

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The recent refreshing rains about Aylmer should help out some on raspberry and other fruits, all of which were simply drying up on the bushes.

Buy of your home merchants, and you are increasing the value of your property. It is a fact; the better the town, the more demand there will be for property.

Next to the wife beater comes the horse beater, and it is with regret we admit that there are one or two in this vicinity. A horse is the most noble and faithful of animals, and the man who would abuse his horse has something lacking in his manhood.

The Toronto Medical Health Officer is of the opinion that too much meat is eaten by people during hot weather. He may be right, but no one need worry about the editor overloading his stomach with fresh meat so long as the price remains up to the present notch.

Not for years have rags and waste paper brought such high prices as now, and not for years have the Aylmer King's Daughters needed funds so badly to carry on their charitable work next fall and winter. Not only will this worthy organization be helping to raise funds for a noble work, but they will also be doing a real public service, for almost every business in the country is suffering, in one way or another, from the shortage of rags and the high price of paper.

If you are a good citizen and want Aylmer to continue as a prosperous town where people will be glad to come and make their homes, then do away with and bury from sight all jealousy and spite work; move for common prosperity and mutual benefit. Wake up, rub your eyes, roll up your sleeves, and go to work. Do not work with fear and trembling, but take for granted that blood will tell. Leave results to themselves, borrow no troubles, but all unite to make it the very best town on earth.

A year ago German-Americans persistently argued that the Lusitania slaughter was not murder, and that the Germans were well within their rights in sinking this unarmed passenger boat without warning, and making no effort to save the innocent women and children on board. Now they as loudly declare that it would be a murderous thing for a British ship to sink the Deutschland without warning on its return trip across the Atlantic, as this submarine has been declared a merchantman by the United States Government.

No one ever heard of a German submarine making any effort whatever to save the lives of those on board British vessels after sinking them. When criticized for not acting like human beings and picking up survivors, the excuse was that a submarine was too small to carry more than the crew required. In the face of that argument, the Deutschland crossed the Atlantic and carried a thousand tons of cargo. The Kaiser will now have to invent another lie for his inhumanity to non-combatants. This, however, will give him no trouble, for he already has Annanias beaten to a frazzle in that line.

The Fuse Inquiry Commission have issued an exhaustive report, in which they fully exonerate General Sir Sam Hughes from wrongdoing in connection with the fuse contracts. Colonel Allison, on the other hand, was found guilty of violating the confidence reposed in him by the Minister, who, it is held, was unaware of contracts which yielded profits. While it is suggested that Colonel Carnegie, Ordnance Adviser, may have erred through overburden and stress, no reflection is suggested on his integ-

riety. The question now is, Will General Hughes still stick to his friend Allison as he has staunchly done throughout the lengthy inquiry?

Observations made over a period of four years in Northern factories where the "piece" system is in force have upset the notion that midwinter is the best time for hard work. The men do less work in January than in any other month; July and August rank next lowest. January doubtless brings a reaction from the high pressure of the holiday rush, but it also brings the coldest weather, when the workers seem to become sluggish as in the dog days. The best work of the year is done when the temperature averages about forty degrees and when there are daily changes of ten to fifteen degrees. Thus the changeable weather of which we complain so much is an influence for increased efficiency.

A friend of ours was telling us the other day of his experience shortly after being married to "the best girl in the world." On the advice of his father, he suggested to his young wife that she keep an accurate account of household expenses, she to be the financier. He got her a neat little account book, prettily bound, and designed to be inviting in appearance. He also gave her the sum of \$50, and said: "Now, I want you to put down what I give you on this side, and on the other write down the way it goes, and when you need it I will give you a further sum." Not long after, the wife was out of funds, and applied for more. He asked to see the account book to get an idea how she was spending the money, and these are the entries he found. On the one page was inscribed: "Received from Fred, fifty dollars," and on the opposite side was this summary, "Spent it all."

German prisoners recently captured are free to express their surprise that the British forces would be able to take such defences as Pricourt and Montauban. They had been led to believe up to the time of their capture that Germany was winning this war all along the line, and that they had nothing to fear from the British, whose power now amazes and terrifies them. They still believe that Germany can never be beaten to a point of surrender. One officer stated that they were taught to believe that this war was thrust upon them by Britain, and that in revenge Germany will declare war upon Britain inside of the next ten years. If that is their intention, it will be better to continue pounding the Teutons until they get such a notion out of their heads. We rather imagine that by the time the Germans get through with what is now on their hands, they will have had enough of war for many years to come.

That obscure disease known as infantile paralysis, rarely met with in ordinary times, but of which we hear so much just now, arouses a natural dread among parents. The confessed inability of the medical profession to cure individual cases, and the lack of knowledge concerning the nature of the disease, exaggerate this dread. The actual peril is real, but for healthy children living under such sanitary conditions as most parents can provide, the risk is not extreme. The parents of infants and young children need not move out of town for fear of the disease. Statistics show that in severely affected dis-

tricts somewhere more than one per cent. of the children may be taken, but the total number of cases in proportion to the number of children in the greater cities is still well under one in a thousand. Prudence is more desirable than flight or fear. Keeping the house clear of flies, watching to see that the child does not come in contact with others afflicted with colds, sore throats, or other vague minor ailments, will do more to safeguard the family than any amount of inefficient worry. Calm and caution should be the parents' motto in this as in most emergencies.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Miss Easton, of Chatham, has accepted a position in the office of A. E. Haines.

Miss Margaret Walker spent Sunday and Monday in Tillsonburg with her brother John.

Messrs. Wm. Stevenson and brother-in-law, O. O. Haggan, have been spending a few days in Cleveland.

Are you reading that interesting serial about the war—"The Nurse's Story"—which started in the Express two weeks ago? Do not miss it.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Treadwell, of Detroit (formerly of Aylmer), on Tuesday, the 18th inst.—a daughter.

Mrs. Leslie Cole and daughter, Barbara, have returned to their home in St. Thomas after spending a week with Mrs. A. R. Lemon.

Recall Orderlies are sold and guaranteed by Rexall Drug Stores, as an effective and mild laxative, 15c and 25c.—J. E. Richards & Co.

Gunnery Will Dunning and Sirmon Elgie, of the 63rd Battery, London, have taken positions on farms near here for a month.

Mrs. R. J. Wright and daughter Irene, and Miss Carrie Wright are visiting the latter's brother at Kincardine. Mrs. Wright and daughter will also visit at Walkerton before returning.

The Express to any address in Canada or England for 40c, till January, 1917. Tell your friends about this offer. They may want the home news every week, or would like to send it to some friend or relative overseas.

In the House of Commons on Monday, Premier Asquith asked for a vote of credit for four hundred and fifty million pounds sterling, or \$2,250,000,000, which brings the total voted this year to \$3,550,000,000. The daily cost of the war is now some \$25,000,000.

In writing to a friend in Washington, a high British official says: "We are just blooding our new army, killing plenty of Germans in their forts, and gaining ground. By next year we shall have a million or more seasoned men who will know what war is."

Miss Clarice Miller, daughter of Dr. F. H. and Mrs. Miller, obtained the highest marks in East Elgin on the Entrance examinations. The name of Clarence Miller was reported in last week's report, and is not correct. We congratulate Miss Miller on her high standing.

A young lady from St. Thomas was nearly drowned at Port Burwell on Sunday. She missed her footing on stepping from one boat to another, and fell into the water. But for the timely arrival of two young men, who pulled her out, she would have been drowned.

The three-day race meet held here last week was favored with excellent weather, and was well attended, although it was a very busy time for the farmers, as they were in the midst of haying. The races were interesting and keenly contested every day. Everything went off smoothly, and three days' splendid sport was provided. The ponies are trotting this week at St. Thomas.

Three rinks of Aylmer bowlers are attending the annual Western Ontario Bowling Association tournament at London this week. It is a three-day tournament, and at the time of going to press it is impossible to give any results yet. The rinks are as follows: A. R. Lemon, Newt. Newell, E. A. Caughell, E. C. Monteith (skip); E. W. R. Hill, J. M. Wrong, Dr. Fear, and A. Chambers (skip); Y. McConnell, S. French, H. Little, and J. A. Gillett (skip).

The Aylmer Citizens' Band furnished the musical programme at a garden party held by the Women's Mission Circle of Talbot Street Baptist Church on Tuesday evening. A number of Aylmer people were also present, and spent a most enjoyable time. It is whispered around to-day that Bandmaster Low, who has a terrible fondness for chicken pie, ate 83 out of the 87 chicken pies the ladies had prepared. This speaks well for the ladies' cooking, for he is still hale and hearty.

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"RELIABLE OUTFITTERS"

Dr. Pickering spent Sunday with his family, who are holidaying at the King George Pavilion, Port Bruce.

Mrs. N. Ellsworth, of Dunbrone, has been spending a few days in town.

During July and August, the Public Library will close at 4 and 8, instead of 5 and 9 as formerly.

Mr. Fred Holder has returned home from a short business trip to the Canadian West.

Mrs. (Dr.) McFarlane, of Wallace-town, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harper, Talbot Street.

Mrs. T. H. Willoughby and daughter Ethel have returned from a two-weeks' visit with friends in Detroit.

Mrs. John Spence leaves to-day to spend a few days with relatives and friends in Ingersoll and Woodstock.

Miss Mabel Laur has returned home after spending a week with friends at Port Bruce.

Mr. Frank Gibson and Miss Norton of St. Thomas spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gibson, here.

Send the boys in England with the 91st Battalion the home news every week. They will appreciate it. Better than a letter from home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Middleton and son Ernest have motored over from Watrehoo, Quebec, and are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. W. R. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wood and son Jack, of Goderich, have returned home after spending a week with the former's brother, John Wood.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to express my gratitude and thankfulness to those friends and neighbors who rendered such timely assistance and in many ways helped to lighten the deep sorrow and bereavement through which I have been called upon to pass. The many floral offerings were also greatly appreciated.

Albert Gillett.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express most sincere thanks to all the neighbors and friends who rendered such timely assistance and showed us so much kindness and sympathy during our long and trying affliction, and since the death of our loved one. We assure them their actions will ever be remembered.

Elizabeth F. Dawson, Alexander Dawson.

Mrs. James Burdick, of Essex Centre, is visiting her sister, Mrs. I. B. Huffman.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Clifton, of Vienna, spent several days last week with friends in town.

The Red Cross Society of Tillsonburg sold its gathering of waste paper, etc., last week for \$150. Pretty good for the first gathering.

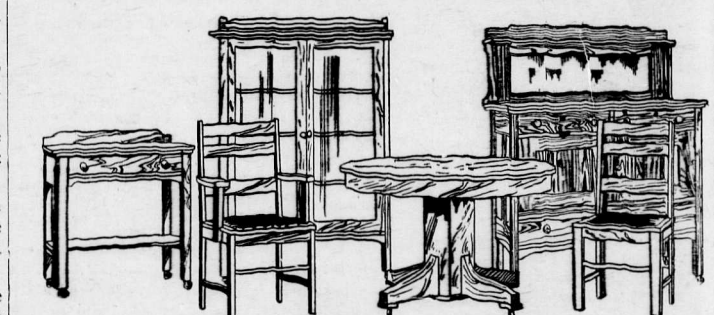
Mr. and Mrs. John White, of Windsor, are spending a few holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David White.

Miss May Powell spent the weekend in Toronto.

Dr. High, of Detroit, spent the past two days visiting friends in Aylmer and vicinity.

Mrs. (Dr.) Hiltz, of Wellesley, Mrs. John Blair, of Woodstock, and Miss Lillian Dobson, of Toronto, are the guests of Mrs. J. H. Strachan.

Mrs. Colonel Feeley and young son William left for their home in Walkerton on Tuesday after a pleasant visit with Mrs. B. E. Bates, Dingle Street.



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MANY CHANGES AT HIGH SCHOOL.

There will be many changes in the teaching staff at the High School next term, being the only one of last year's staff remaining. O. Awde, science master, has leave of absence, and will Queen's University, Kingston. McKenna, teacher of English Moderns, has accepted a more active position in Toronto, and Summers has resigned.

The staff next term, however, will be composed of some teachers with splendid reputations, and the high standard of the school for the next few years will be well maintained. A short sketch of the new staff follows:

Miss Kathleen Byram, been appointed teacher of English Moderns in our High School. She won the second Blake Scholarship and the Scholarship in Moderns and throughout her university maintained her reputation for scholarship. After passing her Education, Toronto, taught in the North-West, Ontario public schools, and for time in the Ridgetown College. Al who know her work are unanimous in their opinion that she is a born teacher.

Mr. G. E. Johnson, a graduate of Queen's, who is for Mr. Awde next year, class honor man in the department of Science. Last year he stood head of his class, and he had but one year's experience proved himself an excellent teacher.

Miss Edna Allen succeeds Mr. Johnson. To those interested in education and in our school, education in the High School is well known.

LOWER SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL MOTIONS.

There has been a terrific fire throughout Ontario in this year. Eleven pupils with the Lower School were commended from the A School, and seven were former years it was a that more than the number of successful.

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