

CITY LODGE DIRECTORY

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. CHARLES L. FAHNESTOCK, W. M.

OFFICERS' CHARADE.

One of the Company Was an Expert at the Game. A general arrived from St. Petersburg in a garrison town in the interior of Russia to hold an inspection of the troops. After the review he stepped into the officers' mess room, where he noticed on the counter a row of bottles, to which, instead of usual labels, white tickets, with a single letter of the alphabet on each, were affixed.

LOST BOTH WAYS.

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One afternoon Tom woke up with a healthy appetite for breakfast," said the New Yorker. "He found on investigating his pockets that he had a five dollar gold piece, and he set out for the nearest cafe to appease his hunger. But just as he was about to enter the restaurant he suddenly recognized the entrance to the next place as the one leading to a gambling house which he had not visited for some time.

"Should he risk his gold piece on the faro table or the roulette or should he eat? That was the question. He might make a killing, in which event, of course, he would eat sumptuously. Then, again, he might lose and face starvation. The natural thing for Tom to do was to leave it to chance.

"Heads up, I eat breakfast; tails, I play," said Tom and flipped the coin. It was heads up, and Tom scratched his head thoughtfully and said: "Well, we'll make it two out of three."

"Again he tossed up, but this time the gold piece struck a crevice in the sidewalk and disappeared. Tom looked at the crack and philosophically remarked: "Whipsawed both ways."—Milwaukee Free Press.

Tricked of the Time.

A Philadelphia lawyer who spends most of his time at his country estate employs a sturdy Irish gardener whose one desire in life is to live until the banner of freedom is unfurled over Ireland.

One evening the lawyer strolled through the grounds of his place and stopped to have a chat with the gardener. "Michael, do you know that while we are here enjoying the beautiful twilight it is dark midnight in Ireland?" he asked.

"Faith, an' O! not surprised," replied the gardener. "Ireland never got justice yet."—Judge.

Money Getters.

"Do you think it pays to send our sons to college? Do they obtain the practical experience in money getting that is so necessary in these days?" "Well, judging from the experience I have had with my son, I should say they did. His practical experience in money getting increases with every letter that I receive from him."

Simplified Debate.

"Are you going to attempt to answer all the charges made against you?" "Certainly," replied Senator Sargum. "Answering charges these days is easy. All you've got to do is say, 'You're another.'"—Washington Star.

A Definition.

"What is the difference between preferred and common stock?" "Well, if you buy the common you lose your money right off, but if you buy preferred there is a little longer delay about it."—Judge.

A liar ends by making truth appear like falsehood.—Shenstone.

The Chorus Of the Years By ARTHUR J. BURDICK

LONG, loud and clear the chorus swelle— The voices of the years. Each ringing with achievement grand And calling to the spheres To look and view One loyal, true, Who snatched from Tyranny a land— The fairest neath the sun— And fastest Progress on her way: Brave, noble Washington.

In him War found a champion Courageous, dauntless, true. His heart of steel was tender, too, And sympathy it knew. And friend and foe, When lying low, Alike to him were brother men, His fellows, every one. War was but Mercy's path when led The soldier, Washington.



GILBERT STUART'S WASHINGTON.

THE chanting years sing Peace today— Sweet is the theme and grand— And sound the praise of him who first Enticed her to this land. Her light more clear Shines forth each year, To all the world a beacon bright, Hope's never setting sun. All nations voice their gratitude To our George Washington.

THOUGH first in war and first in peace, Yet more than this was he. We call him "Father," for to us He gave sweet Liberty. Lift loud your song, O years, prolong The anthem, and while time endures Proclaim the victory won! First in the hearts of all true men Aye lives our Washington.



HOUDON'S DEATH MARK OF WASHINGTON.

WEBSTER AND CHOATE.

The Latter a Rapid Fire Maxim, the Former a Thirteen Inch Gun. "Probably no educational institution in our country has ever graduated two more eminent and eloquent lawyer than old Dartmouth college gave us in Daniel Webster and Rufus Choate," says a writer in Our Dumb Animals.

"Our old chief justice, Judge Shaw, one of the greatest lawyers of his time, was a plain, practical man, and looked in his old age as he sat on the bench somewhat like a Chinese idol, and he used to frequently cut off Mr. Choate's eloquence by calling him back to the plain facts."

The Reconciliation. The doctor was soon at the child's bedside. Remedies were administered; the fight for life—skill and vitality on one side, fierce disease on the other. When at last the struggle ceased, the gray dawn of day was looking in at the window. Life had won. The child slept.

A Long Crawl of Duty. A Scotsman had come to London on his way to India, and for a few days had time to amuse himself by sketching before his departure, says Cecil Ramsey in his "Reminiscences." He had been much struck with the appearance of the mounted sentinels of the horse guards, Whitehall, and for them in remembrance during his eastern sojourn. On his return after a period of thirty years, on passing the horse guards, he looked up to one and seeing him, as he thought, unacquainted as to horse position and accouterments, he exclaimed, "Oh, friend, you have had a long swell over 'sta' I left."

Matured Surprises. They stood beneath the mistletoe. She was justly resentful of what he had done. "How dare you kiss me?" she exclaimed. "I never was so surprised in all my life!" "Neither was I," he replied contritely. "I thought it was your younger sister."—Chicago Post.

Forbidden Fruit. "Your luncheons are always so successful, Mrs. Penrhyn-Paget. Do tell me how you select your menus." "Oh, you see, the doctor has given me a printed list of things I mustn't eat, and I choose the dishes from that."—Woman's Home Companion. A kindness done to the good is never lost.—Plautus.

ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR. In the County Court of Red Willow county, Nebraska. State of Nebraska, County of Red Willow, ss. To Carrie Simons, William Blatt, Rudolph Blatt, Albert Blatt, Frank Blatt, Augusta Blatt, Lucille Blatt and Emma Schorange, and to all persons interested in the estate of Philip Blatt, deceased:

NOTICE OF SUIT. Nellie Smith, Ann Smith, John D. Smith, Lizzie Smith, Rosa Belle Dodge, Arthur S. Dodge, Frank Real, John H. Real, Julia Real and Helen Marguerite Real, against Charles E. Smith, defendant. Plaintiff's petition in the District Court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are that the defendants, and each and all of them, be required to set forth the interest they and each of them, claim in the northern quarter and the north half of the southeast quarter of section 21, town 3, N. range 20, W. of the R.R. P. M. in Red Willow county, Nebraska; that the plaintiff be decreed to be the owner in fee simple of an undivided two-thirds interest in said land; that the defendants, John D. Smith and Rosa Belle Dodge, each be decreed to be the owner of an undivided one-ninth interest therein; and that each of the defendants, Frank Real, John H. Real, Julia F. Real and Helen Marguerite Real, be decreed to be the owner in fee simple of an undivided one-thirty-sixth interest in said premises; that a judgment be had, confirming the shares of the parties as hereinbefore set forth, and for the partition of said premises according to the rights of the respective parties therein, and if said partition cannot be equitably divided, that the same be sold and the proceeds of such sale be distributed among the parties according to their respective rights, and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

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