

Our Neighbors.

Happenings in Various Parts of Ontario West.

Sudden Death of a Commercial Traveller at Brantford.

Chatham Gets a Good Price for Debitars—A Bible Thief Sent to the Central—A Brantford Church "Calls" a Michigan Minister—Demise of a Newspaper.

The Woodham flouring mill will be sold under mortgage on Jan. 21. There is some probability of a hockey club being started in Tilsonburg.

J. Lewis, Windsor, was given six months for stealing Bibles and albums from A. Harper.

The Amherstburg Leader (Conservative) has suspended publication, and a boy named Warnica, residing with Mrs. Duncan, of Gilmert, drank toxic acid and died the following day.

At St. Thomas on Wednesday two Tilsonburg boys were sent to jail for stealing rice on the Michigan Central.

Miss Rose Bomanier and Florence Abel, two of Windsor's teachers, have passed the Normal School examination.

James and John Gosnell, of Highgate, and R. Coulter, of Tilbury, are looking for a site for a canning factory.

Miss Lizette Tott has begun her duties as assistant teacher at O. City, in the place of Miss Brightwell, who has resigned.

Leamington's high school opened with 83 scholars present, and prospects that the number would reach 75 next week.

Titus and Lewis A. Doan, of Mapleton, have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors, to Wm. Warnock, of Aylmer.

The bylaw submitted to Brantford ratepayers asking for \$25,000 for a new school was defeated by 727 votes to 577.

A very pleasant gathering took place at the residence of William Hall, Blenheim, on the occasion of the marriage of his eldest daughter to George Guthrie, of the 15th inst., at A.Y.P.

The Bruce Avenue Baptist Church, Windsor, has reduced its debt to \$1,800, and it is expected that a further reduction of about \$500 will be made before April 1. The church has 254 members and the Sunday school 130.

At the meeting of the Kent County Medical Association, held in Chatham on Wednesday, the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. Gallbraith, of Dresden; vice-president, Dr. McKough, of Chatham; secretary, Dr. Marr (re-elected).

At a meeting of the Brantford Congregational Church, held the other evening, after the usual service, it was unanimously decided to extend a call to the Rev. J. Hyslop, of Inlay City, Mich., to the vacant pastorate there. The salary mentioned is \$1,100.

At the recent Normal School examinations, all who attended from Chatham and vicinity passed successfully, and among the few who took honors were Miss Nellie Young and Miss Jane Cottart, graduates of Chatham Model School.

The Farmers' Institute of West Elgin have set the date of their meeting at West Lorne for Friday, Jan. 17, and Sheddin, Saturday, Jan. 18. There will be afternoon and evening sessions at each of these places, and the speakers will include Prof. George Harcourt and Dr. L. Gibson.

At the last meeting of the Tilbury council a petition from James Stewart and 33 other freeholders, praying that the council take the necessary steps to have the village consolidated, and to have the name of the village changed from Tilbury Center to Tilbury was received.

Donald Pellett, of Chatham, lost a valuable colt, which he refused \$100 last Saturday. Mr. Pellett led the horse in the yard, and a train coming in on the G. T. R. frightened the animal so that in running he struck his head on a wood pile, severing an artery, from which he bled to death.

Harry Holmes, roofing contractor, while seriously ill in Pittsburg some weeks ago, said his son and daughter resided in Windsor, and asked that they be sent for. The Windsor police were notified, but could find no trace of the persons named. Holmes is dead and buried, and his property remains in the hands of the authorities.

Only three of the old Ridgeway council have seats on the new board. The new men are Thomas Watson, mayor; John Reynolds, deputy; councilors: R. R. Lowthian, J. N. Kennedy, J. M. Campbell, P. A. Bowden, W. Gosnell, Joseph Watson. The old members still retaining seats are Jas. Thatcher, reeve; councilors, Charles Gibson, John Young.

One of the best sales of city debentures ever made in Chatham was effected Wednesday, when the finance committee disposed of \$4,000 worth of Standard Bank. The price realized was \$4,275, including the accrued interest. The debentures bear interest at 4 1/2 per cent. The figures represent a premium of a little more than 6 1/2 per cent.

Wm. Chamberlain, traveler for D. B. Phillips, of Woodstock, took dinner at Brantford on Saturday. He started a hearty meal. After dinner he started up town, hemorrhage of the lungs started, and he was being asst. to a doctor's across the street, as soon as he reached the opposite side of the street he fell back and expired.

Mr. George Kerr, a farmer of Tilbury East, started home on Saturday night driving a team of horses and a pair of trucks. When about half way home he evidently fell off the wagon and was stunned, and the horses went home alone. Two hours afterwards he was found with both legs badly frozen, and there is a probability that the doctors will have to amputate his legs.

The Windsor, Walkerville and Sandwich Agricultural Society has been organized, with Alex. McNeil as president; C. P. Dougan, first vice-president; G. H. Bennett, second vice-president; A. W. Joyce, treasurer; Stephen

Lusted, secretary; F. H. Macpherson, and I. B. Cornwall, auditors, and Jas. Anderson, E. H. Donnelly, Alex. Bartlett, George Cheyne, A. McNeil, Sol White, F. H. Laing, Duncan McDougal and Joseph De Gurse, directors. At Chatham on the 5th inst., Huble Milrod, age 12, was sentenced to eighteen months in the Mimico Industrial School. There were two charges against him, one of which he was found guilty, both being for raising checks. The checks were drawn by the Wydenham Glass Company on the Bank of Montreal. One for 25 cents was raised to \$2.25; the second being advanced from \$2.25 to \$5.25.

BLenheim.

Blenheim, Jan. 10.—Mr. A. C. Milne, who for the past four months has held the position of teller in the Bank of Commerce here, has been notified of his promotion to a similar position in the Peterboro branch of the same bank. He will be succeeded by Mr. Williams, who comes highly recommended. For the past three months Mr. Milne has been in charge of the Trinity Church here, and his removal will be regretted by the whole congregation of that church, as well as by his numerous other friends.

Judge Woods held Division Court here today. The docket, although not very large, contained some cases of importance. Besides Messrs. Gosnell and Thompson, of this place, there were present Messrs. Houston and Lewis, of Chatham.

Mr. A. L. Bissett, the enterprising farmer of South Norwich, has been north, buying cattle, and has returned with a large shipment. He has taken them to his excellent farm, where they will be fitted for the market at once.

James Sterling, driver, of this place, has been taking in large numbers of turkeys this week. He purposes placing a few on the Toronto market at early date.

Mr. Wm. Gerow, who fell on the ice some time ago, and received an ugly wound in the face, is not yet sufficiently recovered to resume his duties as clerk with Rotz & Co.

Messrs. Samson & Tschirhart, proprietors of our local music store, have just placed a fine Heintzman & Co. piano in Mr. E. B. Toles' handsome residence, south of town. They are doing a good business, and merit the patronage of the people of Blenheim and vicinity.

A representative of the Stearns' bicycle had an exhibition at the Sheldon House yesterday of two specimens of their best wheels.

DUTTON.

The Tycoon Association of Patrons of Industry will hold their annual entertainment in the school house on Friday evening, Jan. 17. An interesting programme has been prepared, consisting of comic songs, a quartet by the Stephenson string band, addresses, recitations, etc. A. A. McKillop will occupy the chair.

Anniversary services in connection with Knox church will be held on Sunday, Jan. 12.

Rev. Eli Middleton, of Wallaceburg, a former pastor of the Dutton Methodist church in the village, and will occupy the pulpit in the Methodist church next Sunday, morning and evening.

Miss McFarlane, of Williams, spent a few days visiting friends in town, and a large party was held at the residence of Andrew McCaulum on Friday evening.

Mr. Angus Galbraith, of Largie, had occasion to remove a boy from the Barnardo Home, who has been working for him, and the boy flew into a passion and picked up a stone to strike him. Mr. Galbraith put up his hand to protect his face and was struck on the forehead, fracturing one of the bones. Dr. Kitchener set the fracture.

J. A. McLachlin, Brantford, and William Vain spent a few days at H. Hollingshead's. The following former pastors of the Dutton Methodist Church will attend the Epworth League Convention, to be held in Dutton next Tuesday: Rev. Eli Middleton, Wallaceburg; C. T. Scott, St. Thomas; R. D. Hamilton, Alvinston.

The Baptist Young People's Convention will be held in Dutton Feb. 26.

BOTHWELL.

Bothwell, Jan. 10.—The oil movement is brisk. Several moneyed men are here from Pittsburg, Pa., Petrolia, Buffalo, and New York. Pumping was commenced at the Moore well yesterday afternoon, and at last reports, after four hours pumping, six barrels of pure crude oil was obtained, with every prospect of a large supply. Mr. M. Labu has the material on the ground and will commence the sinking of a test well at once. Already the business men are feeling an improvement and are all encouraged with the outlook. The Gating well was started this morning, but no report has reached us from there at this time.

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INGERSOLL INKLINGS.

McClure Case Goes Over for a Week—A Curious Report—Call to a Pastor From Paris.

(Advertiser) Agency, City Bookstore. Ingersoll, Jan. 11.—Wm. McClure, accused of murder, was brought up before Magistrate Stevens, Neiles and Morrison yesterday afternoon, and owing to a question arising as to where the jurisdiction of the case rested, he was remanded for a week.

Carnival next Tuesday. The Baptist Young People's Union propose having a social gathering at the residence of Dr. Brown on Tuesday evening next. An enjoyable time will no doubt be spent by all the members.

The anniversary of the Loyal Queen Victoria Lodge, C.O.O.F., M.U., will be held in their lodge room, Jan. 22, next. The Champions of the Forest have their anniversary on Jan. 22 at their lodge room.

Four rinks of Embro curlers played a friendly game with the Aberdeen Club Wednesday night last. Following are the rinks: EMBRO. Rink No. 1. H. Geddes, W. H. Jones, D. J. Matheson, John Tait, W. H. Geddes, 15 M. T. Buchanan, 13 G. Theobald, Rink No. 2. A. Ross, G. Mesurer, H. Irwin, G. Campbell, R. Geddes, 9 John Gayser, 15 Rink No. 3. John Duncan, G. Duncan, J. A. Richardson, Geo. Craighead, John Ross, M. McNeil, 14 W. Walker, 12 Rink No. 4. W. McKenzie, E. J. McCarty, D. E. Gay, J. W. Gordon, E. E. Dundas, J. Bowles, 9 Jas. Vance, 12

After the match the Embro visitors were entertained to a supper at the Daily House.

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THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

As Reported by Dun & Co. and Bradstreet's.

Dun & Co.'s report says: The new year begins with such uncertainty that business is somewhat retarded. The proposed sale of bonds offers ground for confidence in the future, but no one is able to determine what its earliest effects may be in the money market, and for the time it is a case of hesitation rather than hopefulness.

Wheat is about one cent higher and corn the same, without distinct reason in their case. The industrial situation has not materially changed. There is much hesitation in the iron business. In boots and shoes the average of prices is a shade lower, though little change appears, except in sections by the western coast, where the little lower. The opening of the season shows a tendency toward lower prices.

Failures for the week have been 431 in the United States, against 420 last year, and 63 in Canada, against 54 last year.

Bradstreet's report says: General trade has not improved appreciably. Some wholesale houses are sending out travelers, while others have not completed taking account of stock. Mild weather at western points has interfered with business in many instances, and the week continues to be characterized by a between-season period. The impression is general that uncertainty as to financial action by Congress, and disturbing political conditions have an unfavorable influence on the prospect for new enterprises.

Financial conditions are almost impenetrable, and the movement of merchandise is light. The volume of trade among jobbers at Montreal is light. The price of leather is hardening, and Quebec city shoe-manufacturers are fully employed. The reports after four hours pumping, six barrels of pure crude oil was obtained, with every prospect of a large supply. Mr. M. Labu has the material on the ground and will commence the sinking of a test well at once.

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Pads in Canes.

How the Howling Swell Gets Measured for a Stick.

Cabbage Stalks and Mullein—The Newest and Most Striking Things That Find Favor—Some Odd Designs.

It is now considered the correct thing to have your cane cut to measure. If you are a howling swell you will go and have yourself measured for a cane just as you do for a suit of clothes. First your exact height is taken so as to get the length of the stick that will just suit you. If you are very exacting, and most people are who go to this extreme, your muscles and general build are sized up to get the right weight. Next a case of the hand is taken by grasping a piece of wax at the right consistency. This gives the peculiar contour of the hand when closed as in grasping the handle of a cane. It insures the comfort of a handle that fits into the palm as if it were a part of the hand.

There are a few who carry the cane a little further, and have one to match every suit in shade. Such as these would as soon be seen wearing a cane that was "out of color" as a last season's coat or a better colored umbrella.

Among the vegetable kingdom has been drawn upon to satisfy the craving of the gay young man about town in his desire for the unique. The lala of Guernsey grows a peculiar cabbage, the stocks of which make a new and novel cane. Of course the dealers do not call them cabbage stalks, but put a smart handle and a fancy name on them and they are a great go. They do the same by the mullein stalk.

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FOR THE PROMENADE.

Turkish Weichsel is really the American wild cherry. Although quite pretty it is lacking in the perfume of the genuine article.

Black thorns are always popular. For two dollars one can get an excellent specimen to show friends as just from the "old sod." You may always know the blackthorn by the twig sprouts at each knot. There is the twig and the two horns that flank it. This is the favorite for a walking stick, and right here the difference between a walking stick and a cane might be specified. The former is a heavy stick, while the latter is a light hollow root or rattan such as the bamboo and Malacca.

The walking stick first came into common use as a sort of weapon carried by the English gentry on their rambles through the woods and forests of their castle grounds, while the lighter stick or cane was reserved for the promenade with the ladies through the flower gardens. The same distinction is yet adhered to with adaptation to modern times.

One of the most startling novelties recently brought out is a cane with a silver dagger as a handle. In another a hunting scene is represented by a stag that has been brought to a kneeling posture by two dogs clinging to either side.

In the natural woods, such as the Weichsel and Pimento, the ornamentation consists of knobs and snake-like coils of silver and gold ornaments. These applied pieces of metal are often engraved in fanciful designs, but the plain polished surfaces contrast very well with the natural wood. A novelty for a Malacca is a snake coiled about the upper end, and his projecting head, as in that of striking a foe, serves as a handle. Some who have the canes made to order have added to the realism of the snake by having it covered with leather tanned from the real snake skin. But that seems almost unreal, for while there is the appearance of gold, silver, platinum, ivory, ebony and horns from the rhinoceros.

This season handies made from natural wood are more popular than ever before.

A Baby as Security.

One of the women attendants out at the children's sanitarium on the Lincoln park lake shore, tells a pretty story.

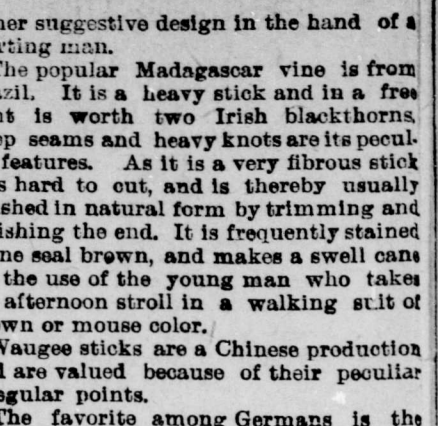
"A woman who was sick enough herself to be in a hospital came up here with her child. It was a tiny thing, and so weak that it could hardly cry. The mother had to be assisted under the shelter, and then we gave her a reclining place from which she could see the lake. Soon after the party saw the sick woman and spoke to her. I did not hear what was said at first, but a few moments later I heard the rich woman say:

"Don't be afraid. I will leave you my child as security." And then the rich woman picked up the tiny child that was so weak and carried it herself to the carriage and got in and was driven away. The nurse and the rich baby remained at the sanitarium and entertained the sick woman, and when the other returned the sick child had on a new dress, and a bunch of sweet peas was fastened about its neck. It was so quietly done, and so pretty, too, I just went off alone and cried for joy."

How to Have Beautiful Hair.

When nature has neglected to crown a head with silken tresses, one can, in some measure, remedy the slight by persistently brushing the hair. A good quality of brush should be used. A hair brush should have long soft bristles that will go through the hair and touch the scalp; then every particle of dust and dirt can be removed. A comb is seldom necessary if the hair is carefully brushed; if used at all, the comb should be of a coarse one. A fine comb irritates the scalp to a harmful degree and it is quite apt to break and split the hair. Brush the hair for five minutes before retiring at night, braid it loosely and permit it to hang. Never sleep with pins in the hair. The best hairpins to use are made of bone, amber or tortoise shell. Coarse, sharp pins cut and tear the hair and should never be used. It is an old-time saying, and well worth a trial, that "One hundred strokes of the hair brush every night will make one's hair like silk."

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