

Aylmer Express

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Lee Cascadden is our authority for the statement that he and John Hutcherson have taken the contract to cut 100 cords of wood this winter. Of course we don't believe it, neither does anyone else who knows these two bright and shining lights, who shun all kinds of work, as the devil shuns holy water, and who are as expert in getting out of it as the most experienced tramp. Cut wood! the idea. They might cut a corner to save a walk, but that would be the extent of their cutting. They don't even cut any ice around here.

Our readers will please excuse "Observer" this week as he is a little off. If you knew him as well as we do, you would not wonder that he forgets himself occasionally, and deserts the hard and solid points in life to gush over pretty girls, and talk about hugging, etc. He has a worse dose this week, however, than usual, and the recollections of the past, must have been crowding with awful force upon his mind, driving all else out. There are better things coming, however, and we feel sure that this spell will have spent its force before next week, and that he will give us something along a different line.

Life is like a harness. There are traces of care, lines of trouble, bits of good fortune, breaches of good manners, bridled tongues, and everybody has a tug to pull through—Exchange. This is all right as far as it goes, but there are others. We have found that the 'hold backs,' cut quite a figure in our life, while the 'check' that has been given to our successful career, by the want of a good sized 'check' at critical times, has resembled very much the effects of a 'tie strap.' We have been 'collared' when we least expected it, and have had to 'buckle' in to get out of the hole many times. Ours has been a 'heavy draft' harness and we have been strapped as many times as there are 'straps' in a set of double harness.

"Plumpers" in municipal elections are about as detestable a thing as can be imagined. If we were running for municipal honors, we would be ashamed to have a lot of plumpers, as it would look as though we knew we could not be elected on our merits with the others in the field, and had taken this course to force ourselves on the public. No man has a right to ask another to cast a plumper for him. It simply means that he asks the man to disfranchise himself to a large extent, and practically have no voice in the management of the town, as the one man for whom he votes can control nothing alone. It would be almost a safe rule not to vote at all for any man who wants office so badly as to ask you to vote for him alone. There may be exceptional circumstances, but we can see none in the coming election in town. If any one asks you to do so, just ask him if he thinks he is "the only pebble on the beach," or the only man nominated who has brains enough to attend to the business of the town. If you think he is, vote for him and him alone, otherwise exercise the full right which you have as a citizen. Plumpers have no doubt increased the majorities of many good men in the past, who would have been elected without them, and whose friends put them in unsolicited as a safeguard, and they have also put men in office totally unfit mentally, morally and financially. Let every man at the coming election pick out the six best men in the field and vote for them and we will certainly get the best council for 1899 available.

"Pica," who writes for the Ridge town Standard, had some good things in last week's issue about giving. We quote the following from his article:—"A gentleman, who has worked his way up in this world, said to me the other day, 'that he had been taught very early in life to pay his way, no matter where he went, or stay away. When he went to a church of another denomination than his own he always felt it to be his duty to contribute something when the collection plate came along. The Gospel was free to everybody, but such things as fuel, light and other necessities had to be paid for in hard cash, and he thought everybody present should pay a fair share towards meeting expenses.' Just so! If each person did his or her duty in the matter of voluntary giving there would be no canvassing for church subscriptions. Dead heading in the church has become too common and the widow's mite, small as it was, affirmed the righteousness of the principle that everyone should pay as he

has been prospered." There is a whole heap of truth in the above, and many of us could sit down and think over what Pica says for a half an hour, with profit. There are numbers of people attending every church in Aylmer, who seldom think of putting a five cent piece on the collection plate. Some of them are present at every service as regular as clock work. They can sing and pray with the best of them, and during special services, are away the biggest toads in the puddle. If they only knew it, they are a drawback to the cause, being looked upon with contempt by the other members of the church, and with suspicion by outsiders. Whether such people will ever get to heaven, is not for us to say, but we doubt it very much. If they do, we hope they will have a separate compartment, as "we" would not like to have to associate with them throughout all eternity. These remarks do not apply to the man or woman who is not able to pay. There are no doubt many who would be large givers if they were able, but all such put in their mite, which in cases that we could mention is more proportionately than that of the wealthy. Is there such a thing as a mean, stingy, skinflint Christian? Is such a thing possible. There certainly are church members of that calibre, and they are generally as narrow and contracted in their views on all other matters relating to religion, as they are on the financial side of the question. According to the good book, religion makes a man big hearted, kind, liberal, and broad minded, and we believe that the man who expects to get into heaven on his long prayers, and exhortations only, will have a harder time of it at the gate, than many of those he prays for so earnestly. The Almighty never did anything on a small scale, how can he tolerate a small man.

Observer's Observations.

I saw a man walking down Talbot street the other day and suddenly, without the least warning, his feet described a circle in the air, his arms flew around like the arms of an old fashioned windmill, and his head and the stone pavement had an argument as to their respective hardness. After giving vent to a few words and phrases that are not found in scripture, he gathered himself together, and getting in the centre of the road, made his way home. The cause—Parties had not cleaned the snow and ice from the walk in front of their residences. The result—A very sore head, bruised limbs, and if the man was a church member, a falling from grace. Why hasn't this town a by-law compelling residents to keep the walks in front of their respective residences or places of business free from snow and ice? It is a matter that should receive the favorable consideration of our town council.

After reading last week's article on homely and pretty girls, a noted bachelor of this town was heard to remark that the reason he had not married before this was that he couldn't find a homely girl in Aylmer. Observation has led me to believe that this same bachelor is in love with nearly every girl in Aylmer, and love being blind, I'll have to accept his statement as true from his standpoint of view.

I noticed this past week, since we have had some sleighing, that the young ladies act in a very friendly manner toward their gentlemen friends. The reason is plain, all young ladies have a fondness for the snow, as it brings to them their much enjoyed sleigh ride. What a pleasing picture they present, a young couple, with rosy cheeks, sparkling eyes, and warm bounding blood, driving along the streets, laughing, talking, singing, a very picture of health and happiness. I don't blame you, girls. Capture the boys by smiles if you can, hang on to them when you get them, but don't get gay. Boys' hearts are tender as well as your own fluttering ones and a kind word that cheers is better than a cruel jest that wounds; and boys, be careful of the precious dears. Don't let them fall from the sleigh even if you have to drive with one hand. I have noticed that more marriages occur during the cold winter months, when there is plenty of good sleighing, than at any other time of the year.

A certain young lady in town had to take a business trip to St. Thomas. She was accompanied to the train by her bosom friend, another certain young lady. As the train came into sight they threw their arms about each other, and such kissing and hugging and squeezing. I concluded the young lady would be gone six months at least; but no, when the afternoon train came in she leaped from the car, and was clasped in the close embrace of her friend—so she thought—but it was not her friend, but an entire stranger, who was heard to remark, that of all places for warm hearted impulsive girls Aylmer took the cake.

There was great uneasiness in town last week by parties whose friends had been summoned to appear at the election trial in St. Thomas, and who felt very anxious about their political and spiritual welfare. Perhaps no one felt the absence of his friend as keenly as did Ed., one of the editors of this sheet. And after the train came in on Thursday

Christmas is Coming!

How About Presents?

Have you given the thought of a fine present to your wife or daughter your serious consideration yet? That beautiful Karn Piano you promised her last fall would make her glad on Christmas Eve. Come in and see it. You know you have been having all the good things yourself this year. Now give your family the benefit of a few dollars that you will scarcely miss. The Karn stands unrivaled in the Piano world, so why hesitate when you have the glorious opportunity so close at hand of making a happy wife and a cheerful home. We will do as well for you as any one can, for our terms are certainly very liberal. Others have profited by them. Why not you? Would be delighted to have you call at any time when in town. OUR SPECIALTIES—Karn Pianos and Organs; also the best lines of Guitars, Mandolines, Violins, Banjos, Etc., Etc., Latest Sheet Music and Instruction Books.

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evening and Dave walked into the office the scene beggared description. Damon and Pythias (Ed. and Dave) were clasped in each other's arms, the tears were streaming down their faces, their breasts were heaving with the deep emotions; Levi and Murphy had a fight as to who should be first to embrace the returned wanderer who had braved the dangers of the trial. After another close embrace these friends sank back into their respective chairs and looked at each other with glances of love. Not a word had been spoken, and after another look Dave said, "Did that man bring in that load of turnips yet?"

Competition is the life of trade. It's amusing to watch our dried apple buyers trying to "scoop" each other. A man comes in town with a bag of something in his rig. About half way up street he is cornered by our apple buyers. He says he has none. They pull him out of the rig, scatter his effects all over the road, and after a thorough search they leave the man as quickly as they came. After he collects this scattered senses he begins to pick up his belongings, muttering in the meantime some things that would not look well in print, and then having gathered all his effects together he dumps them in his rig and looks around to see if the dried apple men are out of sight. If they are he whips up his horses and leaves town at a gallop. As I said before, competition is the life of trade.

Malahide Council.

Council met pursuant to adjournment in the council chamber, Aylmer, on Monday, Dec. 5th. The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid:—Henry Miller, gravel and work, \$5.40; Jacob Miller, work, \$14.85; C. House, work, \$10; R. Roberts, sheep killed by dogs, \$10; C. A. Price, lumber, \$1.95; Thos. Artburs, work, \$21.78; H. Gostrey, work, \$20.40; Wm. Trim, tile, \$18.40; A. North, gravel, \$3.50; E. Smale, work, \$5; Cohoon & Son, tile, \$19.75; Wm. Seers, material and work, \$7; Aylmer Iron Works, grates, \$1.80; Wright & Allen, nails, \$1.80; Aylmer Sun, \$18; K. McClelland, grant Silver Creek hill, \$50; W. Branion, work, \$3.25; Wm. Hunt, work, \$3; W. Marr, work, \$5; Harvey Brown, work, \$9; Frank Davenport, tile, \$2.85; John Skinner, overhauling, \$3; Finlay Chalk, timber, \$20; W. Z. Hunt, work, \$21.50; Wm. Shackleton, work, \$2.50; Walter Carter, work, \$10.50; Frank Pineo, \$8.33; John Kipp, work, \$9; John McKnight, work, \$4; George Clark, \$2; John Chute, work, \$1.88; A. J. McKenzie, work, \$29.14; F. H. Her, tile, 78c; E. Wolf, work, 50c; Wm. Tedford, work, \$3; Alvin Parker, re-finished license, \$15; F. O. Vail, work, \$2.30.

That Wm. Rockey be a committee to examine and repair Stalter's mill bridge, also to rail highway opposite Tedford's mill, 1st con.

That By-law No. 672, re Catfish drain, be printed in accordance with sec. 22 of the drainage act.

A by-law was passed authorizing rating and collecting certain sums of money for the use of school sections.

The reeve was instructed to act in accordance with the Ditches and Water Courses Act, re water course in 8th concession.

Messrs. Wonnacott, Baker and McKenney were appointed a committee to examine drain on townline north of Orwell, with power to act.

Council adjourned to meet Dec. 15.

Those Who Endure

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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, AYLMER

ON

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.

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