

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Whatever is to become of us now? Rev. Ira Hicks, the long distance weather prophet, is dead.

Out in Arizona a school board offered the teacher a bonus of \$5.00 per month if she would not get married during the school year. The pretty miss lost the bonus. No doubt she realized that husbands are scarce articles, and decided she could not afford to lose her chance.

It is a well-known fact that Austria, and doubtless Germany as well, longs for peace, but see no way of obtaining it, other than on the terms of the Entente, unconditionally. This at the present time they will not consider, believing that the Allies are now at the maximum of their strength and resources, and that the Central Powers will be able for an indefinite period to put up a successful defensive. The Allies on the other hand will never agree to a peace that does not cause a dismemberment of the Central European Powers as a basis. Lesser terms would leave Europe in about the same position it was before the war, and this will never be allowed so long as the Allies have men, munitions and money to continue the struggle.

The United States newspapers announce the death of Lady Eglantine, the Maryland aristocrat, who is known to be survived by nine sons and three daughters. Aristocrats, as a rule, are parasites, living on the work of others, but Lady Eglantine, through whose veins ran some of the best blood of the ancient White Leghorn family, was a producer. When only a pullet she produced in a single year 315 eggs. It is probable that she was brought up to observe the 4th Commandment, and she did not lay on the Sabbath. On her last trip to New York she did not travel in the manner so many of her Elgin county relatives go to Buffalo almost daily now, but went in a Pullman car, and on her arrival was assigned to a room in a leading hotel, where she promptly laid her daily egg. One thousand such birds would give their owners a gross yearly income of over \$10,000, and we advise our readers to join the Aylmer Poultry Association, just formed, and learn how to get and care for them.

At last the medical fraternity announce that experts are on the right track to discover the cause of infantile paralysis. The study of this baffling disease has been made a specialty at the John Hopkins Institute, of which a former Aylmerite, Dr. Thomas Cullen, is one of the leading specialists, and many experiments have been made. In every case autopsies have shown the intestines to be affected. Heretofore it has been thought that the disease was contracted through the throat and nose, but in forty-seven autopsies made since August 1, neither tonsils nor adenoids were found affected. Once the true cause of the disease is established an effective serum for its cure is sure to follow. Aylmer has fortunately been remarkably free from infantile paralysis during the past year.

In past years when an epidemic has broken out in a school, the universal custom has been to close the school. We have always felt that such a course was a mistake, unless all pupils were quarantined in their homes. We had hesitation in expressing our opinion publicly, as we could find no one to agree with us. We notice, however, that Dr. Hill, of London, in addressing the Elgin teachers at St. Thomas, last week, expressed the opinion we hold. He said that the modern way was to keep the school open and to see that the affected children were kept at home. To close the school was to lose control of the pupils, and when they are free from school they are abroad through the neighborhood, congregating at picture shows, picnics, in their own games, and everywhere where there is no disinfection or means of pre-

vention of the spread of the disease. Keep the schools going, and every pupil is under the eye of the teacher, and the school can be kept clean and sanitary. That sounds like good common sense to us. Dr. Hill, in his address strongly condemned the use of roller towels, the common drinking cup, the exchange of pencils, and the swapping of chewing gum, all of which he considers dangerous to health.

It will be interesting to note the patronage extended the horse show at the fair grounds on Saturday next. It may be that on the success or failure of this event depends the revival of the annual fall fair, which in past years was one of the most successful, interesting and educative yearly events in Aylmer. Farming is the oldest industry and the most useful and universal science. Of all the industries it is the most widespread, and of all the sciences it is the least exact. Not that effect does not follow cause in this industry as in any other, but so many elements enter into both cause and effect, and these elements are so varied by local, seasonal, market and other conditions, that there is always something more to learn in the science of making the farm pay. The farmer can learn best by the experience of himself and neighbors. The rural fair is instituted for the express purpose of enabling farmers of the same neighborhood, working under approximately like conditions, to compare results, with a view to selecting the farming methods best adapted to the locality. The provincial exhibition fills an important place in advancing the science of farming. But so does the rural fair. The ordinary farmer, of course, cannot hope to compete with the specialists who have achieved nationwide fame. But at the rural fair the farmer who takes a pride in his live stock, his field or his garden, may at no serious cost, try out the question as to whether in his industry, skill, judgment or foresight, he has achieved better results than his neighbor, who takes a similar pride. And other neighbors have an opportunity to decide which line of effort to attempt, or which method to follow. The rural fair is a means of a practical education in farming, and at the same time is a source of inspiration towards constantly improving results, to the very great good of the farmers and of the country. There are no better farms anywhere than in the vicinity of Aylmer, yet our farmers do not appear anxious for a fair of their own, while they see all about us every year other localities holding successful exhibitions to their profit and benefit.

The entrance of Greece into the war on the side of the Entente Allies, predicted for some weeks, has not yet come to pass. But it is through no fault of the Greek people, nor of their great leader, Venizelos, to whom more than any other man the country owes its constitution. The King, subservient to the stronger will of his German wife, and his German court, has delayed this action until the country is on the brink of revolution, and the Allies have taken from him his navy, his postal, telegraph and police services; so he is left with a choice of abdication or carrying out his obligations. Pro-German papers in the United States, and elsewhere, will seek to make the plight of Greece similar to that of Belgium, though there is no similarity. The Germans invaded Belgium without any show of right, and contrary to their undertaking to uphold its neutrality, while the Allies landed in Greece upon the invitation and in accordance with an agreement made with its premier to assist Serbia. Greece had also agreed to assist Serbia against aggression, but when Germany became the aggressor, the King refused to fulfil his pledge. Inasmuch as the Allies—Britain, France and Russia—had guaranteed the stability of the Greek Government, and each country had been paying \$20,000 a year, \$60,000 in all, for the maintenance of the Royal Family, they had every reason to expect the support of Greece, but King Constantine has shown in every move that he is more favorable to

his German brother-in-law, the Kaiser, and placed them in danger of annihilation should their reinforcements and supplies by sea be cut off, while the Teutons, Bulgars and Turks surrounded them by land. Corfu and other Greek islands were being used as naval bases for submarines, and several troopships of the Allies were sunk. There is not the slightest doubt that "Tino" has always been as ready to betray the Allies as he was to accept their sixty thousand pieces of silver. Some may say that it was all for the love of his wife, who said if Greece aided the Allies she would leave the country, never to return, yet it is not many years ago since they lived apart, he preferring life in Paris. It was the Kaiser who brought about a reconciliation between them. She is the Kaiser's favorite sister, and doubtless has done her best to further his aims. King "Tino" has led his armies in three wars since his accession to the throne, but he and his leading generals received their military training in Germany, and would have joined the Central Powers openly but for the great strength of Venizelos with the people, which seems likely to deprive the king of his throne, as it upset the rule of his brother in Crete.

BIG DAY IN AYLMEY NEXT SATURDAY.

Races, Horse Show and Gooldie's Wild West Show With 40 People.

Besides the excellent programme already widely advertised, for the Horse Show and Race Meeting, which will be one of the best days of sport in Aylmer for some time, Gooldie's Wild West Show will be here and will put on their performance at the Fair Grounds Saturday afternoon. They have 40 people in their show, bring their own band, merry-go-round, etc. One of their many attractions is a boxing bout between a man and a kangaroo. They are a regular midway, and will afford entertainment for both old and young. Don't fail to be in Aylmer next Saturday, for you are bound to have a good time. The horse show promises to be a big event, and the races are bound to be most interesting. If you have not seen a programme, get one from the secretary, Mr. R. R. Caughy, Aylmer. Come out and have a good time and help the boys pay for the Fair Grounds, which they purchased this year, as the proceeds will be applied on the purchase price.

CHARLES CAVERLY TO EXHIBIT BIRD HOUSES IN TORONTO

Mr. Caverly has received a letter from J. Lockie Wilson, Secretary of the Ontario Horticultural Association inviting him to bring his collection of bird houses to Toronto and exhibit them at the Annual Convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association to be held in Toronto on November 22nd and 23rd, 1916.

Mr. Caverly has exhibited his Bird Houses at several exhibitions this fall and they never fail to attract considerable attention. He is the father of the bird house idea in this part of the Province at least, and has one of the largest and best collections of many designs of bird houses in Canada or the United States. The bird house idea has been taken up by young and old all over the continent and is doing a great deal to protect our little feathered friends, who destroy the various insects, which in turn destroy our crops. Now, instead of shooting the birds with an air gun or catapult, the younger generation are building bird houses and inviting them to inhabit them.

Mr. Caverly has been approached by several big American publications who desire to publish an article on his work, and his reputation is quickly spreading as a genius along this line. Some of his friends were inclined to laugh at his hobby at the start, but now Charlie has the laugh on them.

JAFFA

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, and son, Herman, and Mr. and Mrs. Handshaw, motored to Simcoe on Saturday last and spent Sunday very pleasantly. They attended Harvest Home anniversary services at Forestville Baptist church, which were conducted by Mr. Daniels, who spoke on Western Missions. They also met

several of Mrs. Smith's schoolmates, with whom she attended school thirty years ago, and had the pleasure of meeting Tom Sinclair, her former teacher, who no longer has charge of Victoria school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith spent Sunday at the former's parents. Quite a number of young folks from here attended anniversary services at Dunboyme Union Church on Sunday.

Potato digging is the order of the day. Many report very light crops. The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church met at Mrs. Isaac Davidson's on Thursday last with a very large attendance. A very pleasant and profitable time was spent after which a lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Smith's, the first Thursday in November.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brumpton and family, Mr. J. Johnston and Mr. G. Shepherd, of Mossley, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. G. Shepherd.

Miss Ruth Petty, of St. Thomas, is visiting Miss Violet Bessey.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Stafford and daughter, Miss Dolly, from near Springfield, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. George Metcalf.

Mr. Merle Husband and Miss Gertrude Newsome, of St. Thomas, were guests at the home of Mrs. M. Elgie.

Mrs. Helgar, of Capaoc, Mich., has returned to her home after visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. Backhouse.

Mrs. H. Stokes is slowly improving.

IRELAND.

Mrs. Chas. Newell attended the funeral of her brother, the late Chas. Brooks, of Dorchester, on Saturday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Newell spent Sunday at Clark Derrough's.

James Rickwood is holding an auction sale to-day, Oct. 19.

Mrs. C. Gillespie, of Ridgeway, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lone, of North Branch, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chambers, of Aylmer visited their aunt, Mrs. Chas. Newell, last week.

Mrs. E. Moore has returned from visiting her daughter in Toronto.

Mrs. Millard, of Stratfordville, and

Children Cry
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Mrs. W. Rusling, of ... been the guest of Merman Rusling.

Mrs. G. Hessenauer ... a visit from her sister, of Ingersoll.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred ... the funeral of ... other, W. Cotterill, at ... He died in a ... following an operation.

Fire on Monday night ... completely gutted ... in that town. ... wind blowing th ... they could do to sa ... buildings.

It cost a Port Burw ... exceeding the spee ... the other day ... was going so fast th ... he nearly razed t ... Municipal World ... was considerably.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. ... Mrs. Dexter returned ... from a short visit ... her sisters, Mrs. Co ... Whaley, at Brant, Mic ... who was visiting M ... McLachlan, here, ret ... home with them.

The Department of ... Dominion Government ... to consider the ques ... cost of living, and w ... unity for the munic ... plain their views a ... which might improv ... next Friday. Mayor ... two Aldermen, of L ... be members of a d ... that city, along with ... appointed by the Tr ... Council.

Harold Chute, son ... of this place is repor ... his father received ... message from Ottaw ... Sincerely regret in ... Lance Corporal Har ... mounted rifles offic ... mitted No. 10 G ... Rouen, October 5 ... wound hand, will ... ticulars when recei ... charge Record Offic ... Chute enlisted in ...

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