

## Aylmer Express

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

New Zealand has adopted a new plan for handling the fellows who get a "jag" on, and act disorderly. They are compelled to have their picture taken, and pay for it themselves. It is then distributed among all the hotelkeepers, bartenders, etc. in the town, who are forbidden to give a drink to any fellow whose photo is in their collection. What a snap for the photographers.

Women are queer mortals, and you never know just how to take them. They will agitate, work, worry, scheme, and move heaven and earth to gain their point, or have some so-called privilege or right conferred on them and when they get it, they won't use it. For example, after a long fight, the ladies of Chicago had the right to vote conferred upon them. Four years ago over 20,000 of them availed themselves of the privilege. It was a new thing then, but now it is old, and only 1725 voted this year.

The New York Evening post wisely remarks:—"What is carrying England along as we have more than once pointed out, is her institutions, not her fleet or her arrogance or her mean tricks. She is great and powerful and a successful grabber and ruler, because she is free and well administered, because her offices are filled by competent men, because an Englishman may speak the thing he wills, because no man can strut about the country and give himself airs, the law being the only ruler—these are the things which make a nation great, not fleets or armies of Rough Riders or flags or noisy "patriotism."

For the past few years, THE EXPRESS has called attention from time to time to the wrong of cramming, overstudy and excessive home work in connection with our school system. Competition between schools, and the desire to keep up with others has no doubt caused the teachers to overstep the bounds of discretion in this matter. The latest evidence as to the evil effects of this action, comes from London where, at a meeting of the school board last week, Drs. Moore and Ferguson gave evidence along this line. Dr. Moore said he had found in the last weeks of the terms that many children were brought to the doctors in a nervous and sleepless condition. Some cause must be at work to produce such a state of nervous prostration as so frequently came under the care of the doctors. The great majority of the high school pupils were in this condition. He criticized the physical training in the high school, especially that for girls. Weary with the forcing system in the school room, the children were sent down to the cold gymnasium, where they were drilled in a manner which he considered of very little use. He thought physical training should be educative.

Dr. Ferguson said that over study in childhood results in depriving the brain of more working units than the system is capable of replacing. The public school course is overloaded with subjects. Written examinations confront the pupil at every stage of his school life. Cramming for examinations became the work of the pupils; the teachers became crammers, and the results of the examinations the test of his ability and of his fitness for his position. No pupils could stand such forcing without serious injury to their mental and physical well being. Then he dealt with the excessive amount of home work given to the pupils, and quoted from replies received to questions addressed to pupils in every part of the province to show how general it was. It was simply impossible for the average pupil to do more than a fraction of work assigned for a night's preparation. Another result is the development of precocity.

## Soon Left Her.

"I was taken with a swelling in my feet and limbs. I was not able to walk for four months. I read about Hood's Sarsaparilla and procured a bottle. Before I had taken it all the swelling left me. I took three bottles of Hood's and have not been troubled with swelling since."

REBECCA SEEVERS, Chatham, Ont.

## On Every Bottle

of Shiloh's Consumption Cure is this guarantee: "All we ask of you is to use two-thirds of the contents of this bottle faithfully, then if you can say you are not benefited, return the bottle to your Druggist and he may refund the price paid." Price 25 cts., 50 cts and \$1.00.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Miss Jessie Lees, of Ingersoll, spent a few days with her parents here last week. Our clubbing list on another page is a dandy. Read it. You can't make money faster in a small way than by using it.

C. O. F. regular meeting next Wednesday night, Dec. 7th. Nomination and election of officers. A full attendance of the members is requested.

Mr. James Strong returned on Thursday from an eight months business trip through the Eastern States, and has accepted a position in Walker's jewelry store.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Poustie attended the wedding of Miss Dolly Hunt, daughter of Squire Frank Hunt, Southwold, to Mr. S. Curtis, on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Benjamin Sanderson died very suddenly at the residence of his brother, Dr. Sanderson, Sparta, on Sunday last, aged 70 years. Deceased was a widower and had no family.

## SAVE MONEY BY HOME DYEING.

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Don't wear a faded gown. Don't look shabby simply because you cannot afford to buy a new dress.

It is not necessary to wear clothing that is faded and shabby because you have no money to buy more. With one or two packages of Diamond Dyes that cost only ten cents, the old dress can be dyed a fashionable and beautiful color and made to look like new. Thousands of women will have autumn dresses this year that cannot be told from new, but which have cost the only a trifle, the result of coloring over their old materials with Diamond Dyes.

Diamond Dyes give the newest and most beautiful colors that will not fade, crack or wash out, and are the only crack dye that have stood the test of years of use. Never risk your goods with any of the common adulterated dyes.

## COPENHAGEN.

Once more the merry sleigh bells are heard in our village.

Mr. J. Near, of Iona, visited friends in this vicinity last week.

Miss A. Dean spent a few days last week at Port Burwell.

Misses Eric and Flossie Cascadden, of Lunenburg, spent Sunday with their uncle, A. Stoner.

We extend Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin our sympathy in the loss of Mrs. Franklin's mother.

Mrs. Yoken and daughter and Miss M. Garner, of Welland, spent a few days visiting Mr. G. O. Garner.

The Copenhagen Sabbath school purpose holding their entertainment on Dec. 26th. An excellent program will be provided.

Mrs. D. Easley has been spending a few days at Griffin's Corners.

Mrs. G. Swazey is spending a short time in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Wonnacott, of London, are visiting friends here.

Miss N. Wonnacott is visiting friends in St. Thomas.

Miss Aggie Saxton and Mr. John Pace, of Port Burwell, visited Mr. D. Empey's last week.

Mrs. Swartz and daughter, of Aylmer, are visiting in this place.

All forms of scrofula, sores, pimples and eruptions, are quickly and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

## PT. BURWELL.

Messrs. Geo. Seers and Jas. Poustie and Mrs. Hyde were summoned from our town as important witnesses at the election protest.

Miss Lou McConnell and brother Will, of London, spent Thanksgiving Day under the parental roof.

Mr. Shultz Reilly has returned for the winter months.

Miss S. Glover spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. G. B. McConnell.

## Children Cry for CASTORIA.

## RICHMOND.

Miss Elizabeth Cook is the guest of Mrs. Geo. Mitchell.

The band boys will hold their concert on Friday evening. A good time is expected. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Laing spent Sunday in Aylmer.

Mr. Arthur Knott is home for the winter. Mr. W. Moore was the guest of Mabel Andrews on Sunday evening.

Mr. W. Andrews was at St. Thomas on Monday.

MILLER'S WORM POWDERS are a wonderful medicine. For sale by J. E. Richards.

## Observer's Observations.

We went huntin' Thanksgiving Day— Jack 'n' Bill 'n' pa 'n' me; Took me 'long fur to carry game, Which ain't no fun 'I can see; Pa sed when I got big as Bill He'd get me a gun that 'ud shoot and kill. Went way out to a great big wood, Where 'twas a wful cold—thought 'I'd freeze; An' pa told me to watch for squirrels Up in the tops uv the great big trees. 'Twern't very long 'fore I saw one, And yelled to pa to fetch his gun.

Pa 'an' Bill come runnin' like mad, An' just as pa was agoin' to shoot, Bill saw a rabbit run out of a hole; An' it come so close it struck pa's boot; Bill fired at the rabbit an' missed, but he shot pa in the leg just below the knee. Pa fell on the ground and grabbed his leg; Bill sed 'twas his calve, but I guess Bill lied. He pulled off his hat an' I see some blood, An' I scared me so 'I'd like to died; An' pa was a cussin' Bill and the rabbit, Which ma told me once was an wful habit.

We got pa home, and the doctor come An' cut out the shots, which made pa groan, An' put him in bed, 'n' all night long Pa didn't do nothin' but moan and moan, An' moan, an' moan, an' moan, an' moan, An' moan, an' moan, an' moan, an' moan.

An' pa told me that after this When he went huntin' 't would be alone, An' not with a pack of careless boys, For he'd leave the hull of us at home; An' pa sed he'd never get me a gun that 'ud kill.

If I was forty times as big as Bill.

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They were walking down Talbot street one night last week, and they were absorbed in some topic that must have had a great deal of importance in it, for they had eyes and ears for no one but themselves. They were on the south side of the street, and when opposite the Methodist church she suddenly stopped, and clasping his arm and looking up into his face with eyes filled with deep forebodings she said, "Oh, Will!"

"What is it, my— (I dare not write the word he used; it was so sweet that it would melt even in the cold weather.) What is it?" "You know those trees in front of Matt. Connor's office." "Yes, my— (some more of the same stuff) what about it?" "Well, we walked on different sides of them, and it's a sign we are going to quarrel." "Oh, but my little— (he had full steam up by this time, and he said some words of endearment that would have sent Cupid into fits.) I don't believe in signs." "But I do," she said emphatically. "I know we'll quarrel if you don't go back and come on the other side of them. Why pa and ma did that same thing just before they were married, and just after they were married ma got mad and threw a lamp at me—why, Will, where are you going?"

"Will! Will!" But Will was tearing up Talbot street, and around the trees he came and back to his companion, and then arm in arm they continued their walk. Querer, wasn't it?

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We see that Mr. Teal, president of the Tilsonburg, Port Burwell and Pacific R. R., has been down to Ottawa interviewing Hon. Mr. Tarte in reference to the improvements about to be made in Port Burwell harbor, and now that the Township of Malahide have burdened themselves with a heavy bonus for the purpose of dredging out Catfish Creek, they might as well keep up with the times by giving a bonus for the purpose of building a railroad from Port Bruce to Aylmer, making close connections with all trains on the G. T. R., M. C. R. and Wabash. Catfish Aylmer Dunbrone Copenhagen Port Bruce and Atlantic R. R. would be no slouch of a name, and it would have the honored distinction of having a longer name than any other railway system in existence.

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Someone wanted to know the other day why it was that homely girls always got married before prettier ones. This is easily accounted for, for nine chances out of ten if a girl is pretty she knows it, and her knowledge causes her to be vain. She spends most of her time in trying to add to the beauty she already has, and she neglects the most important duties of life. Her mind runs a great deal to fashion, high society, and instead of her mental qualities becoming broadened and deepened they become frivolous and shallow. On the other hand a homely girl has no beauty to be vain of and she almost without exception devotes herself to the home duties. She can bake, wash, iron, sew and do all of the house-wifely things, and at the same time be able to entertain her friends and acquaintances in a manner most pleasing and acceptable, because it has not in it the cold formalities of high society. When a man wants a wife it is not an ignorant, vain girl, even if she is queen of society. He wants a home queen, for home is the dearest spot in the heart of any true man. Beauty of soul is true beauty, and if beauty of features is added the receiver has much more to answer for.

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I wonder what our young people are going to do this winter in the way of pleasant and profitable amusement. They are intelligent, good natured and lively, and it would seem strange if some means were not devised for their amusement. Literary and dramatic societies are both pleasing and instructing, and I think we have some good histrionic talent in Aylmer. Think this over.

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Any reader of THE EXPRESS having any topic they want discussed or any question to

ask, let them address "Observer," care of AYLMEY EXPRESS, and I will try and do the best I can for them. I want to make this a people's column, and I need the people to help me. If you don't agree with me in my sayings tell me so. I'd not be offended, and moreover I'd thank you for it. My opinions are just mine, that is all, and a diversity of opinion adds spice and interest to its columns, so

Come one, come all, Both great and small. Bring on your many questions, 'Twill help us all, Both short and tall, And aid our indigestions.

## OBSERVER.

## THE AYLMEY MARKETS

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Flour, per 100 lbs.      | \$1 83 to 2 01 |
| Wheat, Standard          | 85 to 95       |
| Oats, per bushel         | 30 to 35       |
| Barley, per bushel       | 35 to 35       |
| Peas, per bushel         | 50 to 55       |
| Beans, per bushel        | 50 to 55       |
| Butter, per lb.          | 14 to 15       |
| Eggs, per dozen          | 15 to 16       |
| Chop, per ton            | 16 00 to 20 00 |
| Hay, per ton             | 10 to 15       |
| Potatoes, per bushel     | 40 to 50       |
| Hay, per ton             | 5 00 to 6 00   |
| Straw, per load          | 2 00 to 3 50   |
| Apples, per bushel       | 30 to 40       |
| Dried Apples, per bushel | 1 00 to 1 15   |
| Chickens, per lb.        | 7 to 8         |
| Turkeys, per lb.         | 8 to 10        |
| Geese, per lb.           | 6 to 7         |
| Ducks, per lb.           | 8 to 9         |
| Live Hogs                | 4 10 to 5 00   |
| Lard, per lb.            | 8 to 10        |
| Dressed Hogs             | 5 25 to 5 25   |

## TORONTO MARKETS.

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Wheatfall             | 69 to 72      |
| Wheat spring          | 72 to 75      |
| Barley                | 30 to 35      |
| Oats                  | 30 to 32      |
| Rye                   | 48 to 51      |
| Peas                  | 50 to 55      |
| Hay per ton           | 8 50 to 10 00 |
| Dressed Hogs          | 5 50 to 6 00  |
| Live Hogs             | 4 00 to 4 25  |
| Potatoes per bush     | 55 to 65      |
| Butter, roll, per lb. | 14 to 15      |
| Butter, rock, per lb. | 14 to 15      |
| Eggs per doz.         | 17 to 18      |
| Chickens              | 30 to 40      |
| Ducks                 | 40 to 50      |
| Geese, per lb.        | 5 to 6        |
| Turkeys               | 7 to 9        |

## ST. THOMAS MARKETS.

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Wheat, per bushel     | 69 to 70     |
| Oats, per bushel      | 35 to 35     |
| Barley, per bushel    | 30 to 35     |
| Corn, per bushel      | 30 to 35     |
| Peas, per bushel      | 40 to 45     |
| Butter, per lb. roll  | 14 to 15     |
| Eggs, per dozen       | 30 to 32     |
| Chickens, per pair    | 50 to 60     |
| Ducks per pair        | 60 to 70     |
| Turkeys per lb.       | 9 to 10      |
| Geese, each           | 60 to 70     |
| Potatoes per bag      | 65 to 70     |
| Onions, per peck      | 30 to 35     |
| Cabbages per head     | 5 to 5       |
| Cauliflower per head  | 5 to 5       |
| Celery per bunch      | 3 to 4       |
| Hay per ton           | 5 30 to 6 00 |
| Wood, short, per cord | 2 00 to 3 25 |
| Wood, long, per cord  | 3 75 to 4 00 |
| Live Hogs             | 4 00 to 4 10 |
| Dressed Hogs          | 5 00 to 5 25 |

## LONDON MARKETS.

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Wheat                 | 69 to 70     |
| Oats                  | 27 to 30     |
| Peas                  | 55 to 58     |
| Barley                | 48 to 51     |
| Rye                   | 39 to 39     |
| Corn                  | 44 to 45     |
| Live Hogs             | 4 00 to 4 10 |
| Dressed Hogs          | 5 00 to 5 35 |
| Butter, roll, per lb. | 14 to 15     |
| Butter, rock, per lb. | 12 to 14     |
| Eggs per doz.         | 17 to 20     |
| Potatoes per bag      | 60 to 70     |
| Hay                   | 6 00 to 6 75 |
| Chickens, per pair    | 40 to 50     |
| Ducks                 | 50 to 75     |
| Geese, each           | 50 to 60     |
| Turkeys               | 8 to 9       |

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## Nomination Meeting

Fifth County Council Division, County of Elgin.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held pursuant to the County Councils Act, 1896, at the

## TOWN HALL, AYLMEY

Monday, December 19, 1893

Between the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of County Councillor for the Fifth County Council Division of the County of Elgin.

If a greater number of candidates are nominated than are required to be elected, the polls will be opened at the polling places for each of the polling subdivisions within the said district, on

## MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1899

the polls to continue open from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and no longer.

JOHN HAGGAN,

Nominating Officer.

Dated the 30th day of November, 1898.

## Breakfast Foods

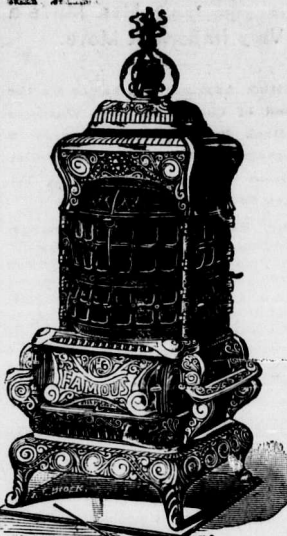
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- Rolled Oats, &c.

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## Syrup Tar and Wild Cherry

The best for Coughs and Colds.

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Are the best for Headaches.

## J. E. RICHARDS.

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## Poustie &amp; Leeson.

## J. H. WALKER....

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Also a handsome lot of latest design Silverware. Prices to suit everybody's purse. Articles purchased here will be ENGRAVED FREE.



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J. H. WALKER, AYLMEY.