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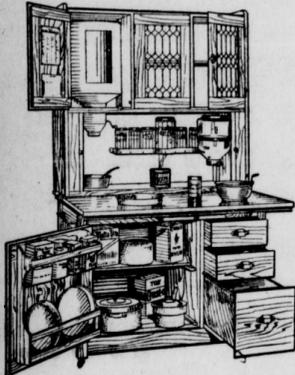
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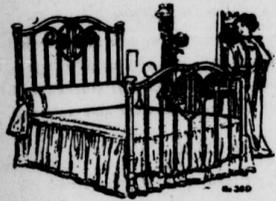
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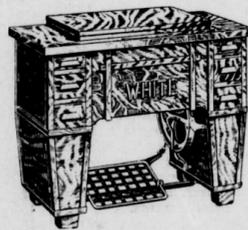
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EARLY DAYS ARE RECALLED BY MRS. STEPHEN POUND

Was 77 Years of Age, May 14th.

Mrs. Stephen Pound, of this place, was 77 years of age on Wednesday, May 14th, and although she is unable to walk about very much, having suffered a stroke several years ago, is enjoying good health. Her daughter, Mrs. Miller, of London, visited her on that day, as well as her son, Wilson Pound, of this place. Many old friends also called and wished her many happy returns.

Her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Baxter, who made her home with her, had planned on having some of her friends in to help celebrate the occasion, but on account of ill health, was unable to do so. Mrs. Pound, who was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gillett, of this place, better known as Squire Gillett, by the older residents, was born on the farm 3 1/2 miles east of Aylmer, where her son J. D. Pound, now resides. When she was 14 years of age her father erected the buildings now on the farm. She attended

school section No. 13, Malahide, and her first teacher was William Glover, Esq., father of J. H. Glover, hardware merchant, of this place.

Many interesting tales were told of adventures and happenings years ago, during the day. One little episode of school life was brought to the mind of Mrs. Pound while talking of her first school days. In those days the teacher always gave each scholar a primer when they started school, to encourage the little ones to read. Mr. Glover gave Mrs. Pound a choice of two colors, yellow or green. She chose the yellow one, and after she had used it a day she thought she would like the green one better, so she tore up the yellow book and shoved it in a knot hole, then went to her teacher for another. He would not give it to her and went to visit her father and while there asked Mrs. Pound what she had done with her yellow book. On going to school next day she was made to read and she did not get a green book either. She also went to school at Orwell and later attended a ladies school at Richmond. The same building is still there and is now occupied by Mr. George Laing. There she learned all kinds of needlework in

addition to her other studies.

When a young woman she travelled Talbot street to Euphonia, Muncy-town, St. Thomas, and other places in West Elgin, and also east to Long-Point, with her grandfather, the late Rev. Samuel Baker, on his ministerial duties, and knew most of the families in the country. At that time it was necessary to go around the south side of the old mill pond, before the present roadway was constructed. The land from Simon Miller's corner to the present dugway, was called the Malahide swamp, the road being filled with logs, was rough and muddy. Mrs. Pound says we do not know anything about mud nowadays.

The first store she remembers in Aylmer was run by Mr. Wood. Speaking of stores brought to her mind the fact that she also understands something of carrying on a business, as her father had a grocery store just east of his farm, on the corner of Mr. Leeson's farm, now owned by W. E. Leeson, better known as John Newell's Corners. To use her expression she was "chief cook and bottle washer." Besides doing the clerking she kept the books, etc., and took the entire responsibility of the store when her father went away up-

on a purchasing trip, which could not be completed as quickly as in these days of fast trains, steamboats and motor truck transportation. Such a thing as a railroad and steamboat were not known at that time.

On December 24th, 1860, Syrinda Jane Gillett was united in marriage to the late Stephen Pound. They were both very young, Mr. Pound being 20 and his wife 18. Both parents were pleased with the union for they believed in "letting the young eagles branch out for themselves." Mr. Pound's only capital when he returned from his wedding trip was \$125 and an axe. He had some hay which he sold to a man for \$20 a ton and thought he would be rich, but the man never paid for the hay. Mr. Pound purchased a span of colts for \$200 and gave his note to pay for them, with interest at the rate of 30 per cent. per annum, and then started out with his axe to get a living and to pay for his colts. He cut wood for 25c a cord that winter and

in the spring took a farm to work on shares. He started out with a brave heart determined to make a competence for himself and his bride, who was just as determined to be a helpmate. In all the succeeding years Mr. and Mrs. Pound never lived more than eight miles from Aylmer. Four children were born to this union. Mr. Pound passed away eleven years ago, May 7th, and after the death of her husband, Mrs. Pound moved to Aylmer where she has resided in her comfortable home ever since.

Since her sickness she felt she could no longer attend to household duties and carry on her home and requested her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baxter to come and live with her, so she could make her home with them. It meant no small thing for them to give up their commodious home and farm in the country, but notwithstanding felt it not only their duty, but a pleasure to give mother the joy and comfort of living in her own home in her declining years, and moved to Aylmer. It is the sincere wish of those to whom she has trusted her care as well as a host of friends that she may live to see many more returns of her birthday.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
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GAS CO. DEMANDS HIGHER RATE. CLAIM THEY ARE SELLING GAS AT A LOSS IN AYLMEY

May 10th, 1919

To the Mayor & City Council,
Aylmer, Ontario.

Gentlemen:

We cannot afford to continue to supply gas to the consumers of Aylmer under the present conditions, at the price now being charged, and if the people wish us to continue the present service, some arrangement will have to be made for an increase in the price of gas. We ask you to take up this matter without delay as we wish to give the people of Aylmer a fair and reasonable length of time in which to provide themselves with other fuel and equipment in case they do not wish to pay a price at which we can afford to sell them our gas.

It is important that the people should know within the next month or six weeks whether or not they are going to have gas next winter and we also must know so that we may arrange our business accordingly, so please do not delay this matter as we cannot supply gas another winter at the present prices.

We have taken this matter up with former Aylmer City Councils and they failed to give us any relief and at the same time we have been going out and purchasing gas and bringing it to Aylmer and selling it at a loss in order that the people might not suffer on account of the failure of former City Councils to grant us a fair price for our product.

We have been selling gas in Aylmer about eight years and have not been earning as much on our investment as ordinary mercantile business and it is a well established principle that a hazardous mining enterprise such as the Natural Gas business should earn profits commensurate with the risks.

We wish to assure you and the citizens of Aylmer, that we appreciate the friendly spirit with which we have been treated throughout our dealings with Aylmer, and we will be glad to meet with you and the people of Aylmer at any time and endeavor to prove the truth and reasonableness of our contentions.

In order to save time in getting this matter before the people of Aylmer, we are sending a copy of this letter to the Aylmer paper.

Very truly yours,
The Central Pipe Line Co., Ltd.,
R. L. Pattinson, Pres.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNER- SHIP

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership that has been subsisting and carried on by the undersigned, as LIVERY and STANDING-IN-BARN in the Town of Aylmer, in the County of Elgin, has been dissolved and the partnership discontinued.

All debts owing to the said partnership shall become payable to William E. Tomlin.

All claims against the said partnership to become payable by the said William E. Tomlin, by whom the same will be settled.

VERNON GRAVES
W. E. TOMLIN

WILLIAM WARNOCK,
Witness,
Aylmer, May 13th, 1919.
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