

Aylmer Express

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A misleading statement of statistics re Aylmer appeared in St. Thomas and Tilsonburg papers recently, where the rate of taxation is given as 24.5 mills on the dollar. The rate is only 20 mills, and this will soon be reduced unless some other public improvements are gone into on a large scale.

Mr. Ephraim Rigg, of Germantown, Pa., sent the following pertinent and sensible letter recently to the Philadelphia Record, "Editor of the Record, —Pardon me for saying that you make a hodge of a racket upon British losses in South Africa, and allow me to ask: Is the Record a Boer or a British paper, or mugwump? You fellows forget the disasters that happened to our Northern forces here from 1861 to Chickamauga in 1863. Also why in the name of goodness don't our own generals get the nigger whipped in the Philippine Islands? It seems about time the war in the Philippines were finished.

You need not worry about the British in South Africa; he will do his best, and you cannot do more. If you want the Boer to whip the British say so in your next issue; then we will know your color."

The following from "News and Times" comes very near describing the position of affairs in Aylmer, and there is no doubt of its correctness.

"The only way to build up a town is for all to go hand-in-hand, every man to the wheel. Banish all feelings of discord, if any; let harmony prevail and you are sure to prosper. Talk about your town, write about it, speak well of it, encourage your people at the head of municipal affairs, choke the croakers, beautify the streets in every way, patronize its merchants, refrain from sending outside for goods, advertise in its newspapers, favor home enterprise always, and if you can't say something good keep quiet. You are all hustlers—keep it up. Be courteous to strangers who come among you so they will go away with a good impression. Always cheer up the men who are for improvements. Don't kick at "unnecessary" improvements because they are not at your door, or for fear your taxes will be raised a few cents. Everybody labor in sympathy and harmony and you will not only get to the front but stay there."

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If you have not yet tested the re-creating and economizing powers of Diamond Dyes in your home, you are losing money every month. To achieve the victories that come to others in money saving, you should try what Diamond Dyes can do on your faded and cast-off clothing.

As there are imitation package dyes sold in some stores for the sake of extra profit, avoid these colors, as they are ruinous to any materials, see that you get the Diamond Dyes that make old things look as good as new.

The Beet Sugar Industry.
Sir,—I was present at the meeting in the council chamber recently in connection with the hoped for beet sugar industry. It seemed to me to be another instance of putting the cart before the horse. Why waste time with talking about the matter, and enlarging on the wonderful benefit it will be to the town and district? All the talk in the world will not bring the industry. The industry will come of itself if the beets are right. But the beets will be right only if

they are properly cultivated, and they can only be properly cultivated if the farmers understand the proper way of setting to work. The correspondent in Scotland suggested that five men should act as a sort of advisory and inspecting committee to look after the farmers. I had the audacity to enquire whether there were five men in the town so thoroughly qualified, or who even thought themselves sufficiently qualified as to fill the bill; and I, therefore, suggested that it would be advisable to get some properly qualified person, say from the Agricultural College, Guelph, to do what was necessary.

My question was answered by the chairman, who said that the printed instructions issued would suffice; my suggestion was ignored except by Mr. Ashbaugh, who made a similar one. We were, however, repeatedly assured that the farmers in this district were exceptionally able men who would be able to apprehend without trouble or possibility of misunderstanding or mistake the printed instructions that would be issued, and whose experience in the growing of carrots, turnips and mangolds specially fitted them for a work which requires such knowledge and care as that of growing sugar beets, and on the proper production of which so much is to depend. I was, however, not convinced by this logic, and am still of the opinion that it will be advisable either to engage an expert for the first season, or to send some intelligent local man to get thoroughly posted on the subject either at Guelph or in Michigan, where the industry is already a proved success. The latter course is probably the preferable one, as the man would be always here to act as an adviser at all times. As the town is to pay these preliminary expenses, it seems to me to be pursuing a penny wise and pound foolish policy to hesitate in such a matter. Yours truly,
A. BISSER THOM.

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On the Way to South Africa.
We received the following letter a few days ago from Mr. W. R. Hare, dated Jan. 29th, on board the Lauritan:

We will be calling at Cape Verde on Wednesday if all goes well, after having sailed 2,500 knots. At noon today we had to our credit 2,139 knots, and it is getting a little tiresome. Just think, all you can hear is the continual throb of the engines, and that both night and day. We have had some grand weather after the first day and a half. The weather has not been too warm, not more than about 70 degrees yet, and it continues the same, and the ocean is perfectly calm. Our horses are not doing as well as we would have liked. One horse went overboard this morning, making fourteen so far, and a couple more cannot give many days. There are a lot of fine fellows in this contingent, but some of them are getting weak-kneed already. I don't know how some people are brought up, for the swearing sometimes is simply fearful, and by some of the youngest boys. Young McKenzie, who was connected with the Moisons bank at Aylmer a short time ago, is here with E. Battery, which is made up from Quebec, Woodstock and Newcastle, New Brunswick. We have a young English minister by the name of Cox on board, and we have service every day; yesterday three times, and the singing was good. We have a goodly number of singers on board, and quite a number who play instruments, and at night they all assemble on the deck and have quite a concert. You can hear "Rue Britannia," "Soldiers of the Queen," "The Maple Leaf," &c. After all the singing some one inside started "Home, Sweet Home," which was sung with a good deal of feeling. I have enjoyed it so far, but will be glad when we get on land again chasing the Boers. Ha! ha! We passed a ship yesterday that had been 150 days out and did not know of the war. Am not going to inflict any more on you this time. Will write again when I get to the Cape. Will be looking for a few papers when I get there. Have not heard anything from Aylmer since I left. Would like to see THE EXPRESS this week. Address me,
W. R. HARE,
Royal Canadian Artillery,
South Africa.

In The Jaws of a Lion.
The gallant Major Swaine tells of being knocked senseless by a lion that lacerated his arm. His thrilling escape from the jaws of death is only equalled by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which has saved innumerable from desperate throat and lung troubles. "All doctors said my wife would soon die of consumption," writes L. C. Orerstreet, of Elgin, Ont., "but your wonderful medicine completely cured her, and saved her life." Satisfaction is guaranteed by J. E. Richards who gives trial bottles free. Large bottles 50c and \$1.00.

GLENCOLIN
On Saturday evening about 40 of the friends and neighbors of Miss P. Woodworth gathered at her home, to help her to enjoy the 15th anniversary of her birthday. The evening was spent in music and games. After tea was served, Mr. T. M. Moore with a few appropriate words presented Miss Woodworth with a nice music rack, book, purse, and handkerchief in behalf of her friends and parents. We all join in wishing Pearl many more happy birthdays.

The many friends of Miss Phoebe Chiverol will be sorry to learn that she is no better.

RICHMOND
Crowded out last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Stewart spent two weeks of their honeymoon with his sister, Mrs. C. Smith. They have gone to St. Thomas, their future home.

A small surprise party was held at the home of Mr. Yeandle on Feb. 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grant's eldest daughter, Leslie, who died of consumption, was buried on the 3rd of February. She was fifteen years old, and had been ill a number of years. The family have the sympathy of the neighborhood.

Mrs. Boughner, of Eden, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Godwin.

Mr. C. Laur died at his son's home here on Thursday last. He was 71 years old. Rev. L. W. Reid preached at 2 o'clock, after which the remains were interred in the Firby cemetery.

Miss Lizzie Knott is spending some time with her aunt at Colton.

Miss Lily Nellis, who spent some time at Harristville, returned home to go to Hamilton for the rest of the winter.

The people around here never remember to have seen the water rise so rapidly as it did in the freshet last week. The flood was quite a sight to see.

Brave Men Fall
Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles and feel the results in loss of appetite, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, run-down feeling, but, "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man," writes J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., "when he is all run-down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50c. Every bottle guaranteed. J. E. Richards, druggist.

ORWELL
Crowded out last week.
There are rumors that the I. O. G. T. contemplate having a drama in a few weeks. Look for the date.

Mr. E. C. Beckett is in St. Catharines attending his aunt's funeral.

Mr. C. S. Wilcox, of Delmer, has purchased the property of Mr. E. R. Crane, and intends taking possession this week. We welcome him.

In the absence of our minister, the Rev. Graham, Mr. Curley, of Sparta, filled the appointment for him.

The bridge west of the village, we are glad to say, is completed, and is a credit to the foreman, Mr. Market.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of one of our young and highly esteemed young ladies, in the person of Miss Minnie Crane, who was laid to rest in the Orwell cemetery last Wednesday, the 7th inst. The sorrowing relatives have the sympathy of the community.

Skating is the order of the day. Go it, girls, while you're young.
The high water did very little damage around here. It gave Mr. E. D. Doan a short run after his bridge, however.

Quite a number of our young men took in the splendid skating on Mr. A. White's pond on Saturday last. Of course Fred took a snap shot of them, but we do not know to what extent his camera was damaged.

Mr. R. Chivers has moved in the house lately occupied by Mr. B. Beckett.
Mrs. Mills is at Yarmouth Centre for a few days.

Canning Industry.

Capitalists of St. Thomas, are prepared to negotiate with a practical man of experience and energy, with some capital to start a canning factory in St. Thomas.
Address, stating experience, capital, etc.
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Farmers' Institute

Supplementary meetings of the above will be addressed by
H. GLENDENING, of Manilla, and
WM. HUTT, of Southend,
At the following places:

Yarmouth Centre, Township Hall, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 22nd, at 1:30 o'clock.
Sparta, at the Hall, evening of same day at 7:30.
Springfield in the hall on Friday afternoon, Feb. 23, at 1:30.
Stratfordville in Bayham Hall, on the evening of the same day, at 7:30 o'clock.

SUBJECTS—These two speakers will speak upon some of the following subjects: The Growing and Marketing of Grain and Red and Alsike Clover Seed; Weeds on the Farm; Best Kind of Grasses for Pasture; Application, Management of the Farmer's Wood-lot; Evening subjects, Birds in Relation to Agriculture and Horticulture, Beautifying the Farm, The Ontario Agricultural College.

Some local men are also expected to take part in the meetings, and the fullest opportunity will be given for discussion and questions.
The subjects to be discussed are of great interest to every farmer, and valuable information will be missed by all who fail to attend.
L. C. McCONNELL, F. LEESON,
President. Secretary.

FARM TO LET.

100 acres of choice land, 85 acres cultivated, balance pasture and wood land, just three miles from St. Thomas, on the E. side of Road 14, a month, good two-story brick house, large frame barn, with stable and granary therein, cow stable and sheds, and a new pig pen, building in first-class repair. Possession given at once. Apply to G. Hoche, Box 1111, St. Thomas, Ont.

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Something About Trusses

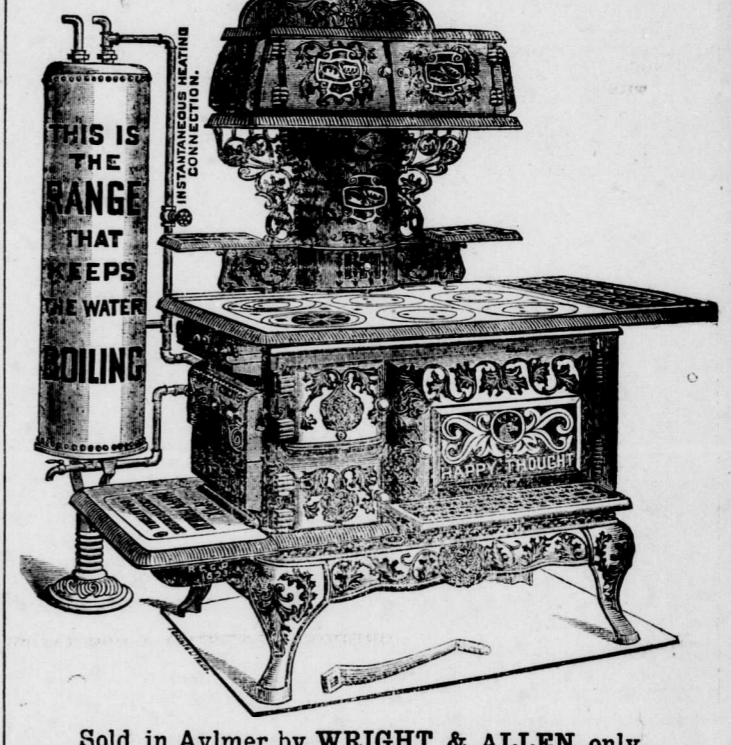
Advertisements are seen in all our daily papers of Trusses of special manufacture, that are said to radically cure rupture, for which you are asked to pay very high prices, that are out of all proportion to the benefit derived by wearing such trusses, as none of them will perform all that is claimed for them.
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- 9 Mantles, worth from \$6.50 to \$9.00, for \$3.00
- 10 Mantles, worth from 3.50 to 6.00, for 2.00
- 1 Greenland Seal Cape, 25.00 for 15.00
- Fur Collarettes and Capelines, worth 10.00 to 12.00, for \$6.00
- Fur Ruffs, from 50c to 1.50
- Fur Muffs, worth 6.00 for \$3.00
- Ec. Seal Gauntlets, worth \$5.00 for \$2.50
- 8 Youth's Spring Overcoats for \$2.00 each
- 5 Youth's Tweed Overcoats for \$2.00 each
- 8 Youth's Suits for \$2.00
- 12 Men's Suits, \$6.00 to \$9.00, for \$4.00
- 25 Youth's Vests, sizes 29 to 34, at 33c, each
- 9 Men's Black Coats and Vests, \$10.00 for \$5.00
- 1 Man's Coon Coat, \$36.50 for \$26.50
- 1 Man's Coon Coat \$40.00 for \$30.00
- 1 Man's Wombat Coat, 20.00 for \$15.00
- 1 Man's Wombat Coat 18.00 for 13.00
- Men's Fur Caps, \$2.75 for \$1.75
- Men's Fur Caps, \$3.00 for \$2.00
- Men's Fine all-wool Frieze Ulsters, \$6.50 for \$4.75
- Youth's all-wool Frieze Ulsters, \$6.50 for \$4.00
- Whitney Blankets, worth \$3.00 for \$1.95
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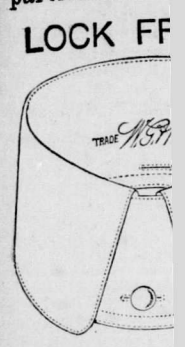
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DEAR BROTHER:—

Although my last swered I will write ye perhaps you would like about the soldiers of the barked last Saturday Pomeranian, and those the Milwaukee. I will the Northwest Mounte I was at Halifax and s the streets, but Thur 25th, I took a stroll u grounds, where they v their horses are there a leading the-e out to their evening drink wh splendid sight it was t and horses are as good dux. These men, or c called, are a fine looki ber of them standing s six feet two inches an Their appearance in t make them look like tl will surely be, when th South Africa. The u brown color and the m The officers all wear le color, but the rank a These are made of woo about three inches in w about the legs from an They are considered leggings as they prove inside their boots and r On Friday morning, pleasure of seeing the Rifles drill on the com formed splendidly with or four inches of mud. in four and came arou sounded like thunder. crowd said "gosh, wou they see these coming." There were only 300 of if there were 3,000, th thing in. Then they new army (a magnif the officers dismounte witness Major-Gen. mounted police. The spacious hall and I s splendid sight. Lined reached nearly all the There they stood, w straight as reeds, and l there was not a move o Band furnished music the "Maple Leaf" pla almost seemed that th spoke the grand word I had several chats v companies. They seen just what dangers were