeral was under the auspices of Masonic lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M.

The funeral party with the remains were brought to Norfolk from Council Bluffs in two special cars, attached to the regular morning train. When they reached the Junction at 12:25, the two cars were taken from the train and brought up town by a switch engine. At the city depot the funeral party was met by members of Masonic lodge, with Knights Templar acting as an escort and pall bearers. The remains were tenderly borne to the church by companions who knew and loved Robert Craft in life.

An escort of Masons from Council Bluffs, Missouri Valley, Fremont and Long Pine accompanied the family from Council Bluffs to Norfolk.

The church had been beautifully decorated before the arrival of the party by Norfolk friends and admirers, while the casket was literally covered with most magnificent floral offerings. A large crowd of people were at the church to show their sympathy to the bereaved wife and children and to pay their last tribute to the departed. The impressive Episcopal burial service was conducted by Rev. Allen Judd of Missouri Valley, Iowa, assisted by Rev. J. C. S. Wells of Norfolk. The remarks made by Mr. Judd were appropriate and touching and did much to console the sorrowing relatives and friends of the one who has gone on before. The music consisted of a beautifully rendered duet by Mrs. H. L. Snyder and Miss Allberry and two hymns by the Episcopal church choir.

At the close of the church service the remains were taken to Prospect Hill cemetery, followed by a long procession of people, and were laid to everlasting rest, the Masonic service, conducted by Joseph Allberry, W. M., being used at the grave.

The pall bearers are all members of Damascus Commandery, No. 25, and are either conductors or engineers on the Northwestern. The active pall bearers were Conductors Aid and Leach and Engineers Halverstein, McMonagle, Ball and Caldwell. The honorary pall bearers were Conductors Hamilton, Pender, Whitney, Hedburg, Norton and Gallup.

The Order of Railway Conductors was also represented by a good delegation.

### Boys, Beware.

Several of the store people are complaining about the petty pilfering of boys who visit the stores to see the holiday goods. It seems some of the boys become overzealous to secure trifles which they are afraid Santa will overlook, and help themselves to things. Two of the prominent firms say they will have somebody "pinched" to make an example. It is to be hoped the boys will cease this unmanly conduct and not get into trouble. Better trust to the wisdom of old Santa, boys, and take chances on a Merry Christmas.

### Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 19, 1905:

Mr. James Clentsel, Mr. Jack De Witt, Mr. Chas. Gaussin, Mr. R. J. Husan, E. E. Noice, Miss Clara Rentzsch.

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John R. Hays, P. M.

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