

CITY LODGE DIRECTORY

A. F. & A. M. McCook Lodge No. 435, A. F. & A. M. meets every first and third Tuesday of each month...



JIMMY BRODERICK'S Uncle Dick was not only a great inventor, but one of the kindest men that ever lived.

Although he earned his living by inventing useful things like automatic plows that would plow a whole field in the night time while the farmer lay in bed asleep...

When the time came, Uncle Dick gave Jimmy a big piece of lighted punk and then he stood in front of the tree and said: "Ladies and Gentlemen: You will notice that this tree is inclined toward the north."

Jimmy touched the end of the fuse and then everybody ran away to a safe distance. The fire climbed swiftly, and suddenly with a bang that shook the hills and broke the windows even in

Uncle Dick rubbed his hands and chuckled like anything when he saw the material. "You shall certainly have a skyrocket," said he to Jimmy.

Jimmy was very curious and still more puzzled, but he knew that Uncle Dick did not like to explain his inventions beforehand, so he asked no questions, but merely kept his eyes open and did not go out of sight of the inventory shop all morning.

Before noon a great gang of men arrived, and under Uncle Dick's orders they began to carry all the material to the pasture, where they deposited it around a huge old dead pine tree that stood smooth and straight reaching into the air fully 80 feet without a branch to break it except on the very top.

where at the farm, wondering at the immense skyrocket and trembling all over at the thought of the explosion when she went off. And all over the land people who could not go to the farm were watching the heavens and paying very little attention to the other fireworks of the United States.

When the time came, Uncle Dick gave Jimmy a big piece of lighted punk and then he stood in front of the tree and said: "Ladies and Gentlemen: You will notice that this tree is inclined toward the north. My calculations tell me that when the rocket is lit it will pull the tree clear out of the ground and go north for at least 1,000 miles.



"Ten Thousand People Were There," towns 100 miles away, the giant rocket went off.

Out came the tree, roots and all, and sailed grandly into the sky with a hissing trail of fire behind it. The amazed spectators watched it for more than half an hour, getting smaller and smaller, till it disappeared in the northern sky.

For days after that the paper printed reports from distant places from people who had seen a wonderful fiery thing in the night. By means of these reports, it was possible for Uncle Dick to pursue the course of his wonderful rocket until he found that it had gone far over Canada; but he could not learn where it had fallen and he did not learn until recently.

But about a week ago a hunter who had been in the very far north of Canada, near Hudson bay, shooting musk oxen, visited Uncle Dick. He told a lot of interesting hunting adventures, and finally said: "The queerest thing that I saw was far up in the barren lands where there are no trees. One day I saw something odd some distance away, and I went there on my snow shoes."

"What do you suppose I found? A mighty tree! That was queer enough up there. But queerer still was the fact that this tree did not stand in the ground as other trees do, but stood roots up with its crown buried deeply in the soil. It was the most marvelous sight I have even seen, and I can hardly believe it yet. I would give a good deal to know what caused this strange freak of nature."

BARTLEY.

Rice Rowe, youngest brother of S. B. Rowe, was here from Sheridan, Wyoming, visiting relatives and old friends, last week.

Dr. Mackechnie and Will Dolan and family were in Bartley, last week.

The large amphitheater at the ball park is now completed. It is strong and comfortably seated for about 600. Two games July 4th.

Bartley will celebrate July 4th in grand style, this year. There will be many attractions. The two ball games and the oration by Hon. G. W. Berge of Lincoln will please every one who attends.

S. W. Clark has returned and was so well pleased with the Nasby convention he is just slashing the price of stamps now.

June 30th, at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. G. W. Ritchie occurred one of the special events at Bartley, during the month of June, the marriage of Mr. S. W. Stilgebauer and Miss Pearl Ritchie, Rev. Hageman officiating.

Everything is booming for a big celebration July 4th.

Several harvesters are busy now gathering the golden grain. The straw is short but the grain is excellent. Corn is doing extra fine and the past week has been just right for hay harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Seward Flanagan are happy because of the arrival of a fine boy baby, Monday morning.

Spontaneous combustion in about fifty tons of coal in the engine room caused a fire, Monday, that made things lively for a short time. But little damage was done. The coal was removed and no further trouble is likely to occur.

Mr. Shippey received another car load of cement, Monday, which he will manufacture into concrete building block soon as possible.

INDIANOLA.

Mrs. A. C. Teel is quite sick. John Strunk arrived home, Friday morning, from his Texas trip.

Mrs. C. Miller and children of Funk, Neb., returned to their home latter part of the week.

The ball game between the Indians and the Indianola boys last Monday was well attended. Our boys came out second best.

Frank Brown of Baring, Missouri, who has been visiting in Kansas and Nebraska, was in town Tuesday enroute for his home.

Miss Porter, who has been a visitor in the home of Rev. A. D. Burris and wife, left for her home in Overton, last Monday.

A small crowd of youngsters drove down to Bartley, last Sunday night, arriving home in the wee sma' hours.

The diphtheria patients are getting better and no new cases have developed.

Alec Brown and daughter, living near Danbury, were Indianola visitors Thursday.

John Hedges of McCook came down for a visit with the folks, Sunday.

S. S. Graham of Danbury was a guest in the Hethcote home Monday. While in town Mr. Graham did not overlook the big ball game.

Mr. Wm. Minniear and son Sam of Danbury were Indianola visitors, Sunday.

Report says there is a wedding on the program for this evening. Will tell you of it next time.

S. Messner of Danbury witnessed the ball game here Monday.

C. W. Dow returned home, Friday morning, from a business trip to Kansas City.

Miss Mary Burns, who has been a visitor in her father's home, Patrick McDonald, left for her home in Denver, Monday evening.

Newton West a substantial farmer and stock man was in town Wednesday with some fine hogs for market.

RED WILLOW.

Miss Amy Clark of Crete is spending the week with Mrs. Owens Longnecker.

The school meeting passed off without much open friction but a good deal of deep feeling on account of selfishness and narrowness, which prevented justice being done.

A little tot had learned of Moses in Sunday school. She heard the older ones speaking of the death of Mrs. Helen Moses, president of the C. W. B. M., when she asked, 'Auntie is that Moses' wife?'

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Moore returned to their home in Lebanon, the latter part of the week, after being welcome visitors among old friends and neighbors.

Lewis Elmer and family drove out to Louis Longnecker's, on Sunday afternoon; also Gilbert Rankin, with Emma Howard, Cassy Harrison and May Moore.

C. W. Dow and family spent Sunday at Masters' and called at Mr. Smith's in the afternoon.

DANBURY.

Rev. Richards is able to be about again. He will go to his home in Denver till he has fully recovered.

Harry Creaman and wife and Mrs. Sarah Ruby spent, last Saturday and Sunday in Bartley.

Dan Cashen is suffering with a sore foot, the result of stepping on a nail.

R. O. DeMay was on the sick list a few days, last week.

Mrs. Lulu Green was quite sick the latter part of last week but is able to be about again.

A number of people from Marion came to Danbury, Friday, to watch the basket ball game.

Irene and Marie Ruby of Marion are spending, this week, in Bartley.

Danbury is having some cement walks put in this week.

By the last of the week a number of farmers will be harvesting, though the yield will be light the grain will be a good quality.

The social "Around the World," given by the young peoples' society on last Saturday evening, was enjoyed by every one present.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Will Speer at her home on the Metcalf ranch. The husband and children have the heartfelt sympathy of the community.

Rev. Shepherd's wife and baby have returned from a three weeks' visit with relatives.

GERVER.

The wheat is needing rain but corn ground has ample moisture for some time.

The Prairie Dogs got the best of Laurel Dell in the ball game, Saturday.

Wm. Tuttle, who went to Oklahoma, last spring, is expected back.

The ball games seem to be attracting the boys (and girls too) from Sunday school. This is to be regretted, as the Sunday-school is the very best place of influencing them for good.

We understand there was another Sunday ball game on the Banksville grounds between the Traer and Banksville team the 28th.

The following is the gist of a political conversation we overheard a short time ago: "What is that man's name the Republicans are running for president?" he says. "Taft," says the other. "I believe Bryan can beat him: I hope the Dimmeocrats will nominate Bryan," he says. "Bryan can't do anything," says the other, "without the support of congress and the Republicans have a majority." "I tell you," he says, "if Bryan gets down to Washington and tells them congressmen to do anything, they'll do it and don't you forget it," he says.

Ed Towle's father, who has been in the St. Francis country, passed through here on his way to his home in Hendley, Tuesday.

New headers are in fashion this year.

GRANT.

Grant and Traer crossed bats, Sunday afternoon, with Traer winners in a score of 13 to 7.

Notice has been served on Harv Rowland by County Attorney Reeder to vacate the premises and land at once now owned by I. J. Brinegar of Hebron, Nebraska.

Miss Belle Wesch returned home, last Saturday on No. 1, from Hastings, where she has been learning the dress-making trade.

A. C. Wesch has brought a new 12-foot header to harvest his crop of grain.

A school meeting was held in district No. 51, last Monday, when A. M. Benjamin was elected director, and S. W. Sigwing, moderator.

The entries in the live stock department for the coming State Fair, Aug. 31 to Sept. 4, now give promise of an excess over those of prior years. Applications in the swine department far exceed the capacity of the 714 pens on the grounds. The horse bargs are about filled and entries of cattle are pouring in daily.

BOX ELDER.

D. B. Boyle, Sr., has had lightning rods put on his house.

Rev. M. S. Satchell and wife of Oxford are visiting their son W. F. Satchell. Leon Clifton and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wilson, Sunday.

We are pleased to note that very favorable reports came to us from Mrs. W. J. Miller who went to the hospital at Omaha, last Saturday for treatment.

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