

CITY LODGE DIRECTORY

A. F. & A. M. McCook Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M., meets every first and third Tuesday of the month, at 8:30 p. m., in Masonic hall.

THE DARDANELLES.

Changes In the Name of the Famous Two Mile Strait. The Dardanelles, which is so familiar today, meant to our grandfathers not the Hellespont, but merely "two ancient and strong castles of Turkey, one of which is in Roumania and the other in Natolia."

ISHMAELS OF CEYLON.

The Rodigas, a Curious Tribe of Social Outcasts. There is a curious tribe of people in Ceylon called the Rodigas, who live the life of social Ishmaels, despised and cast out by their fellows.

BARTLEY.

Merchants are busy invoicing. It is believed net income will be lower than 1907. However, all business here has been profitable and all engaged have something on the credit side.

R. F. D. NOS. 3 AND 4.

The young folks had a watch party at M. Austin's, New Year eve. Milton Clark gave his son Fred a beautiful buggy as a Christmas present.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clark and son

George spent the first part of last week at Oberlin, Kansas. Miss Florence Jacob spent her Xmas vacation at Culbertson at the home of her sister Mrs. F. L. Barnes.

THE ARAB'S HORSE.

How He is Treated and Why He Excels at Long Journeys. It is most interesting to note the way the Arab treats his faithful friend, the horse. So inured indeed is the Arab pony by long usage and descent to the manner of life in the desert that even my own pony positively improved on the treatment, and I never saw him so fit as when he came back from the trip.

THE COCKET WRITERS.

What Happened When England Abolished Their Offices. In the long room of the London custom house years ago were twelve officers styled "cocket writers." They wrote certificates that goods had been duly entered and the duties paid.

INDIANOLA.

Fine weather for ice. Charles Allen went to Cambridge, Sunday night. H. W. Keyes was a McCook visitor, Monday.

Bill's Specialty.

They found the old man sitting on the fence smoking his cornob. "Howdy, pap! What's your son Jim doing these days?"

Where Dollars Originated.

Joachimsthal, near Carlsbad, is historic as the birthplace of the original dollar. This was the silver gulden-groschen, coined in 1519 by order of Count Schlick from the metal of a recently opened mine, and it became known as the Joachimsthaler, or "thaler" alone for short.

The Tall Chimney.

It might puzzle the ordinary mortal to state in legal form just how much time and how much money he would require to take down a tall brick chimney. The contracting engineer would make it take itself down.

What It Was.

She was visiting a Chinese restaurant for the first time and had ordered, among other things, an omelet. After sampling the succulent chop suey and the appetizing chow mein she turned her attention to what seemed a dish of pancakes.

Grouchy.

"There is a movement on foot," said Mr. Snoope. "to prevent the marriage of weak-minded persons. What do you think of it?"

Civilized Poverty.

Paraphrasing the words of a horrible and the least singular and sheer misery of civilized poverty. Poverty is a great evil in any state, but the world has not known any poverty so full so brutal and so utterly heartless as the poverty of the city slum.

An Easy Start.

"I see a premier danseuse is advertised to dance with five snakes twisted about her."

Happy School Days.

Tommy was about to leave the school where he had spent his first years. He went to the teacher to say goodby and added: "I am awfully sorry to leave this school. I had such good times at recess."—Lippincott's.

The Want of It.

"The loss of money," said the moralizer, "is the root of all evil."

Encouraging.

The Suitor—Johnny, your parlor clock is an hour fast. The Kid Brother—I know it, but don't tell sister so. The Suitor—Why not? The Kid Brother—Because she thinks you don't know it.—Cleveland Leader.

Safe.

Hicks—You were dreadfully indiscreet to mention that important deal of ours to your wife. Wicks—Oh, it's all right! I didn't tell her it was a secret.—Boston Transcript.

"One swallow does not make a summer." It is true, but a banana skin will often make one fall.—Pathfinder.

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