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AYLMER LODGE No. 94, I. O. O. F., meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, sharp, their hall upstairs in the Walker Block. All members of the order always welcome. Geo. Lomon, R. S., John Cline, N. G.

## AUCTIONEERS.

E. H. LINDSAY, Licensed Auctioneer. Sales promptly attended to in any part of the Province. Charges satisfactory to all. Full arrangements can be made at this office, or with W. Warnock Aylmer.

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For cameras and amateur supplies call on L. Clarke.

Golden glass, 4 piece table sets, regular \$1.50, selling for \$1.25 at Conn's Fair.

During the month of April Messrs. Harp & Freeman paid out nearly \$5000. for live hogs delivered here.

If you want something real nice send your order for hanging baskets, window boxes, etc., to Lindsay's greenhouse, Tillsonburg.

The Rev. A. B. Farney, who intended leaving shortly on a trip for the Old Country, has been obliged to postpone it on account of the illness of his father.

Mr. G. Early, who pitched so efficiently for the Aylmer base ball team last year, is in town again and will fill the box for Aylmer during the ensuing season. Billy Taylor's brother is also here, and is said to be an exceptionally strong pitcher and a fine 1st base man. With these additions to our team we hope the boys will be able to hold their own with anything in this section.

Last Thursday night the base-ball club was organized, the following officers being elected; Pres., Oscar McKenney; vice-pres., A. W. Pierce; sec. treas., A. E. Adams; captain, Wm. Taylor; manager, Newton Newell; finance committee composed of the officers of the club and Messrs. Love, Odell and Strong. The manager was appointed as a delegate to go to Ingersoll and see about our team joining the league. Nothing was done at this meeting, but another will be held in Tillsonburg on Friday.

Our esteemed citizen, Major Faulds, is justly pleased and proud of a medal which he received a few days ago from Ottawa, it being a long service decoration which is granted only to officers holding the rank of major who have served in the British army for 21 years or over. Major Faulds served for 22 years, 1 month and 11 days, and was one of the most popular officers in the 25th Battalion. The medal is elliptical shape, silver, with a gold crown resting on top, and the letters V. R. I. in gold in the centre. On the obverse side are the words "Colonial Auxiliary Forces, and on the reverse "Major Wm. Faulds 25th Battalion." It is a beautiful work of art, and the major's many friends are delighted that his long and faithful services have been thus recognized.

The Sherwin-Williams Paints are the best paints on the market. John H. Glover is sole agent for Aylmer.

Garden seeds in bulk. China T House.

C. H. Lewis, of St. Thomas, spent Sunday in town.

Steele Briggs mangle and sugar beet seeds at Caughell's.

Mr. Thos. Pound, of London, was in town Friday last.

You will find the best spraying materials at Richards'.

Miss Addie McConnell has returned home from Ingersoll, where she has been visiting for some time.

A. J. Anderson sells the best \$1.00 lace curtains in town. Large stock to select from.

For 50 cents we will send THE EXPRESS from now to Jan. 1st, 1904, to any person living in Canada or the U. S.

A nice new set of harness would add greatly to the appearance of that horse of yours. R. Caughy, Mansion House block, makes the best.

Mrs. W. Atkin and Miss Edith Atkin spent a few days in town last week, the guests of Mrs. E. C. Monteith, Miss Edith assisting the orchestra Friday night.

Miss Heintzman, who has been the guest of Miss Rutherford for the past few weeks, left Saturday for London, where she will spend a few days before returning to her home at Toronto Junction.

Girl wanted—One who can do ordinary cooking and help with light house work—no washing. Home in Hamilton. Railway fare paid. For further particulars write F. E. Tobias, No. 2, Toronto St., Toronto.

Mrs. Alice Calder Stock, of London, whose singing so delighted the music-loving people of our town on Friday evening last, is to be married this fall to a gentleman residing in Detroit. Her engagement is announced in Saturday's Free Press, accompanied by a cut of Mrs. Stock.

On Thursday last the license commissioners for the District of East Elgin, met in the shop of Mr. W. B. Purdy. All members present. The following applications which were laid over before were granted: Aylmer, R. W. Burrell, Mero House; Richmond, W. H. Smuck; Stratfordville, Thomas Gordon; Vienna, David Lozen; Port Burwell, Wm. Gordon. Mr. W. C. Hoag's application was not granted as his application was not filled in at the proper time.

Crown Native Herb Cure, good for that tired feeling. 25¢ a package at J. E. Richards.

Instead of the regular prayer meetings in the different churches on Wednesday last week, all united in the Baptist church, where the annual meeting of the Aylmer branch of the Lord's Day Alliance was held. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Geo. H. McAlister, B. A., after which the following officers were elected: President, Rev. A. J. Vining; vice-presidents, Revs. Rae, Farney and McAlister; sec. treas., Miss E. Stewart. The annual report of the secretary showed a membership of 52 and a total of \$20.25 raised during the past year, \$18 of which was sent to the provincial treasurer. During the year a branch association was organized at Sparta by Rev. G. H. McAlister.

Buy the Sherwin-Williams paints at John H. Glover's hardware.

A pretty wedding took place Tuesday, April 28th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunter, two miles north of Lyons, when their daughter, Ethel L., was united in marriage to Willard C. Spence, of Aylmer. Promptly at 5 o'clock, the bridal party entered the prettily decorated parlor, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. A. H. Vining, of Aylmer. The bride, who was attended by Miss Maudie Harper, of Aylmer, and Miss Lizzie Dickson, of St. Thomas, wore a handsome gown of embroidered voile and carried bridal roses, while the groom was supported by H. Mayberry, of Ingersoll, and F. Clarkson, of Swearburg. Little Miss Violet Brown made a very charming flower girl. The bride is a popular young lady and is held in high esteem by a host of friends. The popularity of both bride and groom being understood by the beautiful array of presents, among which was a handsome gold watch given to the bride by the groom. After a dainty breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Spence left amid showers of rice for Detroit and points west. On their return they will immediately leave for Crookston, Minnesota, where they will make their home. About 75 guests witnessed the ceremony, being present from Galt, St. Thomas, Aylmer and other places.

Glazed tile, all sizes, at John H. Glover's hardware.

Go to Cronk & Palmer for bargains in furniture and carpets.

Mr. T. J. Montgomery, of London, was in town on Monday last on business.

Fresh Nitro Oxide Gas always on hand, and painless extraction guaranteed. Kennedy, dentist.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyn Christie, of Tillsonburg, were the guests of Mrs. G. R. Christie over Sunday.

Received for sale on Saturday a job line of rugs at half price. See east window on Saturday. A. J. Anderson.

Mr. Charles Sherritt and son, Elmer, left Monday for Toronto, where they have accepted positions.

Buchanan's harness has already the reputation of first quality. No need to blow along that line.

The Rev. G. O. Davis, of Woodstock, very acceptably occupied the Baptist church pulpit last Sunday, the Rev. Mr. Vining being in Chicago.

For reliable fire insurance, guaranteeing prompt and liberal settlements in case of loss, go to D. C. Davis, office, Marshall block.

Miss Matthews, who has had a long experience in the business, has accepted a position in Mr. Lewis Clarke's photograph gallery.

Received for sale on Saturday 348 yards of ingrain and union carpets at half price on Saturday. Come early for choice. A. J. Anderson.

Fireworks! fireworks! fireworks! We have a large assortment of firecrackers, Roman candles, sky rockets, Bengal lights, star mines, serpents, triangles, fire wheels, pin wheels, etc., from one cent each up, at Conn's Fair.

THE EXPRESS will be sent to any address in Canada or the U. S. from now to Jan. 1st, 1904, for 50 cents. We know of nothing you could do that would please your friends at a distance better than to send them THE EXPRESS for the balance of the year.

Mr. Hyma E. Smith, who resided just north of the G. T. R. station, was unfortunately in losing his house and contents by fire on Thursday last. The fire company was very prompt, but the fire had made good headway, so only a few things were saved. Insurance was \$500.

Money to loan, in any amounts from \$100 to \$100,000 if security is satisfactory. Interest ranging from 4 1/2 to 6 per cent; expenses moderate. Land bought and sold, real estate valued, rents collected, assignee, trustee, etc. J. Miller, Brown house block, Aylmer, Ont.

Miss Grace McLay, who has been a valued teacher in the public school for several years past, has sent in her resignation to take effect on June 1st. The resignation has been reluctantly accepted by the board, who are advertising for another teacher on another page of this issue.

Messrs. House and Prowse, local agents for the Maxwell farm machinery, held their delivery on Saturday last and it was the largest and best they ever had, and one of the best ever seen in Aylmer. Mr. John Maxwell, one of the members of the firm, J. C. Taylor, gen. agent for the St. Thomas district; F. C. House, gen. agent for the London district, and E. G. Sherk, of St. Thomas, were present. The patrons were all entertained at the Brown House for dinner.

Mr. A. A. Leslie held the lucky ticket, No. 417, which drew the gold watch given by J. W. Harris, and drawn for on Monday last. There were quite a number of ticket holders present, and they decided that Mr. Robert Middleton should do the drawing, and it was also decided that the fifth ticket which he drew out should take the watch. He was blindfolded and proceeded to draw with the result mentioned above. Everything throughout has been fair and above board beyond the shadow of a doubt.

J. H. Miller, dentist, Charlton block.

Report of Linton public school for the month of April is as follows: Class V.—Hope Hill, John VanPatter, Bessie O'Bryan. Class IV.—Hugh VanPatter, Fred Haggan, Harry Charlton, Emerson Brown, Alice Huffman, Eric Miller, Claire Huffman. Class III.—Henrietta Griffin, Homer Haggan, Marie Hale, Earl Schooley, Agnes Hale, Violet Brown, Mahlon Hale. Class II. senior—Alta Richardson, Willie Haight, Meredith Hale, Lee Miller, Clifton Huffman. Class II, junior—Stacie Dickhout, Bruce VanPatter, Harold Haggan, Martha McConnell, Lorne Harrett. Class I, part II.—Norman Schooley, Edna Procure.

3c. wall paper at Caughell's on Saturday and Monday.

Buchanan is offering some very special bargains in harness just now.

Miss Graham spent a few days in St. Thomas last week.

Cronk & Palmer for all kinds of furniture repairing.

Mr. Lyman Widner, of Paris, formerly of Aylmer, was in town renewing old acquaintances on Thursday last.

Don't forget the special sale of rugs at half price on Saturday. A. J. Anderson.

Mrs. Thom and children, of Goderich, were visiting friends in town for a few days last week.

Call and see our new line of dinner ware bought direct from the potteries. China T House.

Mr. L. N. Morrison, formerly of Aylmer, was in town calling on old friends for a couple of days last week.

We have 97 piece dinner sets, good porcelain, with pretty designs, regular \$12, selling for \$9, at Conn's Fair.

Mrs. (Dr.) McKenney, of Detroit, spent a few days with her mother-in-law, Mrs. R. C. McKenney, last week.

Our clubbing season is now over, but we will be glad at all times to procure any outside paper for our subscribers at the lowest possible rate.

Miss Mabel Arkell, who has been visiting the Misses Thompson, of Ingersoll, for the past few weeks, returned home last Thursday.

On account of the change in connection with my hardware business, all accounts due me must be settled as I need the money. W. Conn.

Get your sale bills at this office, and sale register free. If you desire to get bills elsewhere, it will pay you to use THE EXPRESS sale register.

John Johnston, a fourteen year-old boy, was committed for trial last week by the magistrate at Springfield on a charge of having set fire to the store of Mr. H. Chambers a few weeks ago.

The importance of an add in the sale register of THE EXPRESS is fully recognized by everyone. No sale within 12 miles of Aylmer can be as successfully without the use of it as with it.

Rev. Mr. Rae will deliver one of his interesting bible talks to the young people of the Methodist church on Monday evening next, everyone being cordially invited.

Our outside correspondents will please notice that by the recent changes in the postal regulations, only one cent is now required on correspondence sent in to the paper, provided envelope is left unsealed.

The many friends of Stuart R. McDiarmid, of Woodstock, formerly of Aylmer, will be pleased to hear that he has finished his college course at Queen's University, receiving his degree for mining engineering, for which we extend congratulations.

Beachville lime, any quantity at J. E. Scott, Talbot st., west.

I have secured the agency for the North American Life Insurance Co., one of the strongest life Co.'s in Canada to-day. A number of Aylmer's most successful business men are policy holders and I will be pleased to place you on the list. Full information gladly given. Ask to see actual results. T. Bruce Nairn.

Preserve your furs and woollen goods. Fibre Moth Bags at J. E. Richards.

Many old friends in Aylmer will be sorry to learn that Mrs. John White died at the home of her daughter in St. Thomas on Sunday last. She was 65 years of age, and was resident of Aylmer for many years, commanding the respect of everyone by her industry and kindness. The funeral took place on Thursday last to the Orwell cemetery, where she was laid beside the remains of her husband the late Sergt. White who died on April 20th last.

We are selling best china salad dishes regular 30c, for 20c at Conn's Fair.

Mr. Chas. Phelps lost a beautiful and valuable horse on Sunday last in a very peculiar manner. Shortly after daylight it was discovered that the horse had fallen into an old well, the top of which had caved in. Several neighbors were summoned and the work of rescue was proceeded with as fast as possible. Straps were fastened around the horse and attached to a pole above with ropes and pulleys and with the aid of other horses the one in the well was lifted out about 10 o'clock, and just as the safety of the horse seemed to have been accomplished and he was hanging suspended in the air about 10 feet above the hole the pole suddenly broke and the horse fell back into the well and almost immediately expired.

Fine American and Canadian wall papers at Caughell's.

Kitchen girl wanted at once. Good wages. Apply at Mansion house.

Mr. William Walsh, of St. Thomas, was in town on Monday last.

Another special wall paper sale at Caughell's on Saturday and Monday.

Aylmer and Malahide Council reports are crowded out this week.

See A. J. Anderson's wall papers the largest stock. Cheapest and best papers in town. 2 1/2c papers on every Saturday only.

The friends of Will Armstrong, who has been in Toronto trying his optical examinations, will be pleased to hear he has passed in them successfully.

Scarce goods. The 3 Farthings have opened out this week a very fine assortment of drop ornaments and medallions in black and white at popular prices.

5c. wall paper for 3c., 7c. paper for 4 1/2c., 8c. paper for 5c., 15c. paper for 9 1/2c. on Saturday and Monday at Caughell's. Read ad on back page.

Some dirty d—l has been in the habit of spitting tobacco juice on the steps leading to the Public Library for the past few weeks. It must be stopped or there will be trouble.

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Disciples.—Evangelist De Miller arrived to-day and begins gospel meetings tonight at the church, corner of Pine and Wellington Sts. Service each evening at 8 p.m. Mr. F. E. Lumley, of Wychwood, leads in singing. All invited.

Pong You, it is reported, intends very shortly to remove his laundry to Springfield. Pong has made lots of friends in town, having a good friendly disposition, and if he leaves town we hope to see him do well.

Mr. J. M. Farthings has secured a limited number of swords and sheaths used by the German army during the war with France in 1870, which he will sell while they last at 65 cents each. They make very nice decorations, and will not last long when once it is known that they can be had so cheap.

Mr. Geo. M. Winn, formerly manager of the Niagara Falls Record, has accepted a position as manager of the Standard Publishing Co., Windsor, and commenced his duties on Monday morning last. Mr. Winn has had a long experience in the newspaper business and will make the Standard a success if anyone can.

Our New Sarum correspondent writes:—"Ex-councillor Francis, recently cut down an apple tree on his farm which measured fifty-seven feet across the top, and the trunk measured eleven feet two inches in circumference. He claims this to be the largest apple tree in Ontario. It was grown from a seed which came from Niagara district, and when a small tree was transplanted in the year 1820, by Mr. Abram House.

The drawing for the gold watch which has been on for the past 60 days at Harris' barber shop took place on May 4th and 417 was the lucky number. Mr. Harris takes this way of advertising his business and also sharing up the profits with his customers. He intends offering for the next sixty days four more presents to be awarded in the same manner as the watch. Your tobaccos, pipes or cigars do not cost you any more money, but give you a chance to get a prize. Coupons given with every 25¢ purchase. J. W. Harris.

We were invited to inspect the new steam laundry while running in full blast on Tuesday afternoon last, and were amply repaid for our trouble. The arrangement seems to be complete for doing all kinds of work, and some of the machines are unique. For instance the one for removing the water from the clothes after they come from the washing machine. There is no twisting or squeezing as in the old fashioned way by hand or wringer, but they are placed in a fast revolving machine and the water is literally thrown out of them after the manner of separating cream from milk in a separator. Nothing could be easier on the clothes, and the same may be said of the washing machine. We have made up our minds to two things viz: that there is nothing as hard on the clothes as the ordinary fact that every collar which goes through the laundry is handled 23 times before it is ready to go out, 3 cents each is none too high a price to pay for washing them. Manager Odell will be glad to show any of his patrons through at any time.

See the camera ad. on page 12.

Full directions for spraying fruit trees in Caughell's ad. on back page.

Any person having a small second-hand safe for sale write P.O. box 234, Aylmer.

Mr. John McMath, who left Aylmer some 23 years ago for Dakota, where he has since resided, is spending a few weeks among his old friends here. He has only been back once since then and that was sixteen years ago. He does not look a day older than when he went away.

Mr. Fred Love, of the firm of Walker & Love, is a good advertiser, as those know who read his adds in THE EXPRESS each week. This is not the only way in which he shows marked ability in this line of work however. The May issue of the Shoe and Leather Journal contains a photo of his Easter window, and a description of same which is certainly a compliment of no small nature.

The many friends of Homer McLay will be pleased to learn that he has passed his final examinations as M.D., with honors, standing at the head of his class. Homer is not yet of age and will not be for a few months, consequently he cannot practice his profession for a short time. He has been a clever student, and with a natural ability and liking for medicine we have no doubt he will make a clever practitioner. We certainly congratulate him and wish him every success.

On Friday last Mrs. Wm. Gordon, of Pt. Burwell, lost her purse on the street here. It contained nearly \$50 in gold and bills. Dodgers were struck off and circulated around town and half an hour later the purse was returned to this office by little Gordon Thompson, who found it. His honesty was not allowed to go unrewarded. Another honest little fellow found a purse a few weeks ago containing some \$27 and brought it to this office, through which it reached its owner. His name was Doan, but we do know his first name.

The Aylmer Iron Works are so pleased with orders for pumps and scales that they have been compelled to call in their traveller and will at once put on another shift of men and run day and night. Mr. Jenkins informs us that among other things the great development of the Canadian Northwest and the great rush of settlers to that country is one of the causes of the great demand for the goods. Another reason, and no doubt his extreme modesty prevented Mr. Jenkins from saying so, is the great satisfaction which all their goods are giving to the general public. Without the quality there could be no such demand for the quantity.

On Wednesday evening last, at the home of her father, Mr. George A. Moore, Miss Libbie Moore was married to Mahlon D. Martin, of Lyons. The bride was attended by her sister, Agnes, while Mr. Gordon Winder, of Lyons, assisted the groom. The bride was becomingly dressed in white organdy with white lilies in the corsage and in the hair, the shower bouquet being of bridal roses. About 60 guests were present to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Revs. John Morrison and J. Veale, of Dorchester. Mrs. George Stewart playing the wedding march. After a dainty lunch Mr. and Mrs. Martin left for Aylmer, where they took the evening train for Detroit.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at "Lewisville," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis, on April 29th, at high noon, when their only daughter, Jessie Morgan, was united in marriage to W. H. Meek, of Port Rowan. The bride looked charming in a gown of white silk crepe-de-chine, over white taffeta, and carrying a shower bouquet of white roses, as she entered the drawing room, which was beautifully decorated with roses and smilax, on the arm of her father, as Mendelssohn's wedding march was being played by Mrs. Dougherty, of Toronto. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. N. Baker, of Stratford, brother-in-law of the groom, assisted by the Rev. Arthur Shore, of Port Rowan. The bride was supported by Miss Lawrence, of Dresden, who was becomingly attired in a gown of bluet silk voile over pink taffeta and carrying a bouquet of pink roses. E. Meek, M.D., brother of the groom, acted as best man. After congratulations had been offered, the guests, numbering about twenty-five repaired to the dining room, which was tastefully decorated, where a most tempting breakfast was served. The groom's gift was a handsome pearl ring, while her father presented her with a piano and also a substantial check. Mr. and Mrs. Meek left for Buffalo, New York and other eastern points. Upon their return they will take up their residence in Port Rowan.

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