

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We have changed our mind regarding going on down with the well, which we have been watching with interest for a long time. Up to a few days ago we were strongly in favor of going deeper. Our change of view was caused by a letter which acting Mayor Caron gave us to read, from Mr. Cuthbertson, who had consulted other experienced drillers, and who gave amongst other things the following opinions and information:—"After consulting with several experienced well drillers who agree that the probabilities of securing any further supply of good water below the 500 ft. level is very uncertain, in fact, scarcely probable, and that any valuable supply of gas will not be found except in the Trenton rock formation, which, at the Aylmer well, is likely to be struck at about 2803 feet. With the situation as mentioned above the council have about decided to plug the well at a depth of 450 feet from the surface, and fill in above that, up to the crevice in the rock where a large stream of good water is known to exist. In this way the work done will not be entirely lost, should it be desirable to go deeper in years to come, and we think they are taking the right course under the circumstances.

Follow the Example of the Millions of Women Who Use DIAMOND DYES.

It is safe to follow the example of the millions of wise women who have made the Diamond Dyes their chosen and only dyes for home coloring. The faith of all is so firmly established in the excellence of the Diamond Dyes that they would not use any other make, even if they were given the common and imitation dyes free of cost. Valuable goods and garments should not be risked with poor and untried dyes. Ruin, loss of money and bad temper is the sure result.

Mrs. R. F. Swallow, 108 Harris St., Vancouver, B. C., says: "I have used a great many of the Diamond Dyes and have always had most satisfactory results. I have dyed silks, dresses, men's clothes, curtains and any quantity of wool goods to my entire satisfaction."

Vienna. Mrs. Mary Burgess, who has been making a short visit to her home in the village, has returned to New York.

Mr. J. H. Teall, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is now recovered enough to be at his business again.

Mrs. Burgess is ill with erysipelas.

Dr. Hoover is in Aylmer attending his mother, who is very ill.

The Methodist church will hold their quarterly service on Sunday morning next.

Mr. John Pressey and family have removed from their home in the village to resume summer duties on his farm on the 2nd concession.

Mr. Charlie Chute, who has been in Canada for the past year is spending a few days in town renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. O. C. Edison is spending a few days in Tilsonburg with her daughter, Mrs. Moskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gagen and two daughters, Lela and Cora, attended the funeral of Mr. McDonald at Copenhagen on Monday.

A BRICKY-RED SHADE.

This is the result when you are induced to use any of the common butter colors that some merchants sell for the sake of big profits. When you use WELLS, RICHARDSON & CO'S "IMPROVED BUTTER COLOR," your butter has the rich golden tint of June made butter. Bricky colored butter is always avoided and condemned. The golden June tint given by the WELLS & RICHARDSON CO'S "IMPROVED BUTTER COLOR" gives extra value to your butter. All dealers sell the kind that makes prize butter.

From One of Our Boys at the Front.

Bloomfontein, South Africa, March 5th, 1902.

To the dear ones at home,—Wall, at last, one year is past. I have found out a lot of things; one is how long a year can be, and how much hardships and suffering one can endure. We came here expecting hardships, but we little thought how hard it would be. We were told we should have horses and barracks; we were sent out here as mounted police. The size of our barracks is all this part of Orange Free State and we have the grandest music and fireworks I have ever seen. Now, it is the rainy season. You think a thunder storm terrible in Canada, but instead of the rain coming down in drops, as it does here, it comes down in pail fulls.

I came very near getting killed in one a few days ago. I was standing near No. 4 stores when they were struck by lightning and Sergeant Haines and I were stunned and a number said they were thrown off their feet.

At night we lay our blankets down in the smoothest place we can find, get a soft stone or our ammunition boot for a pillow, cover up and think ourselves nicely turned in for the night. Presently it begins to thunder and lightning, then the wind starts up to blow, bringing clouds of sand worse than the worst drifting snow storm I ever saw in Canada. The sand nearly covers us up, then the rain comes down in torrents and our blankets are a mat of mud. All we can do is to cover up our heads and take it.

In the morning the sun comes out so hot we soon get ourselves and our blankets dry, but often we have to go on guard or are called to arms at once, and have to get dry as best we can. Often six inches of water falls in half an hour. One night lately the water was so deep we piled our blankets as high as we could and sat on them, lit a light and one of our fellows made a boat from a pasteboard box and we would blow it from one to the other. Soon after the storm has passed the water runs off, but we are so wet we cannot get much sleep. I thought when we first came out here the English would soon put an end to the war, but they have little show, the Boers are so treacherous they will hide in unlooked for places and let our men ride almost on them, then fire among us hot and heavy. We have had some very hard fighting. One time we joined No. 5. troop and went out for some cattle and sheep. When near them we saw a Boer riding one horse and leading another. He stopped and watched us and our men went up to him and made him prisoner. Four hundred Boers were under cover a little way off and immediately opened fire on us. Of course we were surprised, and as we could not get under cover, in a few minutes we were surrounded. They were firing on us from all sides, several of our horses were killed or wounded, and a few of our men. We were given orders to fly for our lives and in a moment we were flying across the veldt, but we had to leave the wounded behind. The Boers stripped them and sent them to camp. Our men don't often run, but this time we were compelled to. We have seen some hard fighting. We were with the Imperial troops in cornering and capturing 800 Boers. Our men are stationed north of Bloomfontein after De Wet. They thought at one time they had him in a pen. They got 200 of his men, but not slippery De Wet. We think if we could only catch him the war would soon be over. I was with the soldiers who raided Dewet's Dorp, a fine town, three of four banks and lovely stores. The inhabitants fled leaving everything as they had last used it. I was in De Wet's own house. It was a lovely home, costly carpets, curtains, lovely furniture, grand pictures. Everything bespoke a home of refinement and plenty of money. The soldiers went through the town leaving it worse wrecked than any I have ever seen. Oh cruel, cruel war.

One of our soldiers spied a Boer guard about 30 miles away. They rode near where they thought to find them, then halted till the peep o' day, and spied the guards quite close, just going over the brow of a kopje. The guards did not see us till nearly on them, then they went over the top like mad, our soldiers right after them. At the foot of the kopje there was a kraal full of Boers sleeping. It was so hot they had undressed. We came so suddenly on them they came running out like bees in a hive. We opened fire and they lay dead like cordwood sticks. Some got away, but many of their horses were so frightened they stampeded, leaving the poor fellows an easy prey. They seemed dazed. Our men let the remaining Boers go back after their clothes. It is terrible, but we are sent out here to fight for our King, and they send their bullets just as thick and fast into us. I have escaped their bullets thus far, but have seen my comrades shot at my side. I have seen far more of our men carried out dead with enteric fever than by the bullet. By boiling all the water I used I escaped it till the 17 of November, then was taken to the hospital and have been at death's door, but have been spared to get into the rest camp at Bloomfontein, and hope to be spared to get home to the best land under the sun. I have made the best of my position, however, and saved my money, which, I am sorry to say, not many of the boys have done. Love to all.

WALTER WILLIAMS, Pt. Bruce.

Mrs. Geo. Young returned home on Saturday from attending the funeral of her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Moore, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The storm which swept Lake Erie on Saturday last was the heaviest for many years and especially at this time of the year. Young Bros. suffered a loss of about \$500, having what nets they had set perfectly riddled and from two to seven stakes broken out of each net. This will delay them two or three weeks in getting their twine all set again.

ANOTHER VICTORY SCORED.

Toronto Defeat the Cambridge Lacrosse Players 12 Goals to 7.

London, April 29.—The Toronto lacrosse team won the match yesterday with Cambridge by a score of 12 goals to 7.

The Elections in France.

Paris, April 29.—The Ministry of the Interior yesterday afternoon made public the results of 574 elections, which give the Ministerialists 243 seats, sub-divided as follows: Republicans 89, Radicals 92, Radical Socialists 41, Socialists 21.

The anti-Ministerialists have 158 seats, sub-divided as follows: Nationalists 31, Republicans 60, Conservatives 65, Dissident Socialists 2.

One hundred and seventy-three re-ballots, of which 122 are favorable to the Government, and 51 are unfavorable, are necessary.

The latest election figures made public by the Minister of the Interior show that 248 Ministerialists and 163 Anti-Ministerialists have been elected to the Chamber of Deputies.

Mrs. Turnbull Found Dead.

Orangeville, April 29.—Mrs. John Turnbull of Mono Centre, a village ten miles east of here, left home quietly on Thursday morning early. Search for her had been made without success until Sunday afternoon, when her body was found lying beneath a brush pile near her home. A can containing Paris green was found near her body, showing the manner of her death. The deceased was 50 years of age, and had been melancholy for days.

BASEBALL.

National League, Monday. New York 9, Brooklyn 3, Philadelphia 4, Boston 1.

American League, Monday. Baltimore 3, Boston 7, Washington 9, Philadelphia 12, Chicago 0, Cleveland 2.

THE AYLMER MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Flour, Wheat, Oats, Peas, Corn, Timothy seed, Potatoes, Rye, Shorts, Chop, Eggs, Butter, Hay, Straw, Live Hogs, and Dressed Hogs.

LONDON MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Wheat, Oats, Peas, Barley, Rye, Corn, Live Hogs, Dressed Hogs, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Hay, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, and Turkeys.

ST. THOMAS MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Wheat, Oats, Peas, Barley, Rye, Corn, Live Hogs, Dressed Hogs, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Hay, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, and Turkeys.

THOROUGHbred PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

Four fine pens to choose from. HAWKINS, THOMPSON, LEFFEL, and SHOEMAKER STRAIN.

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EGGS FOR SALE. Settings of 15 for from \$1 to \$3 per setting. Aylmer Fruit and Poultry Farm, Talbot St. West.

Dr. A. Backus, Mgr.

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Plans and specifications furnished and estimates cheerfully given. Jobbing attended to with promptness. Satisfaction guaranteed. Residence Clarence street. Inquire at Talbot's Bakery.

WANT COLUMN.

GOOD 100 ACRE FARM for sale in Van. months, very favorable terms, possession any time. Apply to J. C. Dance, Kingsmill St.

FARM FOR SALE.—Apply to F. B. Orri Springfield, Ont.

FOR SALE—Registered Short Horn Bulls and Cows. E. A. Garbutt, Stratford, Ont.

HORSES for sale.—1 Lap 1st Stallion rising 4 years old, 1 Babine Chic Stallion rising 3 years old, and 1 other good young horse. J. C. Dance.

FOR SALE OR RENT, house and barn with an acre of land. Fruit trees, hard and soft water. Apply to J. J. LAMB.

FOR SALE, A quantity of bu seed peas. Price \$1 per bushel. Apply to Geo. Buck, St. Saleau, Ont.

MILLET SEED, 45 cents per bushel. WHITE & SONS' FEED STORE.

THE BUSY CORNER

This is the Store for the Independent Cash Buyer

The following goods are all new, and seasonable, and marked to sell quick.

- Three special values in Parosols, 75c, \$1, \$1.50
Three pieces fine Dimity, pink, blue and white... 14c and 18c
Two pieces Charmion fancy brilliant linen shade, fancy stripe at per yd... 14c
Two pieces Florodora Batiste linen shade, at per yard... 17c
Five dozen Ladies' Cashmere Hose, sizes 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2, at per pair... 18c
2 Specials in Ladies' Cotton Hose, seamless, extra values, sizes 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2 at per pair... 10c and 12 1/2c
Ladies' Vests made of mercerized yarn, silk trimmed, pink, blue, linen and white, regular 40c, for... 25c
4 Dcz Ladies' Vests, extra value at... 10c
5 Pieces fancy washing Cretonne, new designs, at per yard... 10c
Ladies' Corset Covers worth 35c for... 25c
4 Only Ladies' Black Skirts, wide flounce, trimmed with six narrow frills, each \$1
3 Pieces only fine Lansdown Cambric, made specially for white wear, 36 in, wide, regular 10c per yard for... 8c
Grey Homespun, 56 in, wide, Harris make, pure wool only, per yd... 75c
Ten pairs Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 50 in wide, worked edges, new designs, while they last at per pair... \$1

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And still we have a nice lot of all kinds of goods to offer the public at slaughtered prices. Come and get your Ready-made Suits at almost your own price.

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Ready-made Pants at 85c
Overalls at 40c
Tweeds and Suitings at half price
Lace Curtains 25c per pair up
Damask Table and Curtain Cloth at 50c yard
All kinds of Men's, Boys', Women's Shoes at cost
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Every Article in the store to be sold at a price that will clear the stock out at once.

Crysler & Stratton



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