

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. Harold McCormick of Chicago is said to have ordered a thirty volume set of Browning's works to be bound at \$1,000 a volume.
Miss Theodora Shonta, who is to marry the Duc de Chauvines of France, is a fine linguist. Her maternal grandfather was the late Governor Drake of Iowa.
One of the peaks of the Carbon range in Alaska has been named Mount Grace in honor of Miss Grace McDonald of Meeteetse, Wyo., who was the first woman to scale it.
Although blind and partially paralyzed, Mrs. Catherine Snay of Oxford, Mass., celebrated her one hundred and sixth birthday by smoking her pipe. She has smoked since she was ten.
Mrs. Mary K. Michael of Hamilton, O., is an expert plasterer and paper-hanger. Her husband, a plasterer, is a hard worker and is sometimes so pressed with business that he cannot get through it all. Then Mrs. Michael leaves her household labors and helps him.
Mrs. Caroline C. Furber of Greenfield has one of the finest collections of books and autographs in western Massachusetts. She has also a collection of rare china. Her library of 7,000 or 8,000 volumes contains many rare editions of standard works, and some of her books are exceedingly rare.
Mrs. Ida Lewis Wilson, or Ida Lewis, as she is more popularly known, keeper of the Lime Rock lighthouse, at the southern end of Newport harbor, has again been honored for bravery in saving lives during her long service as a keeper of the light. Notice has been received from Andrew Carnegie that he has placed her name on his private pension list, insuring her an income of \$30 a month during her lifetime.

SCIENCE SIFTINGS.

Professor Percival Lowell, the famous authority on Mars, has new pictures of the planet which corroborate in a striking manner his theory that it is the abode of intelligent life.
Two years will elapse before another opposition of the planet Mars, when it makes a still nearer approach to the earth than in 1907, and after that no favorable opposition will occur for a period of fifteen years.
Tests of a clock recently installed in a Cleveland observatory have proved that the mechanism is so accurate that the clock will not vary more than fifteen one-thousandths of a second from the exact time in twenty-four hours. This is considered to be nearly as steady and reliable as the sun itself.
By a new French process milk powder is produced by forcing the liquid under high pressure through a tube only one two-hundred-and-fiftieth of an inch in diameter into a closed chamber heated to 167 degrees F. by a current of warm air. The milk expands to vapor, the air current carries off the water, and the solids fall in powder.

GOWN GOSSIP.

Redingotes of all sorts and sizes are worn with winter frocks.
Long, wrinkled sleeves of net are proving a notable feature of many of the latest evening toilets.
Draped sleeves, rather full a little above the elbow and close fitting from the elbow to well over the hand, are very becoming.
Soft, heavily embroidered Japanese cuffs that turn back from the band are much worn. They are a feature of the Eton coats and of the long cloaks.
The platted skirt is rapidly passing from the exclusive couturier's viewpoint. It has already gone. The new model, somewhat like its sister of trailing proportions, is cut circular, circular gored.
Chinese and oriental embroideries of all kinds are having a very special vogue—in mixed colors, of course, worked with silk or finest thread. These look best on black dresses, while flet lace on collars and worked with colors is much worn on chiffon and light dresses for home and evening wear.—New York Sun.

Nothing Left.
Her—So Cholly up and spoke his mind.
Him—My stars! And he's been dumb ever since!
Debtors.
A French father really had caught Within its grotesque grin.
Yet by the scene we aimed and thought! How much we used to fight!
Phosphorus boxes

A Fresh Complexion is preserved—and produced—by Robertine, a mild, delightful preparation, delicately fragrant. Makes the skin exquisitely soft; banishes cracked appearance caused by over-dryness; reduces the size of enlarged pores, cleanses them, reduces inflammation and gives an even, radiant glow due to wholesome nourishment of skin glands and stimulation of the capillaries which also feed the skin and supply it with healthy color. Ask your Druggist for a free sample of ROBERTINE

THE ROYAL BOX.

The German emperor never travels incognito. King Leopold has just settled a sum of \$1,200,000 on the child of hismorganatic marriage with the Baroness Vaughan.
The Grand Duke Alexis, the czar's son, now three years and three months old, is one of the handsomest of the royal children in Europe.
Prince Gustav of Denmark, aged twenty, weighs 236 and is growing. He is the heaviest of European royalties and has a jolly disposition.
His majesty Edward VII. is frequently referred to as "Edrez"—very obviously derived from the royal signature, Edward Rex. Prior to his assumption of the crown he was familiarly known as "Bertie" and by the other members of the royal family as "the governor."

Laundry Lines.

Silk handkerchiefs washed in clear water with pure castile soap look like new.
Many washerwomen, in order to prevent the iron from sticking to a starched article when pressing it, take the precaution to add a little soapy water to the starch.
In boiling clothes, especially fine silks and lingerie, it is better to use a boiler always put in to prevent the loss of the best linens made from.

CASE AFTER CASE.

Plenty more like this in Grants Pass. Scores of Grants Pass people can tell you about Doan's Kidney Pills. Many a happy citizen makes public statement of his experience. Here is a case of it. What better proof of merit can be had than such endorsement?

J. M. Jones, N. Fifth St., Grants Pass, Ore., says: "I have taken Doan's Kidney Pills and am glad to state that they have helped me greatly. For sometime I have been suffering from symptoms of kidney trouble, such as an irregular action of the kidneys secretions and pains through the small of my back. The many remedies I tried failed to give me the least relief until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Clemens' drug store. The pains and aches left me, the kidney action was made normal and my health greatly benefited. I gladly recommend a remedy containing such good qualities as Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, Sole Agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. 1-3 24

SIRENS AND SONS.

Richard Croker will spend the winter in Egypt. In a recent speech in London Mr. Balfour uttered a sentence containing 275 words. At one time in his life Julian C. Carr, the Durham (N. C.) tobacco man, carried \$1,500,000 of insurance, and he yet carries \$500,000.

Stuyvesant Fish, Jr., is a fireman on the Rock Island railroad. He has been working in a freight office in Oklahoma and says he intends to learn all about railroads.

John Maginnis, former mayor of Butte, Mont., sent to Boston chapter, Knights of Columbus, an offer of \$25,000 as a Thanksgiving gift toward the fund that is to be devoted to the purchase of a building.

John R. Hill of Atlanta is the first negro in the country to receive a Carnegie hero medal. A check of \$500 was sent as a reward for risking his life in saving several people in danger from a runaway team in Atlanta.

William E. Corey, head of the steel trust, weighs 210 pounds and is so much worried by his size that he is said to have offered a Turkish bath rubber in New York his salary for one year (\$100,000) if he would take off the surplus flesh.

John Bigelow, ex-minister to France, who reached his nineteenth birthday anniversary on Tuesday, Nov. 23, is up at 6 o'clock every morning and puts in seven hours before he is willing to call it a day, although he says he "is past the age of usefulness." He lives at 21 Gramercy park, New York.

President George T. Angell of the Boston Society For Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is now eighty-four and a half years old, and, on condition of remaining away from all public meetings and taking the utmost care of his health, his physician has promised him five years more of work and usefulness.

Oil Test For Kansas Roads. It is reported that the board of county commissioners of Wyandotte county, Kan., will oil thirteen miles of macadam roads in the county as an experiment. The cost of the oiling is estimated at \$75 a mile. The roads are first swept, then sprinkled with oil, and after the oil has soaked in screenings are again scattered over the roads. It is proposed to give the roads about three applications of oil during the year.

Job work at Portland prices at the Courier office.

Rogue River Fruit Notes Profitable Pointers Regarding the Industry Gathered From Various Sources in This Favored Section of Oregon.

Talking about fresh berries and fruits being gathered in Oregon at Thanksgiving time, as was the case here in Josephine county, the Courier can tell of some of the finest of Tokay grapes which grew in the yards of O. H. Sampson, corner of Fifth and C streets, Grants Pass and which were gathered on New Year's day. They were decidedly delectable, as the Courier force can well attest and were pronounced first-class in every particular. And there were more where these came from. Mr. Sampson is the canny man and makes a specialty of looking out for fruit of all kinds, but nowhere has he found any nicer grapes than those grown in his own yard.

W. S. Barrie, after trying his best to make dairying pay in this region, has concluded that he can do much better growing fruit and he has therefore purchased a choice 15 acres of suitable orchard land here in the edge of the city, out on Sixth street and now he will proceed to try his hand in this line of work. He is very enthusiastic over the matter and sees a great future for this industry in this favored valley.

Commenting upon the movement of the Josephine county fruit growers to name their respective farms the Lakeview Herald has this comment to make: "While the above will be all right, no doubt, in Josephine county, we should think it would be a good plan to use here in connection with the Fruit Growers' Union. It would enable each grower to get credit for his labors and would also create a demand for his fruit, as by having his name on his boxes it would guarantee the purchaser against getting bad fruit, and as the Oregonian says, if your neighbor shipped scabby and wormy apples, he would get the credit, and not the whole community."

County Fruit Inspector Eismann is finding that his is no child's job and that the undertaking of trying to satisfy everybody is truly a gigantic one. But he feels confident that in the days to come some people who are not feeling like blessing him, will think more favorably of his efforts to better the fruit conditions in Josephine county. He proposes to do the square thing by the growers, as nearly as he can and if he makes mistakes, he says they will be of the "head and not the heart," for he is conscientious in the matter, even though some folks are inclined to misconstrue his motives.

THE GANGES.

Ancient Legends of the Sacred River of the Hindoos.

From an icy cavern at the foot of a Himalayan snow bed more than 10,000 feet above the level of the sea issues a small stream which becomes the mighty Ganges, flowing for 1,000 miles through India to the bay of Bengal, and of whose course every foot is holy ground.

With Mother Ganga, as the pious Hindoos reverently call her, no river on earth can compare in sanctity. The old poem tells us that the heavenly Ganges flowed from the toe of Vishnu and was brought down from heaven by the prayers of the saint Bhagiratha to purify the ashes of the 60,000 sons of King Sagara, who had been burnt by the angry glances of the sage Kapila. Ganga was angry at being brought down from heaven, and to save the earth from her impetuous rush Siva caught the river on his brow and with his matted locks checked its course. The legends go on to tell how the descent of the Ganges disturbed the sage Janhu in the performance of his religious duties, whereupon in his rage he drank up the river, but subsequently relented and permitted it to flow from his ear.—Pearson's Weekly.

END OF THE WORLD.

One Scientific Theory of How Our Planet May Perish. A scientific forecast of how the end of the world might come has been given by Professor Edward Gore. His theory is that final cataclysm may possibly be the result of a collision between the sun and some dark, dead, derelict planet. Although astronomers have no actual proof that such dead suns exist, without life or light and careering about in space, they believe it quite possible. The result of a collision between the sun and a dark planet would be that the former's light and heat would be enormously increased and the earth instantly destroyed by combustion. Professor Gore tells how we should be warned of our approaching doom. "When about 15,000,000 miles from the sun, the dark body would begin to shine by reflected light. In about ten years it would have become so bright as to be visible to the naked eye. In fifteen years it would be brighter than any object except the moon. Very soon afterward would come the great catastrophe of its collision, moving at 400 miles a second, with the sun moving at the same speed."—Dundee Observer.

Newtown, less than a century ago, a charming district on Long Island, N. Y., the place where the famous Newtown Pippin originated, is now the Second ward of Queensborough in Greater New York. They are having a dispute over the naming and renaming of their streets. One party insists on sacrificing old names and substituting such misfits as Ajax avenue, Neptune avenue, Venus avenue, and so on, for Horse Brook road, Old Shell road, Feather Bed lane, and the like. Among the historic names that have been sacrificed is Washington street, which was laid out through a field in which Washington encamped in 1776. The native town of Oregon's great Newtown Pippin deserves better handling. This apple, like all great fruits, was a freak or accident.—Exchange.

It now looks very much as though Josephine county would not long be without a first-class commercial nursery. Messrs. S. J. Harmeling & Sons, who have been engaged in the nursery business, very extensively and successfully, at Vashon, Wash., are the people who are proposing to start up the new industry which is certainly much needed in this region. One of the sons has been in Grants Pass for the past week, going into details and gathering information, which shows conclusively that they propose to go in with the idea of giving the people of this valley an up-to-date nursery. He states that the firm has practically decided to come here and that now about all that is lacking is that they secure the minute details which they find are necessary. He is captivated with the climate, well pleased with the people and likes the lay of the land very much.

County Fruit Inspector E. C. Armstrong has been engaged for some time in making an examination of the orchards of Marion county growers and is now serving formal notices on those whose orchards were found to be affected, calling on them to clean up their trees, spray them and take such steps as are necessary to prevent the spread of any affection which the trees may show evidence of having. Mr. Armstrong states that there is considerable San Jose scale in the county and that no pains will be spared to keep the pest under control. The inspector states that while it is too early to say with certainty what next year's fruit crop will amount to, there is every indication that it will be larger even than that of last season. Mr. Armstrong has compiled some interesting figures on the value of the Marion county fruit crop for the past year.

Proverbs of Siam. It has been said, "Tell me a people's proverbs, and I will tell you what sort of people they are." Judged in this way, the Siamese are a shrewd people. The Menam, their chief river, is to Siam what the Nile is to Egypt, and the elephant, tiger and crocodile are found in jungle and stream. Here are a few of their proverbs: "When you go into the woods, do not forget your wood knife." "Place not your boat across the stream" (because of the current). "An elephant, though he has four legs, may slip, and a doctor is not always right."

"Go up by land, you meet a tiger; go down by water, you meet a crocodile" (there are difficulties on all sides). "Nobility is seen in the race manners in the individual." "If a dog bite you, do not bite him again." "He who lives under the sky should not be afraid of the rain." "Nourish no worms that eat timber" (be careful in the choice of friends).—London Scraps.

Friday Comes but Once a Week.

Friday is the weekly fraud. Everything goes wapper jawed, and the sailor man who sells finds himself food for whales, and the man who killed a friend on a Friday meets his end. On a Friday trade is slack, all the trains run off the track; William Dox, to his amaze, draws \$10 and ten days; brick-bats fall from buildings high, break your neck and make you cry; fevers, fires and frosts abound, earthquakes come and snort around. Old Subscriber in a pet comes to swear at the Gazette. Every one is feeling blue, everything is hind end to, yet some comfort we may seek. Friday comes but once a week.—Emporia Gazette.

No sensational or questionable matter allowed in the Courier. Legal blanks at the Courier office.

BANK YOUR MONEY IN SOILS OF EVANS CREEK VALLEY. One grower sold \$110 strawberries from 1/3 acre rows 3 ft. apart. Another grew 16 tons pumpkins on less than 2 acres. Sold berries to local store \$97, besides giving quantities of fruit for picking from 40 hills raspberries and 38 Logan berries. One grew 380 boxes Yellow Newtown Apples on 2 acres young trees, worth \$2 45 f. o. b. Medford. 28 boxes Gravensteins from 1 tree sold \$28 f. o. b. Woodville. 225 Salway Peach Trees in four successive years sold: 1904 1300 boxes, 1905 2300, 1906 1300, 1907 1000. One Royal Ann Cherry, 16 years, picked 500 pounds 1907. One D'Anjou Pear 7 years picked 6 boxes. 4 acres Ben Davis picked 7500 boxes. You can get such results as these and better; come to me and I will tell you why. You can buy a cosy 7 room house and bath with 1 acre lot for \$800, or a fine timbered 20 acres 2 miles from town for \$300, or irrigated lots, irrigated acres, or irrigated farms close to station, school and church. Ben A. Lowell WOODVILLE, ORE.

STOP THAT COUGH! By Using Our cold and grip cure. There's nothing better. It does the work every time. Don't delay, but come and get the remedy today and save yourself a possible sick spell. The Model Drug Store Front Street. Opposite Depot

CLEMENS SELLS BOOKS AND DRUGS ORANGE FRONT GRANTS PASS, ORE. BUILDING UP HOME TRADE. Local Merchants Must Advertise to Compete With Persistent Outsiders. "A hundred years ago it was not necessary to do any considerable amount of advertising, but this is the twentieth century, and conditions are quite different," says an old advertising expert. "Nowadays the merchant who neglects to put his wares before the public through the public prints is surely destined to go away back and sit down, while his more up to date competitors keep going forward the front. Advertising is the life of trade. That statement has been made so often that it is trite, but it is always true. "Much is heard in these days about the mail order concerns in the big cities taking away the trade of the merchants in the smaller towns and cities. It is an undeniable fact that the catalogue, with its price list of everything under the sun, accompanied by numerous alluring cuts to represent the goods offered, is attracting millions of dollars money before the invention of the mail order scheme went into the pockets of local merchants. The mail order people also persistently advertise their wares in the various little publications which are known in the trade as "mail order journals." Thus the town and country people are kept constantly in touch with possible bargains, having only to send in an order by mail and receive the goods, whether satisfactory or not, by return mail. "Some local merchants make a great deal to do about this sapping of their substance, but if they fail to take the only obvious method of self defense there is not much sympathy to be wasted upon them. The only obvious method is to shoot the same kind of ammunition that is shot by the competing houses in the big cities. This ammunition is called advertising. Every small town now has its local weekly newspaper, which practically everybody in the town and its adjoining territory reads regularly. Every good sized town has its daily paper. These are the guns which the local merchants must load with the proper sort of ammunition if they expect to fight the competition from the outside. "In many towns the merchants have discovered this fact and are bombarding the enemy furiously. Reports of the battle usually show that the bombardment is effective. Of course a mere scrap of ammunition, a charge of bird shot, won't do much good, but a few cannon balls will show results. Those who hold that advertising doesn't pay do not know how to advertise. They are bad marksmen. They don't shoot straight, or perhaps they use ammunition that is too ancient. People like to read advertisements that are up to date and striking. Nobody is going to get ahead in these sharply competitive days unless he keeps wide awake and always has his gun cocked ready to shoot when the game is in sight. To Mend Amber. To mend amber ornaments dissolve a piece of amber in chloroform and with this mend the broken article after first warming the pieces. Care must be taken to see the pieces are clean before the cement is applied, and careful handling is necessary in order that the edges may come exactly into position once more. Market Value of Flies. The market value of flies in Brazil is \$700 a ton. England buys flies at that price and uses them to feed chickens and captive birds and fishes. There are almost no flies in England. Try This. A pin may drop in such a way that nothing would be louder. Just drop a red-hot one some day into a keg of powder. —Boston Herald. Might Be Worse. Mamma—Your overcoat will never fit you this winter. Bobby—I know it won't, mamma, but my slates will, so don't let's worry.—Pack. Aches. An aching head is pretty bad.— At least it seems so to youth. Yet, though both kinds of aches I've had, I have most fear an aching tooth. —Kansas City Times.