

CITY LODGE DIRECTORY

A. F. & A. M. McCook Lodge No. 335, A. F. & A. M., meets every first and third Tuesday of each month...

R. S. M. Oconozee Council No. 16, R. S. M., meets on the last Saturday of each month...

R. A. M. King Cyrus Chapter No. 35, R. A. M., meets every first and third Thursday of each month...

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR St. John Commandery No. 16, K. T., meets on the second Thursday of each month...

EASTERN STAR Eureka Chapter No. 86, O. E. S., meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month...

MODERN WOODMEN Noble Camp No. 663, M. W. A., meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month...

ROYAL NEIGHBORS Noble Camp No. 322, R. N. A., meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month...

W. O. W. Meets second and fourth Thursdays at 8 o'clock, in Diamond's hall.

WORKMEN McCook Lodge No. 61, A. O. U. W., meets every Monday, at 8:00 p. m., in Diamond's hall.

DEGREE OF HONOR McCook Lodge No. 3, D. of H., meets every second and fourth Fridays of each month...

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS McCook Division No. 623, B. of L. E., meets every second and fourth Saturday of each month...

LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN McCook Lodge No. 599, B. of L. F. & E., meets every Saturday, at 7:30 p. m., in Gauschow's hall.

RAILWAY CONDUCTORS Harvey Division No. 95, O. R. C., meets the second and fourth Sundays of each month...

RAILWAY TRAINMEN C. W. Bronson Lodge No. 457, B. of R. T., meets first and third Sundays at 2:30 p. m., and second and fourth Fridays at 7:30 p. m., each month...

RAILWAY CARMEN Young America Lodge No. 456, B. R. C. of A., meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month in Diamond's hall at 7:30 p. m.

MACHINISTS Red Willow Lodge No. 387, I. A. of M., meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at 8:30 p. m., in Gauschow hall.

BOILERMAKERS McCook Lodge No. 407, B. of B. M. & I. S. B. of A., meets first and third Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' hall.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS McCook Council No. 42, K. of P., meets every Wednesday, at 8:00 p. m., in Masonic hall.

ODD FELLOWS McCook Lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F., meets every Monday, at 8:30 p. m., in Gauschow's hall.

EAGLES McCook Aerie No. 134, E. O. E., meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at 8:00 p. m., in Diamond's hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS McCook Council No. 1123, K. of C., meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at 8:00 p. m., in Diamond's hall.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA Court Granada No. 77, meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8 p. m., in the Morris hall.

LADY MACCABEES Valley Queen Hive No. 2, L. O. T. M., meets every first and third Thursday evenings of each month in Gauschow hall.

G. A. R. J. R. Barnes Post No. 27, G. A. R., meets on the first Saturday of each month at 2:30 p. m., in Gauschow's hall.

RELIEF CORPS McCook Corps No. 88, W. R. C., meets every second and fourth Saturday of each month, at 2:30 p. m., in Gauschow hall.

L. O. G. A. E. McCook Circle No. 33, L. O. G. A. E., meets on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2:30 p. m., in Diamond's hall.

MATTIE KNIPPLE, Sec. Chapter X, P. E. O., meets the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, at 2:30 p. m., at the homes of the various members.

ADVERTISED LIST The following letters, cards and packages remain unclaimed for at the McCook postoffice, July 31, 1908.

LETTERS Cahill, Mr. Thos. Gollaber, Mr. F. D. Lewis, Miss Gillie. Perkins, Mrs. Pearl 2. Procter, Mr. R. S. Walls, Mr. R. V.

CARDS Adams, Dr. A. G. Blake, C. E. Bastens, Mrs. Theresa Hill, E. L. Johnson, Mrs. A. A. Korns, Mrs. Mary E. Wagner, Mrs. John.

When calling for these, please say they were advertised. S. B. McLEAN, Postmaster.

CHURCH TOWERS.

They Are a Distinctive Feature of the Mexican View.

There is no country better worth visiting than Mexico. It is very striking in crossing the border from the United States to note how completely everything changes. Here there hardly seems anything man has constructed which harmonizes with its surroundings; there everything seems to be entirely a part of the country.

Everywhere the distinctive features are the church towers and tiled domes rising above the towns. The exteriors of these churches are always picturesque and interesting, but the interiors are usually disappointing, for they have suffered much during many revolutions and perhaps even more from senseless renovations.

NO ALTERNATIVE.

The Jury Had to Teach the Pompous Judge a Lesson.

A certain trial judge in a certain state became so unpopular that the only way he could get a verdict for the state was to make his charge in favor of the prisoner. When matters had reached this stage a famous feud fighter was arrested on a charge of murder and brought to trial.

"Gentlemen," said the judge, waving the clerk into silence, "have you reached a verdict?"

"We have," said the foreman. The judge opened a paper bag and drew out a black cap. With an important look around the courtroom he placed this on his head and pulled it down until it met his ears.

"Prisoner," he said, "arise and look at the jury. Jury, arise and look at the prisoner. Gentlemen, what is your verdict?"

The jurymen, who had been whispering to each other, nodded cheerfully at the prisoner.

"Not guilty," said the foreman. "Of course," he said later, when every one had shaken the innocent man's hand, "he was guilty all right, and that was going to be our verdict, but when the little judge put that black cap on his head and pulled it down over his ears like that there was only one thing for us to do, and we did it."

—New York Sun.

Graveyard Neighbors. The agent for a cemetery company was expatiating on the good points of a certain lot. Presently the prospective purchaser interrupted with the enumeration of several prominent families owning property there.

"Is this lot near theirs?" she asked. The agent admitted that it was quite a distance off.

"Then," said the woman, "I don't want it. I'd rather pay more and get in a good neighborhood."

The agent collapsed. "Has it come to the point," he said, "where people consider their next door neighbors even in a graveyard?"

—New York Sun.

Business Sense. In new lines of goods is where the profits lie. The old standbys that every dealer keeps have the prices all cut to pieces on them. Get the new things ahead of the other fellows and make money on them.

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Mrs. C. H. MEERER, Cor. Sec.

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A BIT TOO SHREWD.

One Venture In Which the Captain Overreached Himself.

One of Uncle Sam's customs officials, noted for his success in unmasking smugglers, said the other day in a discussion of a customs officer's duties: "One must be shrewd, but not too shrewd; otherwise one overreaches oneself, like Captain Harrow of Islesborough."

"Captain Harrow of Islesborough was trading at Key West in a small vessel. Business took him up the coast to Tampa bay, and he bought twenty dozen chickens from a farmer at \$4 a dozen."

"The chickens were all sizes—some a few days old and no bigger than canary birds; some fat and large, like turkey gobblers. The captain expected to make a lot of money out of them. He was very shrewd at a trade."

"Well, at Key West a hotel man came aboard and looked the chickens over."

"They are fine birds," he said. "How much?"

"If you pick them out yourself," said Captain Harrow shrewdly, "I'll have to charge you \$6 a dozen. If I pick them out, I can let you have them for \$3."

"All right. You pick them out," said the hotel man.

"Captain Harrow picked out a dozen chickens of the canary bird size."

"Here you are, twelve prime broilers," he said, with a leer.

"Go ahead," said the hotel man calmly; "another dozen."

"The next dozen was of necessity larger."

"Go on," said the hotel man. "Keep on picking them out."

"And the third dozen was larger still. The captain looked at his patron anxiously."

"Keep right on."

"The next dozen was fine and plump, and the next comprised the biggest and fattest of the chickens."

"Keep right on picking them out, captain."

"Then at last Captain Harrow saw how he had overreached himself. The hotel man bought his whole lot of chickens at \$3, and thus the captain lost on the speculation \$20 in cash, to say nothing of feed and labor."

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE WORLD DRYING UP.

Possibility That the Human Race Will Die of Thirst.

We are to die of thirst. Comparatively few persons know the suffering involved in a thirst for which there is no help at hand.

The river Tarim, once a principal Asiatic route, is almost gone, and Lob-Nor, formerly four times the area of Lake Geneva, is now but a shallow marsh. The same sad conditions are noted in European Russia.

Novgorod, the most pushing city in the czar's distracted realm, was surrounded by water in the middle ages. While we may be sure that the fate which the geologists suggest for humanity is very far away, the facts recited to show the drying up process are convincing proofs of the need of preserving our forests with more care.

—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

A Test Case.

"I'm a 'beauty doctor,'" announced the stranger with the hand satchel full of cosmetics and massage machines. "Do you think I could get any practice around here?"

"Yeou make ugly things pretty, don't you?" drawled the old farmer in the speckled shirt.

"That's my business, sir."

"Waal, if yeon'll go down back of my barn yeon'll find an old slate covered cow with one eye and one horn and wrinkles like canals all over her face. She's the ugliest cow in seven states, and if yeou can make her pretty I'll give that yeou be a 'beauty doctor' an' agree yeou a dollar."

—Chicago News.

Apparent.

"Pardon me," began the new acquaintance, "but are you the Mr. Cadley Nuritch who wrote that magazine article last month for us?"

"Yes," interrupted Nuritch, "but of course yeon'll understand that I don't make a business of that sort of thing."

"Of course. I know that. I read the article."—Philadelphia Press.

Scientific Loafing.

"Chess, checkers and whist are marvelous inventions," says the philosopher of folly. "They enable a man to waste his time and still have the feeling that he is accomplishing something intellectual."

Making Faces.

Saucee—I saw a man in a window making faces today. Symple—What was he doing that for? Saucee—For a couple of clocks. He is a jeweler.—London Fun.

INDIANOLA.

Babe Burt has the diphtheria.

Mrs. Elmer Thompson is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Teel were town visitors, first of the week.

Mrs. Robt. Lee enjoyed a visit from her mother, last Sunday.

Mrs. L. B. Corbin, who has been dangerously ill, is very much improved.

Mrs. M. Baxter has been suffering with rheumatism for the past few days.

Henry Crabtree and wife accompanied by their two little nieces arrived home, Sunday night, from their trip east.

Mrs. Tim Haley and son Arthur have gone to Ohio to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer of Arapahoe were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haley, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. George Burt came home from Omaha, this week, in response to a telegram announcing the illness of her son.

Lightning struck the Duff elevator office during the storm, Wednesday evening, demolishing the stove pipe and twisting the top off the stove.

Chet Myers and John Kerns, who were in the office at the time, were not injured. The boys think it was a close call, and say they do not hanker after another experience of the kind.

Harry Wyrick and Miss Pearl Lyman drove up from Bartley, Sunday afternoon, and visited with Indianola friends.

A. Pennington of McCook called on friends in Indianola, Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Georgia Welborn has returned to her home near Trenton, Missouri, after a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Indianola.

A "hold-up" is the latest sensation in the way of news, this week, James Malleck being the victim. Late Monday night, while on his way home from town, he was met on the river bridge by some men belonging to a gypsy gang that had been in camp along the river for several days.

They intercepted him and, when asked to step aside, they attacked him and gave him a severe beating beside relieving him of most of his cash.

Mr. Malleck's young son was with him on his bicycle, so he rode back to town as quick as he could and gave the alarm. A squad of men went out and brought Mr. Malleck to town and the doctors patched him up. The gypsies have decamped.

Reverend E. S. Hill preached an excellent sermon from the Congregational pulpit, Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haley drove out to the J. Ryan home, Monday, and spent the day visiting.

Rev. Bodine of the Congregational church left, Thursday morning, for Michigan where they will make their home in the future.

Leonard S. Smith is in Wyoming seeking relief from hay fever.

Rev. E. S. Hill of California came, middle of the week, for a visit with his brother E. S. Hill.

The little granddaughter of F. S. Strockey arrived home, Thursday evening, from York, where she has been visiting relatives.

BARTLEY.

G. W. Jones made a trip to McCook this week.

A. J. Cramer is recovering from his injury received on the 4th of July and will soon be able to attend to business in the store.

Harold Cochran fell from the upper barn floor Tuesday and dislocated his elbow joint.

Hickman & Fritz take possession of the Hoover livery barn this week.

Mr. Davis of the Davis & Garrett firm of painters has moved into Bartley and is located in the Farrer property.

A cousin of Fred Huntwork has moved to Bartley from Oklahoma and will put in a plumber's stock.

The Bartley band is receiving some new instruments.

Will Kites' son died very suddenly last Saturday and was buried Monday. Rev. Hageman preached the funeral.

Dr. Hathorn has ordered an automobile.

Mrs. G. W. Jones is recovering from her sickness.

Wedding bells will ring soon when two of our young folks will unite their fortunes.

Smith Durbin is putting up a new house in the west part of town. He has the promise of a bird as soon as the cage is ready.

R. F. D. No. 1.

Frank Dudek returned, Monday from Colorado, leaving his father there much improved in health.

Mrs. McNeil of Indianola and Mrs. Beggs of Pittsburg, Pa., were guests of Mrs. W. P. Broomfield, Tuesday.

Herman and Edmund Ramelew are visiting Culbertson friends, this week.

Miss Margaret Evans is having a stone foundation put under his farm house.

Threshers are operating in this neighborhood. The yield per acre is very small in most cases.

BOX ELDER.

Fred Satchell has gone to Imperial on business.

A. W. Campbell attended the lecture at Spring Creek last Friday evening.

Miss Pearl Campbell visited her aunt Mrs. A. T. Wilson the latter part of the week.

C. H. Mundy had a wind mill put up last week.

Mrs. D. B. Boyle and Mrs. Evert Rutledge returned, last Friday, from their visit at Maywood.

Lee Peterson of Spring Creek visited Rev. Miller Monday.

J. C. Ball put up a new windmill wheel for G. A. Shields in place of the one blown down in the high wind a couple of weeks ago.

Mesdames Otto Pate, J. C. Ball and McDonald visited Mrs. George Shields and mother Friday afternoon.

Wm. Doyle and family returned, last Sunday night, from Oregon.

A number of the people gathered at the parsonage, Monday evening, to remind Rev. Miller that he had reached another mile stone in his life. A very pleasant evening was spent and enjoyed by all present. Ice cream and cake were served during the evening.

PLEASANT PRAIRIE.

Harvest is over but most of the grain will have to go through the "sweat" before threshing.

Corn is in fine condition and the prospect was never better for a big crop.

W. E. Witt has considerable fall plowing done already.

C. D. Olmstead expects to go out to his homestead in Colorado, first of next month, to put up hay.

Mr. Young has his new house well under way.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dodge of Marion visited with Mr. Lant's family Sunday.

The parties from the West Side, that persist in Sunday base ball playing, and trying to entice the young people from the Sunday-school, might at least stay in their own territory.

Mr. Austin's team ran away from him Saturday night coming from McCook. Fortunately he was near home and aside from a severe shaking up and a few bruises no damage was done.

Some corn has been plowed since harvest but most of it is too big to plow.

DANBURY.

H. V. Lord has gone to Lincoln for medical treatment.

Will Moss's baby has been quite sick. Essie Phillips has typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cashen and Mrs. G. W. Billings have been visiting north of McCook.

Frank Burbridge of Orleans was in Danbury about an hour Monday.

The Misses Kate and Dora Greenway started to Villisco, Iowa, on Wednesday of this week, for a visit with relatives.

S. H. Stigebouer and Mrs. Hiram Plumb were county seat visitors Monday.

Mrs. Lavegne, who has been visiting her son W. A. Minniear and daughter Mrs. Rex Miles, returned to her home in Indiana, first of the week.

Mrs. Miles and her two younger children accompanied her to visit relatives.

Mrs. Sewall and Mrs. O. B. Woods started for Sidney, Nebraska, for a visit with Mrs. Walter Pate.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Leisure have returned from their visit with their daughter Mrs. Theissen at Pawnee City.

Mrs. McKee, who has been quite sick, is better at this writing.

Farmers, Attention.

I am receiving cream for the Fairmont Creamery Co. of Crete, Neb. Bring your cream to me and I will guarantee good results. You get your checks every shipment. To those parties that are delivering cream to other creameries, if you will divide—give one-half to me—I think after a few shipments you will bring it all to me.

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GERVER.

Miss Emma Dickenson was at R. E. Lant's fore part of this week.

The Sunday school was pretty well attended the 26th. Harvesting is about over and people feel more like turning out.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dodge visited at Lant's Sunday. Joe expressed the idea that the fire at Marion, last week, which consumed the meat market, hotel and drug store, and from which his own store was only saved by the heroic efforts of both large and small, was of incendiary origin.

Fire bugs and crazy anarchists belong in the same category and should have extended to them the most extreme penalty.

Alex Ellis expects to thresh for R. E. Lant soon.

Quite a number of the boys played ball at Traer Sunday and suffered defeat.

Wm. Tuttle finds more favorable harvesting weather here than in Oklahoma.

Josh Rowland was compelled to leave his heading for E. B. Nelson, as he was called to Herndon, Kans., where his sister Clara Haffner is dangerously ill.

SAINT ANN.

Nick Kolbet has put up a new windmill and pump on his farm near here.

John Braun helped Jos. Harr head wheat, last week.

While Arthur Zimmer was driving over a bridge across the Red Willow creek, his team became frightened and jumped off the bridge. Zimmer fell between the horses, receiving a bad bruise on his head, but with the help of friends escaped alive.

Fred Kolbet is helping Alfred Drain head wheat, this week.

A few of the neighbors gathered at the home of Joseph Harr, last Sunday, and enjoyed a social time and suitable refreshments.



SUMMER VACATION TOURS

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