

For a summer cough,
Or a winter cough;
For a night cough,
Or a slight cough,
Or a cough which
"hangs on,"

Ayer's
Cherry Pectoral

FATAL FIRE ON A STEAMER

Three Dead Bodies Discovered
in the Debris.

Boy Badly Burned With Benzine—Two
Sudden Deaths.

THREE LIVES LOST.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 20.—Three bodies have been found in the debris of the steamer Ouchita, which was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. They are believed to be the remains of Mr. and Mrs. Keck, en route from Columbus to Greenville, Miss., and Dr. Murray, of Vicksburg. All of the other passengers have been accounted for.

BURNED BY BENZINE.

Hesper, Ont., Jan. 20.—A lad named Schlemmer, in the employ of Messrs. Zryd & Co., hardware merchants, narrowly escaped death from burning yesterday. He poured benzine out of a can on a fire he was kindling in the workshop. The blaze caused the benzine to explode with terrific force. The boy was ablaze in an instant, and, rushing outside, he fell to the ground unconscious. The noise of the explosion attracted the attention of Mr. Duncan, merchant tailor, in the next building, who rushed out and enveloped the boy in his overcoat, smothering the flames. The face, head and hands.

DEAD FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

Stratford, Jan. 20.—The remains of Mrs. Williamson, who was found dead at her home on Vincent street, where she led the life of a recluse, were taken to Toronto by her son, Mr. A. Williamson, private secretary to Hon. J. M. Gibson, yesterday. Deceased was dead several days before being discovered. Chief of Police McCarthy, who made the gruesome discovery, stated that there were evidences of plenty of provisions in the cottage. Her son said that an allowance of \$300 per year was given her, and as he and his sister corresponded regularly with her, it was only when these letters were not answered that the authorities were notified, with the result stated above.

DROPPED DEAD.

Winnipeg, Jan. 20.—Archibald McBean, who was in the grain business for nearly 20 years, dropped dead at his home Wednesday. Stomach trouble was the cause of death. He was 66 years of age.

DEAD IN THE BATHROOM.

Toronto, Jan. 20.—Captain Arthur Clarkson, an old resident of Toronto, was found dead in the bathroom of his residence Wednesday morning. He had evidently died of heart failure.

A DIZZY DANCE!

New York's "French Ball" a Scene of
Wild Hilarity—Police Kept
Out of Sight.

New York, Jan. 20.—The French ball, the annual carnival of dissipation and wild orgy indulged in by men and women of high and low degree, held sway at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday night.

It was the swiftest ball New York has seen in a decade and would have done credit to Paris itself. Fully 10,000 people thronged the garden during the night. The boxes, the cheapest of which was \$15, and the highest \$30, were all sold by midnight, and the promenade was filled until dawn.

The official opening event, according to the order of dance, was a pretentious ballet dance by 36 couples, boys and girls, ranging in age from 14 to 18 years. Following close upon this event was the patriotic ballet, in which 50 men and women indulged. Pretty women sported in the costumes of Cubans, Porto Ricans and Filipinos.

Numerous other ballets followed, and the hour of midnight having arrived, the public were turned loose on the floor. They began with great decorum,

You say you are not
"well." Of course—how
can you be well if you are
not healthy? ABBEY'S
EFFERVESCENT SALT
will invigorate your system and
keep you in perfect health. It
has done it for others—it will do
it for you. Wherever Abbey's
Effervescent Salt has been intro-
duced it has received un-
biased recommendation.

All druggists sell this stand-
ard English preparation at 60c
a large bottle; trial size, 25c

but by 2 a.m. the revelry was fast and
furious. High kicking there was in
plenty, and wine flowed like water.
The police took the matter philosophi-
cally, and although there were many
in the vicinity, they kept out of sight.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Deserted by Her Husband and
Dying of Consumption.

Sad Story of a Windsor Woman—Bad
Accident to an Aymer Man.

Alvinism is figuring on a pork pack-
ing establishment.
Dawn council offers a bonus for the
destruction of sparrows.

A Briden man makes a specialty of
repairing broken tombstones.
Lawyer Vanstittart, Tilsonburg, fell
off a sidewalk and broke his leg.

Grand Rapids curlers have invited
the curling club to visit that city.
Mrs. E. Long, of Courtwright, fell on
the icy sidewalk and broke her leg.

Mrs. Jane Tyrell, an old resident of
Euphemia, died last week in her 85th
year.

R. R. Neild has been chosen chair-
man of the Stratford board of educa-
tion.

J. W. Peart, Grand Trunk agent at
Welland, has been transferred to St.
Thomas.

Bott & Brown, of the London Furni-
ture Company, are opening a new fur-
niture store in Petrolia.

The boarders of the Vendome, Sarnia,
presented Landlord Ryder with a silk
umbrella on his birthday. Billy had to
put up more than his parachute.

The council of Sandwich collector, R.
Morford, assessor, J. Lajeunesse, treas-
urer, and F. Pare and J. Antilla auditors.

Chief Hill, the aged father of the
Seneca tribe of Indians, located near
Brantford, fell 30 feet on Monday and
was badly injured. Little hope of re-
covery is held out.

At the 70 couples attended the ninth
annual ball and supper of Unity Lodge,
No. 47, Brotherhood of Railroad Train-
men, held at the Grand Central Hotel
Wednesday night, at St. Thomas.

The Catholic Foresters of Walkerville
last night installed officers: A. St. Louis,
C. R. J. L. Reame, finan-
cial secretary; W. Waldmann, record-
ing secretary; F. Lajeunesse, treas-
urer.

At the manse, Flora street, St. Thomas,
Wednesday evening, Mr. Geo. A. Mc-
Intyre, of Dutton, was united in mar-
riage to Miss Barbara Bellwood.
Rev. R. McIntyre performed the cere-
mony.

Old Charley Buchner, of Simcoe,
an inmate of the county home, died
Sunday. He was 81 years of age, and
had been in the home about eighteen
months. His death was the immediate
cause of his death.

Thos. Laur and his oldest son, of
Glen Colin, two miles from Aymer,
were engaged in felling a tree at the
top of a deep gully, when the tree
fell down the gully, a distance of about
40 feet, carrying Mr. Laur, son, with it.
Mr. Laur was bruised very badly
and is in a very critical condition.

A drainage case, in which the
costs far exceed the sum originally
claimed, is before the court of appeal
at Toronto. John and William Young,
Lambton county farmers, wanted \$200
from Wm. Tucker for the latter's alleged
negligent construction of a drain, which
caused the flooding of the plaintiff's
property. The action was dismissed. They
seek a new trial.

Mrs. Williamson, an old lady of
Stratford, was found dead in her home
Wednesday morning. The body was
found on the floor, face downwards,
and the indications were that she had
not died very suddenly, as the hands had
been drawn under the body, and there
were other signs of her having been
moved around. Dr. Dunmore concluded
that an inquest was unnecessary,
and that the deceased had died from
natural causes.

The East Elgin Agricultural Society
has decided to hold a street fair in St.
Thomas next fall. The officers are:
President, N. W. Moore; first vice-
president, Peter Cameron; second vice-
president, John Sutton; directors, J. G.
Chapman, H. Fulton, John Collins, W.
Trigler, Thos. Olde, S. Dubber, Fred
Sutherland, L. D. MacIntyre and S. H.
Palmer; auditors, Angus McKenzie
and R. T. Pincombe; secretary-treas-
urer, Wm. Newcombe.

While trimming trees in front of
James Springsteen's, near Blenheim,
Wednesday morning, and depending on
a small limb for support, James
Dinmore fell from one of the top
branches, and landed on the hard
pavement underneath, striking his hip
bone. He was at once removed to
Dr. Quackenbush's office, when it was
found that he was so badly hurt that
his removal to the general hospital at
Chatham was determined on.

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 17, at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Paterson,
Eagle, occurred the marriage of their
daughter, Mattie, to Mr. Wm. Hunter,
Rev. J. F. Scott officiating. The bride
attended by her cousin, Miss Mary
Lang, and the groom by his brother,
Edward, marching to the Lohengrin
wedding march, rendered by Miss Florence
Lang, met in the center of the
parlor, where the ceremony was per-
formed, after which the guests sat
down to an excellent repast.

Mrs. Albert Johnson lies dying of
consumption at her home on Elliot
avenue, Windsor. Several months ago
she was deserted by her husband, a
bricklayer. She has since had a pitiful
experience in trying to provide for
herself and her three little children,
the youngest of whom is a wee two-
year-old girl. On Wednesday the
mother signed an agreement, binding
them over to the Carey home, where
they will be kept until they are of age.

The Essex Law Association has
elected J. L. Murphy president, H. T.
W. Ellis, vice-president; J. F. Hare,
treasurer, and A. P. E. Panet, secre-
tary. It was decided to request Judge
Horne to instruct the clerk of the sur-
rogate court not to accept or retain legal
documents prepared by J. A. Tremblay,
of Tilbury, or W. Pilon, of Stony
Point, as they are not qualified prac-
titioners. These two gentlemen have
been doing a land-office business in
conveyancing and drawing wills, etc.,
and have made serious inroads into the
incomes of some of the profession.

One More Unfortunate.

An author, after having waited in
vain for a check on an accepted poem,
wrote the editor mildly inquiring about
it. The editor replied:

"Dear Sir: The magazine is dead. It
couldn't stand everything. It passed
peacefully away, with your poem on
man of some literary ability, is now
writing its obituary. The blow is a
sad one, but we hope to get damages
out of you."—Atlanta Constitution

Another Permanent Cure of Scrofula.

Not long ago we published
the case of Mrs. Bennet, of
Crewson's Corners, Ont., whom
Burdock Blood Bitters cured
of one of the severest cases of
Scrofula met with in Ontario.
So thorough and permanent
has the cure been that in nearly
5 years the disease has shown
no signs of returning.

This time we give the case
of Mr. Norman D. Murray, of
Brook Village, N.S., who was
permanently cured by B. B. B.
of scrofulous sores that defied
the skill of two prominent
physicians. Mr. Murray
writes as follows:

"It is with pleasure I write in praise of
Burdock Blood Bitters, which completely
cured me of Scrofula. I consulted two
of our most skillful doctors, who gave me
some acid to apply to the sores, but I
regret to say that the application only
made them worse. My face was all one
running sore and I could get no ease. At
last I purchased one bottle of B. B. B.,
and before I had used it all I was com-
pletely cured. Words cannot express my
feelings toward your God-sent medicine.
I will praise it wherever I go, because it
has made a permanent cure in my
case, after I had practically given up hope."

MIDDLESEX NEWS

Glencoe Defeats Dutton at Hockey—
Annual Meeting of the Mount
Brydges Baptist Church.

La grip is prevalent in Mount
Brydges.

Mr. John Taylor, of Thorndale, has
gone on a trip to Florida.

The Delaware Agricultural Society
have reorganized for the ensuing year.
Last year's report proved very satis-
factory.

Miss Nettie Risdon, of Devels, left
on Thursday for London, where she in-
tends furthering her musical education
in the Conservatory of Music.

The senior division of Belmont pub-
lic school was closed on Monday and
Tuesday of this week, the principal suf-
fering from an attack of la grippe.

The Strathroy printers held their an-
nual supper on Thursday evening of
last week. Seven kinds of "pi" figured
on the bill-of-fare, and the office cat
responded to the toast list.

Mrs. Perkins' Sunday school class,
Delaware, surprised their teacher by
making an unexpected visit to her re-
sidence and presenting her with valuable
silver salt and pepper shakers and gold
stick pins.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies'
Aid of the Methodist Church, Mount
Brydges, the following officers were
elected: President, Mrs. L. Lipsit; vice-
president, Miss Baker; secretary, Mrs.
Holmes; treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Eist.

The annual meeting of the Baptist
Church, Mount Brydges, was held on
Wednesday afternoon. Rev. J. C. Pike
was cordially invited to render a
message from London, and he did so
another year. Mr. Pike, they thought,
told the members of the church that
they had accepted their kind and
heartily invitation.

The trustees of Mount Brydges pub-
lic school have decided to charge a fee
of 50 cents for each child attending
school that belongs to an adjoining sec-
tion. Hitherto they have been admitted
free, but the school is becoming
overcrowded, and this necessitated an
increased expenditure by having to
provide more seating accommodation.

The annual meeting of the West-
minster Agricultural Society was held at
Odell's Hotel on Thursday afternoon.
A large number attended. It was de-
cided to hold the annual fair show at
Lambeth, the election of officers re-
sulted as follows: President, G. Gowen-
lock; vice-president, W. D. Woodhull;
secretary-treasurer, J. Thorndore;
directors, Mr. Anderson, Belmont; Mr.
Robt. Nichol, Glenora; J. D. Cummins,
Tempo; Mr. Laidlaw, and Mr. Thomp-
son, of Wilton Grove, and Mr. A. Hall,
Lambeth.

The Glencoe hockey team defeated the
Tutton club in a very interesting game
Wednesday night by eight to four.

Officers-elect Court Delaware Valley,
A. O. F., No. 672, Delaware: Bro. R. C.
Hammond, C. R.; Bro. W. Fonger,
P. C. R.; Bro. R. Elsey, V.C.R.; Bro.
W. Evison, chaplain; Bro. E. T. Ralph,
financial secretary; Bro. F. Fink, re-
cording secretary; Bro. W. Leaker,
senior woodward; Bro. F. Evison, ju-
nior woodward; Bro. Henry Reid, senior
beadle; Bro. Alden Evison, junior
beadle; Bro. F. H. Mitchell, physician;
Bro. R. C. Hammond, delegate.

A grand concert in connection with
L. O. L., No. 901, Metcalfe, will be held
in their new hall, Glenwillow, on Sat-
urday, Jan. 24, 1899. Addresses will be
delivered by Rev. C. Barltrop, of Ap-
plin; Rev. Mr. Willmott, of London;
Rev. J. E. Holmes, of Mount Brydges;
ex-Alderman Coe, of London; Mr. G.

B. Campbell, of Applin; Mr. W. Haw-
thorne, of London; instrumental music
will be given by Pierce brothers, Cara-
cay, and S. Radcliffe, Adelaide; vocal
solos by Prof. Hollingshead, of Dutton;
Walter, Charles and Ernie Wright, of
Strathroy; and J. Mitchell, of Applin,
and recitations by the M. de la Roche,
of Adelaide. Mr. E. T. Essery, of Lon-
don, will occupy the chair.

The Chosen Friends, No. 253, Thorne-
dale, installed their officers on the 10th
January, as follows: C. C. Wm. T.
Walker; P. C., A. Abbott; V. C., Thos.
F. Logan; Rec., K. M. Whitehead;
Assist. Rec., Merton St. Clair; Treas.,
Dr. F. W. Hughes; prelate, Robert
Stevenson; marshal, T. Buckle; war-
den, Thomas Holland; guards, R. R.
Walker; secretary, James Harding; med-
ical examiners, Drs. Ford and Hughes;
representatives to Grand Council, A.
Abbott, I. D. Salmon. Friend James
H. Wheaton acted as installing officer,
and Thomas Abbott as grand marshal.

At Mr. Edward Beattie, of North
Dorchester, was on his way home
from church, the front axle of his
buggy became detached from the rig
and Mr. Beattie was thrown out into
the road, sustaining a dislocation of
the shoulder and other bruises. Mr.
Beattie is a man well up in years,
and it will be some time before he
will be able to be around.

The death occurred recently at the
residence of her son, Mr. James G.
Frank, Willow Hill, Adelaide, of
Frank, aged 85 years. Deceased,
whose maiden name was Elizabeth
Hudson, was born in Durhamshire,
England, and came to Canada with her
parents when only four years of age.
She settled in Westminster town-
ship, where Mrs. Frank continued to
reside until her marriage, when she
moved to Adelaide township.

At the annual meeting of the
West Westminster Agricultural Society
there was a good attendance, and
Secretary Bailey's report showed a
very satisfactory state of finances,
the surplus being quite in advance of
previous years. The election of of-
ficers resulted as follows: President,
Arthur Brown; Rebecca Postoffice; vice-
president, David Aitken, Thorndale;
secretary-treasurer, A. Bailey; direc-
tors, R. E. Ardell, Wm. Ardell, Wilbert
Logan, J. Hobbs, Edward Dunn, McFar-
lane, Peter Elgie, John McFarlane,
A. McMartin, Dr. Ford and C. R.
Walker were reappointed auditors.

A stock company is being formed in
Strathroy to build or purchase a grain
elevator and secure another buyer on
the market.

LAMBETH

Lambeth, Jan. 19.—Mr. W. B. Wood-
hull is laid up with an attack of la
grippe. It is reported that he was
seriously ill, but his many friends
will be pleased to learn that such is
not the case.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Lackey,
which took place on Tuesday, was
largely attended. One more old and re-
spected resident gone.

Miss Stella Mann has returned from
her visit with Mrs. W. Jordan, St.
Thomas.

Miss Etta Vandermade, of Grand
Rapids, with her cousin, Miss May
Vandermade, of Lambeth, are visiting
the latter, Mrs. J. A. Thomas, of
Becher street, South London.

SARNIA RESERVE.

Sarnia Reserve, Jan. 18.—Rough
sarnia.

Mr. Elijah George and wife were at
Kettle Point over Sunday.

Mr. A. Bressette, Kettle Point, was
here on Sunday.

Councillor Jim Johnston, of Stoney
Point, was here last week attending the
regular monthly council.

Mr. Joe Williams, while cutting wood,
missed his aim and nearly cut his foot
into pieces.

Rev. J. A. Ferguson has not been in
the best of health for a few days past,
but is now better.

On Monday evening, about 6 o'clock,
Mr. James Cain's house was destroyed
by fire. Only one blanket was taken
out. Mr. Cain was cutting some poles
in his bush when the house caught fire.
The children were taken out in time.
Councillor George Oliver is smiling
these days. The new arrival is a boy.
The mother is still very sick.

POPLAR HILL.

Poplar Hill, Jan. 20.—The Young
People's Union of the Baptist Church
of Poplar Hill held a box social in the
town hall, Coldstream, on Friday eve-
ning, Jan. 19. Despite the inclement
weather, the darkness of the night,
about 150 people attended. A short but
excellent programme was provided by
the committee. Miss L. White, of
Springfield, gave several exceedingly
fine violin solos. The proceeds, amount-
ing to \$15, go to a fund that the young
people are raising to provide acetylene
gas fixtures for lighting the church.

Other socials will be held in the near
future for the same purpose. It is ex-
pected that the next one will be held
at the residence of Mr. Gray in a couple
of weeks.

STRATHROY.

Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison.

Strathroy, Jan. 19.—The drygoods
firm of McKellar & Newton have dis-
solved partnership. Mr. McKellar will
remove to his store on Front street,
next to Wells's drug store, where he
intends carrying on a general drygoods
business. Mr. Newton will occupy the
old stand on Frank street, and will
direct his attention exclusively to the
clothing and gents' furnishing trade.

Mr. Joseph Argue, late of Port Huron,
will take charge of the tailoring de-
partment.

The annual meeting of the growers of
produce for the Strathroy Canning and
Preserving Company was held at the
factory on Saturday, and in spite of the
disagreeable weather a large number
were in attendance. It was stated that
the year just closed was the most suc-
cessful one in the company's history.

Mr. Thomas Gale, of Toronto, was in
town yesterday.

The death occurred in Adelaide on
Sunday evening, Jan. 15, of Elizabeth
Frank, aged 85 years.

The annual meeting of the Strathroy
Gun Club will be held at the Prangley
House on Friday evening, the 20th
inst., for the election of officers and
other business.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's
congregation was held Tuesday evening
in the basement of the church. Re-
ports from the different societies in the
church were presented and considered.
The session's report showed a slight
increase in the church's membership.

The chief interest of the meeting was
centered around the managers' report,
which raised the question of the need-
ed repairs and advisable improvements
to the church property. After consid-
erable discussion it was decided that
the necessary repairs be proceeded with
as soon as possible. Then the question
of improvements was considered, the
putting in of a gallery being referred
to the session and managers. It was
also decided that the organ be put in
the church, and the promises toward the
improvement fund warranted such an
expenditure. The electric light was, if

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Syrups. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other
Narcotic substance. It is Pleasant. It cures Diarrhoea.
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Flatulency. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels. The
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it is your own fault
if you don't get it.

In days gone by dealers were
able to sell people just what they
pleased, but the public of to-day
are inclined to find out for them-
selves the best article in every line
and they insist upon getting it.

Granby Rubbers

AND OVERSHOES

are known throughout the whole country to be the best
in fit, finish, quality and durability and that is why
people will have Granby's and no other. The extra
thickness at ball and heel makes them last twice as long.

GRANBY RUBBERS WEAR LIKE IRON.

satisfactory arrangements could be
made, to be part of the complete
scheme. The meeting was brought to
a close in the usual manner.

The following officers and directors
were elected at the annual meeting of
the Strathroy Horticultural Society:
President, Mr. R. F. Richardson; vice-
president, Mr. Thomas Luscombe; sec-
retary, Mr. James H. Lee; treasurer,
Mr. H. McCall; auditors, Messrs. R. P.
Smith and Charles Grist; directors,
Messrs. Thomas Benstead, F. W. At-
kinson, John Robertson, Charles Bec-
kett, John Anderson, W. Shaw, H.
Goodenham, J. S. Newton and D. Pat-
terson.

Mr. Walther, who has finished de-
corating the office of the Queen's Hotel,
has received the contract for decorat-
ing Keyes's barber shop, and will pro-
ceed with the work at once.

About Catarrh.

It is caused by a cold or succession
of colds combined with impure blood.
Its symptoms are pain in the head, dis-
charge from the nose, ringing noises in
the ears. It is cured by Hood's Sas-
saparilla, which purifies and enriches
the blood, soothes and rebuilds the tis-
sues and relieves all the disagreeable
sensations.

HOOD'S PILLS cure all liver ills.
Mailed for 25c by C. I. Hood & Co.,
Lowell, Mass.

Never explain; any blunder worth
the name explains itself.

Why will you allow a cough to
lacerate your throat or lungs and run
the risk of filling a consumptive's
grave, when, by the timely use of
Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the
pain can be allayed and the danger
avoided? This syrup is pleasant to
the taste, and unsurpassed for reliev-
ing, healing and curing the affections
of the throat and lungs, coughs, colds,
bronchitis, etc.

In an Atlanta divorce suit the al-
legation is made by the plaintiff that
"he would have lived happily out for
his wife's habit of going through his
pockets and relieving him of all the
cash he had."

Worms cause feverishness, moaning
and restlessness during sleep. Mother
Graves' Worm Expeller is pleas-
ant, sure and effectual. If your drug-
gist has none in stock, get him to pro-
cure it for you.

Bark-well's Balsam cures Grippe.

MRS. JOS. WOODWORTH,
OHIO, N.S.,

Troubled with Sick Headaches, for
over a year—Laxa-Liver Pills
have cured her.

Those terrible sick headaches.

How they take out every bit of life and
ambition.

Bring on depression—and often end in
complete mental and physical prostra-
tion.

But how to get rid of them? That's the
question.

Here's the way.
Take a Laxa-Liver Pill at night before
retiring.

'Twill work while you sleep without
gripe or pain.

Make you feel better in the morning.
Head will be clear, and that heavy feel-
ing about the eyes will be gone.

Mrs. Joseph Woodworth, Ohio, N.S.,
endorses what we say:
"I have been troubled with sick head-
ache for over a year. Lately I com-<