

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Noah Raby, who was nearly 132 years of age died recently at the poor farm near New Brunswick, New Jersey. The old man smoked for 122 years which no doubt hastened the end and perhaps caused him to go blind at the early age of 117. Strange to say, however, his brain remained clear to the last and he was bright happy and cheerful.

Somebody has worked a good thing off on the St. Thomas Times which published the following double spaced item in the most conspicuous place in the paper on Monday last:

It is rumored that Mr. Walter Lewis, of Aylmer, has been appointed returning officer for the by-election in East Elgin and that the bills announcing the election will appear shortly. "erry Han" man having the posting of them, assisted by Henry Finch.

Comment is unnecessary to those who know the men mentioned. This is one on the Times, however.

The new plan of collecting taxes, viz., by having them paid into the bank, which was tried for the first time this year, has worked out beautifully, better in fact than anyone dreamed of. Up to Tuesday night, the last day set for payment without an additional 5 per cent., there was paid into the Sovereign bank the sum of \$10,955.78, which we believe is the largest sum ever paid on time at the midsummer collection. It saves a lot of work and considerable expense and the plan will probably be adopted permanently.

The Medical Council of the Province of Ontario recently cancelled the license of Dr. Crichton, of Castleton, to practice medicine, on the ground that he had been guilty of "infamous and disgraceful conduct," in other words, that he had issued advertising circulars of a cure for la-grippe. That was all there was to it, and all the man was guilty of and yet after a quarter of a century of practicing his profession, his livelihood was taken from him for doing nothing more than thousands of business men are doing every day viz., advertising what they can and will do. It looks both foolish and cruel to the general public and if the offence named is the only one that the Dr. has been guilty of the law should be changed and the power to commit such acts should be taken from the Medical Council at the next session of the Legislature. We had an example of the same kind here a year ago when Dr. Kennedy was compelled to quit advertising for fear of losing his license to practice dentistry.

What have you done to make the fair of 1906 a grand success. Everything is now arranged in the way of special attractions, speeding, music and all other forms of amusement and we can confidently say that we believe along these lines the fair of 1906 will eclipse all previous years. The directors have prepared a list of prizes along agricultural lines which on the whole is equaled by few other county fairs. The display depends entirely upon the farmers. Why not make it in keeping with the importance of this county as an agricultural section. We wish specially that our farmers would take hold this year and make this end of the show what it should be. Put yourself out a little if necessary, but if you will not do so for heaven's sake do not squeal around afterwards about a small agricultural show and too many attractions. As a rule the fellows who talk this kind of stuff never exhibited a pumpkin at the fair nor spent a dollar nor an hour's time to make it a success. Do your duty and we will have a hummer this fall.

The Belmont Times in its last issue discusses the question of the amalgamation of the Mapleton-Aylmer independent telephone line with the Bell line and also the proposed amalgamation with the Belmont line, and is opposed to both. With reference to the Mapleton-Aylmer line it says:

"Since securing the use of the Mapleton-Aylmer line the Bell Telephone Co. has removed the telephone from Chas. Ryckman's livery stable in Aylmer. That phone was one of the most useful on the line, as it was centrally located, and it was an easy matter to reach any business man in Aylmer on it. But the Bell Co. cannot stand competition, so it had to be removed. *** It was a serious mistake to allow the Bell Co. to control the Mapleton-Aylmer line to

such an extent that they can cut out a phone and our directors should consider the matter well before making any agreement with them."

There seems to be a good deal of friction about this matter, and it seems as though it would be necessary to have a general meeting of the stockholders and thresh the whole subject out. Our own opinion is the same as it has always been, viz., that the only satisfactory solution will be for the Mapleton line to join with the South Malahide line and have the one central office in town for all, but as we do not use the line as much as some others, we will make no kick, no matter what is done.

The many friends in Aylmer and vicinity of Miss Eva Koyle will be pleased to learn that she was united in marriage on July 10th at the home of her father in Chicago to Mr. Henry T. Beckler, a prominent young business man of that city. Some 35 or 40 near friends and relatives were present. The bride looked charming in a gown of white silk tulle over white tulle and carried a spray of bridal roses. She was assisted by Miss Lillie Lenberg, a cousin of the groom, her gown being of white pearl and lawn. The groom was assisted by Mr. Percy Laing, of Chicago. The presents were both numerous and beautiful and after the wedding dinner the bride and groom left for a trip through Michigan.

The dedication services in connection with the new Methodist church at Richmond on Sunday last drew large audiences on each occasion, morning, afternoon and evening. The heavy rain in the morning no doubt kept many away, but notwithstanding this fact the church was well filled with an attentive audience who listened with pleasure to a very strong and impressive sermon by the Rev. W. Godwin. In the afternoon Rev. Jos. Philip, of Aylmer, chairman of the St. Thomas diet occupied the pulpit and in his usual way delighted the audience. In the evening as the sun gilded the western sky, about 500 people assembled and as they listened to their pastor Rev. A. C. Lloyd, were enthused and inspired. The choir aided much to the enjoyment of the services by rendering excellent music at each service. On the following Monday evening the teaming proved a grand success. Not only was the church crowded to the doors, but many were unable to gain admittance, so great was the crowd. The ladies maintained their reputation for knowing how to prepare and serve a good meal and the programme which followed was an excellent one, bringing to a close one of the most enjoyable and memorable times ever known in that section. The proceeds amounted to \$225. The citizens of Richmond and surrounding country have every reason to feel proud of their new church, which is one of the most beautiful country churches in the Province.

YOUR GAS BILLS REDUCED.

When you use Clar's Canned Meats. All good to eat, tender, tasty and pure. They only cost a trifle more than fresh meat.

Sparta

The funeral of Mrs. Elijah Prior took place from her late home on Wednesday and was very largely attended. Revs. McVitty and Reekie conducted services at the residence, interment at Sparta cemetery. Among relatives attending from a distance were Mr. G. Littlejohn, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Havercroft and Mr. and Mrs. Prior of St. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. House of Malahide. The bearers were J. Linscott, J. Govrett, C. Goverett, S. Smith M. L. Smith and W. Harvey.

The Sparta rifle association officered as follows: captain, J. H. Yarwood, sec. Dr. Shannon, directors, J. Philip, J. Vincent and D. Lamont, have received Ross rifles and cartridges from the Department and will hold their first practice at the McCutcheon butts, east of the village on Wednesday.

The death of Mrs. Minard took place on Sunday at her home. Deceased had been suffering from cancer for some years and her death was expected.

Thomas Medcraft who has been in England has arrived in Montreal with some thoroughbred sheep which are held in quarantine to assure their freedom from disease.

The Stirling Bank is looking for a suitable site for a branch here.

A National Necessity

The growing interdependence of the Provinces of this Dominion must be apparent to all. The product of one is a necessity for another. Not alone are the eyes of the Eastern Provinces but those of every country in the world, directed to the almost phenomenal wheat producing qualities of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

Every hamlet, concession and sideline in Ontario has contributed to the settlement of these fertile western Provinces. The crops, according to the governmental reports for this season, if safely harvested and garnered, will far surpass previous years in quality and

quantity.

It is estimated 20,000 farm laborers will be required from the older provinces in assisting in the harvest of their wealth. The sons of the West are now urgently appealing to the parental and patriotic instincts of the farmers of the East to send every strong able-bodied man they can to aid them in this work of national importance.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has made the wonderful growth of the West possible. In the sowing of the wheat and other crops, the interests of Canada and the Canadian Pacific are identical. The latter is Canada's National Highway. It has announced that on Aug. 14th, 17th and 22nd it will transport from different territories in the East farm laborers to the Canadian North West at the nominally low rate of 42c; in fact this National Highway is offering an inducement to European farm laborers by making an exceptionally low rate over its Atlantic steamship service in connection with its rail services. It now remains for the Ontario farmer to show his pride in the growth of his nation by co-operating with the Canadian Pacific in sending every available able-bodied man he can to the West.

TOUGH PAPER.

Not an Easy Cent to Twist a Bank Bill in Two.

"The paper that is used by the government in its currency is manufactured by a secret process and has characteristics with which the average man is not familiar," said a Minneapolis man.

"Recently I was in a small Minnesota town and witnessed an incident that demonstrates this. A well to do farmer living in the vicinity came into the bank to transact some business. In the course of the conversation the cashier began twisting a five dollar bill. The farmer watched him with interest and finally asked the man back of the counter if he wasn't afraid of tearing the bill.

"Here is an easy way for you to earn money," said the cashier. "Here is a thousand dollar bill and I will give it to you if you will twist the bill in two. You are simply to twist it and not tear it."

The farmer seemed dumfounded at first. He seemed awed at the thought of mutilating a thousand dollar bill. Upon further assurance by the officer of the bank, he timidly took the money and started twisting it in the middle. He tugged away for some time without being able to twist the bill in two. Finally he gave up, and he was certainly a surprised farmer. It is impossible to twist a bill in two, so firm and elastic is the paper used."—Exchange.

"Red as a sapphire."

To say that a young girl's eyes are as blue as sapphires is as absurd as it would be to say that her mouth is as red as velvet. Sapphires, no more than velvet, are exclusively one color. The sapphires of Ceylon run from a soft blue to a peacock blue, which last is practically a green. There is also a red sapphire, sometimes called a Ceylon ruby, a stone as precious as a Burma ruby. Besides blue, green and red sapphires, many fine ones are yellow and white.

He Knew.

"Did you never," asked Miss Solefoot earnestly—"did you never meet a person whose very presence filled you with unutterable feelings—whose lightest touch seemed to thrill every fiber in your being?"

"Oh, yes," responded Mr. Oldbatch; "you mean the dentist."

A Bowling Acquaintance.

Two young men met a woman and one of them raised his hat immediately. "Who was that, Charlie?" asked one of them. "I don't know," was the reply. "Don't know! You must know, for you raised your hat to her." "Yes, but, you see, I'm wearing my brother's hat, and he knows her!"

Unmatched.

Brooks—My dear fellow, you need not thank me so profusely for a mere box of cigars. Rivers—Oh, but you gave me a box of matches with them, you remember, and they were the best matches I ever used.

Work is not hard; it is the eyes that are afraid of it.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Raised ribbon embroidery gives a touch of supreme elegance on silk or cloth Eton or empire jackets.

Gowns of silk gauze striped with satin are often accompanied by little embroidered boleros of taffeta the color of the satin stripe.

Innumerable princess or one piece frocks in figured organdie and other forms of muslin appear, lace trimmed and showing insertions.

Quite the newest thing in colored muslins is the gown of plain tint with a flowered border. Very quiet and charming effects may be produced in these softly colored fabrics.

Bright colored silk jackets are a strong fancy of the season, with white cotton or linen gowns. They are accompanied by hats, parasols, girdles or sashes and often shoes and stockings of the same order.

It looks now as if skirts might become as fussed as waists are at present before many months. Long lines have had a strenuous use, and the vogue of the tunic is increasing, not decreasing. Overskirt combinations are very plentiful among smart summer walking skirts.

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Great "1-4 off" Clearing Sale

There is sure to be two months of hot weather yet, and here is your chance to buy all summer goods at one-quarter off regular prices. New goods, this season's styles, at the greatest money-saving prices ever offered in Aylmer.

It Will Pay You to Read This List of Bargains.

- 1/4 off regular prices of all Whitewear, Ladies' Drawers, Ladies' Night Dresses, Ladies' Underskirts, Ladies' Corset Covers. 1/4 off all Shirtwaist Suits, 1/4 off all Ready-to-Wear Skirts, 1/4 off all Silk Waists, 1/4 off all Fancy Wash Goods, 1/4 off all Ladies' Parasols, 1/4 off all Fancy Lustre Dress Goods. 24 patterns to choose from, 1/2 off ever Hat in millinery department, 1/4 off all Men's Summer Clothing, 1/4 off all Men's Straw and Linen Hats, 1/4 off all Boys' Wash Suits and Blouses, 1/4 off all Chenille Curtains, 1/4 off all Tapestry Curtains. Some lines of Fancy Wash Goods at half regular prices.

Cash and One Price. W. S. CASE The Busy Corner. Agents for New Idea Patterns, 10c each, over 3,000 patterns carried in stock. All goods guaranteed satisfactory or money refunded.

THE AYLMER MARKETS. Flour, per 100 lbs. \$2.00 to \$2.15. Wheat, Standard, 75 to 75. Oats, per bushel, 32 to 34. Barley, per bushel, 45 to 48. Peas, per bushel, 30 to 30. Beans, per bushel, 1.00 to 1.25. Corn, per bushel, 55 to 60. Buckwheat, 45 to 48. Rye, per bushel, 45 to 50. Bran, per ton, 20.00 to 20.00. Shorts, per ton, 22.00 to 23.00. Chop, per ton, 22.00 to 24.00. Eggs, per dozen, 17 to 17. Butter, per lb., 21 to 23. Potatoes per bushel, 75 to 1.10. Hay per ton, 8.00 to 10.00. Chickens, per lb., 15 to 15. Turkeys per lb., 15 to 15. Geese, per lb., 15 to 15. Ducks, per lb., 15 to 15. Live Hogs, 7.50 to 7.50. Dressed Hogs, 15 to 15. Dried Apples, per lb., 15 to 15.

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Our Great Furniture Sale is in full swing. Careful buyers are taking advantage of the great bargains offered, and if you have not done so Do It Now. Bedroom Suites reduced from \$25.00 to \$19.00. Dressers " 20.00 to 14.50. Couches " 6.50 to 4.50. " " 8.00 to 6.00. Sideboards " 13.00 to 9.50. Parlor Suites " 30.00 to 22.00. and many other equally big snaps. All clean, new, and up-to-date goods. Remember, sale closes August 10th.

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