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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1906.

THE "ENDLESS PRAYER CHAIN."

We print an endless chain letter this week which was received by a young lady in this town and is circulating around through this county. We want to warn people who write and receive such letters that the postoffice department has ruled against all endless chain letters and punishment will follow if the practice is continued. Do not send them.

Valentine, Nebr., Dec. 6, '06.
Dear Friend:
I have received the "Endless Prayer Chain," and not wishing to break it, will write to you. Hoping that you will become one link in this beautiful chain and that you may be richly rewarded by acknowledging it.

I remain as ever,
Your Friend—
"ENDLESS CHAIN PRAYER."
"Oh! Lord Jesus we implore Thee. Oh! Eternal God, to have mercy on mankind! Keep us from all sin by thy precious blood and take us to be with Thee Eternally. Amen."

This prayer was sent out by the Bishop Lawrence, recommending it to be written to nine persons. Who will not say it, will be afflicted by some great misfortune. One person who paid no attention to it met with a terrible accident. He, who will rewrite the prayer nine days and send it to nine other persons, commencing on the day it is received and sending it only one a day, will on or after the ninth day experience some great joy. At Jerusalem, during the Holy Feast, it was said that he, who will write this prayer, will be delivered from every calamity. Please do not break the chain.

Wife Deserter Ducked in River.

Lyons, Neb., Dec. 10.—Whipped, stripped and doused in an ice cold river, was the punishment meted out to Sewell Sampson, on his return to his wife and large family after a trip with another man's wife, who also deserted a large family.

Sampson was then notified to quit town, never to return.

The affair was informal and was carried through without a mishap by the reception committee. Sampson was met on the streets and a gunnysack tied ever his head. Then he was thrown in a wagon and carted to the Logan river. His clothes were removed and a lash considerably applied to warm him. After this, he was ducked in the river to cool off. On his exit, he was told that he had ten minutes in which to leave town.

Sampson was somewhat angry at his treatment. He has not been seen since.—Omaha Daily News.

We Sell Lumber

BISHOP & YOUNG,
CODY, NEB.

James Mone writes us that he is selling out and leaving Cody. We are sorry to hear of a good democrat leaving Cherry county. We need more of them.

The stork left a baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Bishop in this city last Monday. Grandpa Bishop doesn't look any older as a consequence of his first grand-child.

Mrs. Bivens of Rosebud and her daughter, Mrs. Charles Watson, visited with Len Bivens and family the first of the week, and yesterday morning Mrs. Watson departed for her home in Rawlins, Wyo.

We want the people who are interested in a lease bill for government lands to write us their opinions. Address all communications to THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT and give your views as to leasing government land.

J. F. Swain writes us from Hot Springs, where he is running the Commercial Hotel, that business is good. Mrs. McFarland, his daughter, and her children arrived there yesterday morning from Chico, Cal., where her husband died a few weeks ago. She and family will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Swain. Mr. Swain is getting to the front as an auctioneer and has already had a good sale there.

Down the River.

Dave Archer has just finished plastering his house.

James Hutchison and Irve Strain were through these parts on their way to the agency recently.

The girls of this locality, who are attending school in Valentine, are looking forward to a two week's vacation during the holidays.

Messrs. Hale and Burner have quit working on the hill. They say it is too hard a work for such little pay they receive, but they were making a great improvement on the road.

Along the Mississippi river bottom it is so sickly it takes three frogs to live a year, and two of them have to be doctors, but in some parts of Missouri they have been unable to start a grave yard.

We are creatures of habit. Day after day we go about life in the same old way. In time we become automatic, machine-like, set and unchangeable. It has always been considered bad taste to get in a rut. Life is full of examples that prove conclusively that getting in a rut is more than bad taste. A German scientist who had been writing on the subject says that over half of our daily life is purely of automatic performance. We go on doing things because we did them so yesterday and the day before and gave no reflection to them. Humanity is led by the nose of habit. It makes us do things without thinking of them, perform them unconsciously and without effort. Half of one's life is a serious slice out of it and it is just as well to be anxious as to the direction in which that guidance is leading one.

YOUNGSTER.

Did you know that our

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'Nuff Said.

T. C. Hornby.

Don't fail to read Frank Fischer's big advertisement elsewhere this paper. It will pay you.

Wm. Erickson was in town yesterday and tells us that he is going to have a house warming Friday evening in his new 15 room house near Kennedy which is just about completed. The neighbors, far and near, are expected and a big time is anticipated.

Come to town and see the fine displays and decorations for Christmas and Holiday trade. Look over this paper for Christmas advertising and things that you may need. The stores always shine and glitter with splendor as the approach of the holidays makes each youthful heart beat stronger. Let us turn to the brightest leaf of our nature.

Half or more of the shows or plays that come here are not worth your time to attend, and most of the time when you go you wish you had waited for the next one. It is intemperance to try to go to everything that comes along or to think if you don't take in everything you might miss something sometime. Try to enjoy an evening at home. There is no better place for an evening than with your family.

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W. C. T. U. Column

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be on Tuesday, Dec. 19. A program under the leadership of the Supt. of Scientific Temperance Instruction will be carried out. We hope the members will plan to be present.

The following article shows a great advance step in reforms in Japan which would be well for us—christian America—to emulate:

JAPAN'S ANTI-TOBACCO LAW.

The Japanese government seeing what a ravage the tobacco habit was working in the physical and mental development of her youth, passed a law forbidding the use or sale of tobacco. If a minor is caught smoking, his tobacco and smoking implements are confiscated, his parent or guardian allowing the youth to smoke is fined one dollar, or the equivalent in Japanese currency and the tobaccoist selling the tobacco, cigars or cigarettes to the minor is fined ten dollars for each offense.

The Japanese minister of education issued instructions that all students in school of the elementary or middle grade, without reference to age, shall be forbidden to use tobacco in any form. This will reach a much larger class than the law, as there are many students who are not minors.—National Temperance Ass'n. in Union Worker.

A BREWER'S REFORM.

A millionaire brewer, a state senator, said to Mrs. Hunt of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union: "I shall vote for your bill providing for instruction in public schools of the physiological effects of alcohol. I have sold out my brewery and I am clean from the whole business. Let me tell you what occurred at my table. A guest was taken dangerously ill at dinner and there was a call for brandy to restore him. My little boy at once exclaimed, 'No, that is just what he doesn't need! It will paralyze the nerves and muscles of the blood vessels so they will not send back the blood to the heart!' When the liquor was poured out to give the man the lad insisted on pushing it back. 'You will kill him; he has too much blood in his head already.' 'How do you know all that?' I asked. 'Why, it is in my physiology at school.' It seems the text-books, prepared by such men as Professor Newell Martin, F. R. S., of John Hopkins University, have succeeded in giving the lad some definite information which has proved useful." "Senator," said Mrs. Hunt, "are you sorry your boy learned that at school?" "Madam," the man replied, raising his hand, "I would not take \$5,000 for the assurance it gives me that my boy will never be a drunkard."—National Temperance Advocate.

SALOON MEN SEE IT.

A Portland, Ore., saloonkeeper said to a friend: "I tell the saloonkeepers we can fix the laws regarding liquor drinking any way we choose. But the people will down the whole business sooner or later as sure as the sun rises. They would do it at once if it were not for the fact that they have locked arms with it to get revenue."

An Albany saloon man said: "Whenever the saloon men get together and talk over the future prospects of liquor selling, there are at least 5 per cent of them say they expect the people will shut up the drinking places in time."

A saloon man in Salem said: "The saloon men are greatly annoyed at the evident increase of prohibition sentiment throughout the country, but we will fight it as long as we can, with all the money the traffic will put up. Still, it is only a question of time when liquor drinking will be downed.—National Temp. Ass'n. in Union Worker.

Supt. Press Work.

Excursion Rates for the Holidays.

Via the Northwestern Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at reduced rates on nine dates: December 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1906, and January 1, 1907. Good returning until and including January 7, 1907, to all stations on the



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PHONE 97.

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Walther F. A. Meltendorff.

Northwestern Line, (including C. St. P. M. & O. R'y.), and to points on certain other lines, for full details of which apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

Hon. Frank Currie of Gordon is in town and we enjoyed a pleasant visit with him in conversation concerning the stock interests of this country.

U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week Ending Dec. 12.

The daily mean temperature, 27°, shows a downward trend again and has averaged 3° below the normal.

The highest temperature was 53° on the 11th and 12th; lowest 5° on the 6th, a range of 48° for the week.

The precipitation in the form of snow was only a trace. The ground is almost clear except where it drifted.

Notice to Creditors.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. In the County of CHERRY COUNTY.
In the matter of the estate of David A. Piercy, deceased.
You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court Room in Valentine in said county on the 5th day of January, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m. to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is the 5th day of January, A. D. 1907, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 5th day of January, 1907.
Witness my hand and seal of said county court on this 12th day of December, A. D. 1906.
SEAL W. R. TOWNE,
County Judge.

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STOLEN

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JOHN CORBIER,
Rosebud, S. D.

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