



Beautiful eyes grow dull and dim
As the swift years steal away
Beautiful, willowy forms so slim
Lose fairness with every day
But she still is queen and bath charms to
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Who wears youth's coronal—beautiful
hair.

Preserve your Hair

and you preserve your youth.
"A woman is as old as she
looks," says the world. No
woman looks as old as she is
if her hair has preserved its
normal beauty. You can keep
hair from falling out, restoring
its normal color, or restore the
normal color to gray or faded
hair, by the use of

Ayer's Hair Vigor.

Our Neighbors.

Byron Dogs Win Prizes at the
New York Bench Show—
Interesting Farewell
Gathering.

Mr. Robert McIlwain, of Byron, has
secured two third prizes and a very
highly commended for his collies at the
New York dog show. The competition
was the keenest in years.

The arbitration committee, appointed
by the county council, to settle the
Melbourne Union school matter, will
meet there on Tuesday next. The sub-
tractors are Messrs. Gilmour, Robson
and McLeod.

Mr. John Carlton, of Parkhill, will
succeed Mr. Zinger, who has sold out
the Metropolitan Hotel at Exeter, and
will take possession about March 1.
Mr. John Leathern has also decided to
give up the Mansion House at Exeter.
Mr. R. O'Neil, of Lucan, is to be the
new tenant, and will take possession
about May 1.

At the residence of Mr. James Bur-
rows, Lambeth, on Wednesday after-
noon, his daughter, Emma, was mar-
ried to Mr. J. W. Hunt, of the firm
of Smith & Hunt, merchants, Dor-
chester Station. The bride was accom-
panied by Rev. H. Quince, of
Lambeth. The bride's cousin, Miss
Orr, of Hamilton, acted as maid of
honor. On their return, Mr. and Mrs.
Hunt will settle in Dorchester.

A very interesting time was spent
the other evening at the residence of
Mr. F. Hunt, con. 7, East Nisour, where
the young people and neighbors
gathered to bid farewell to Mr. Hunt,
who, with the family, leave in March
to live in London, in the course of the
evening Miss Hunt was presented with
a handsome gold watch and address,
read by Miss Jennie Conn, on behalf
of those present. Miss Hunt and her
father each made suitable replies.

The recorder of Ilderton Lodge, No.
168, A. O. U. W., reports a very pros-
perous year for 1896, and notwith-
standing that Ilderton is represented
in nearly all the fraternal societies, the
officers for this year were installed.
The officers for 1897 are: Master, Wm. T.
Caverhill; past master, Wm. T. Caverhill;
foreman, James McNeil; recorder,
W. P. Charlton; financier, Alex.
McLellan; secretary, Wm. T. Caverhill;
guide, Francis McNeil; overseer,
George Avery; inside watch, James
Fruen; outside watch, Henry Story.

COURTSHIP.

The Dog Poisoner Got in His Deady
Work.

Courthouse, Feb. 25.—A few days ago
C. Howes had a dog named, and a Morrison
lost a fine dog on Sunday evening in
the same way.

The Glass family, of Corunna, visit-
ed this town on Tuesday and gave
good selections of music.

Mr. Richardson, a representative of
the People's Building and Loan As-
sociation of London, was here on Tues-
day on business.

Mr. Busha has received a number of
orders for ice from towns on the M.
C. R. branch, and will start filling the
contracts at once. The ice is from
seven to nine inches thick.

E. E. Nightingale, of London, was
in town on Tuesday.

DELAWARE.

Meeting of Caradoc Branch of the W.
O. S. S. Association—No Oil as Yet,
But Lots of Gas.

Delaware, Feb. 25.—The ninth an-
nual convention of the Caradoc branch
of the Western Ontario Sunday School
Association was held in the Methodist
Church here on Tuesday. The attend-
ance was very good, considering the
weather. Many were somewhat dis-
appointed at the absence of Mr. Day,
provincial secretary, who was unable
to attend, being confined to his bed
with a severe attack of influenza. The
Rev. Mr. Leitch was elected president
for the ensuing year, and Mr. E. Bod-
win, secretary. The convention meets
next year in the Methodist Church,
Melbourne.

Death claims another victim in our
quiet village in the person of Mrs.
May Healey, who passed peacefully
away at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning.
The funeral will leave the house on
Friday, at 2 o'clock, and proceed to
the Methodist Church, where services
will be held.

The Gold Oil Medicine Company gave
their last exhibition in the hall last
night. The attendance was large and

the programme was very good. Strath-
roy is the next place they visit, after
which they go to Korocho, at which
place Prof. Stuart says he visits for
spite.

Mrs. C. Throver, who has suffered
a severe illness, is recovering nicely.
Miss Perry Parfitt, of London, is vis-
iting her old home in this place.
The newly-married brother of Mrs.
John Wicks is stopping here on his
wedding tour.

Rev. Frank Healey and wife, from
Iowa, are here at present.
The Oil Company have not struck
oil yet; lots of gas, though.

GLENCOE.

Loses a Popular Young Man—Change
in the Advertiser's Delivery.

Glencoe, Feb. 25.—Glencoe loses a
popular young man, now that Mr.
Charles Macdonald, who has for sev-
eral years clerked for Mr. Dobie, the
well-known banker, is removing to
Detroit, where he will embark in the
mining brokerage business. "Charley"
has large circle of friends in Glencoe
and surrounding country who will
wish him every success in his new
line.

The Advertiser will, after March 1,
be delivered by E. A. Stevenson, and
customers will continue to enjoy the prompt ser-
vice given by the former manager.
The paper will always be found willing
to add a name to his list, which he
intends to swell considerably.

BELMONT.

Disastrous Runaway Accident—Hog
Trade Regulations—Off for
Rossland.

Belmont, Feb. 24.—Mr. White, of Ma-
pleton, had the misfortune today to
have a new cutter broken all to pieces.
His horse, while crossing Kettle
Creek, and ran away.

Hogs can be sold by North Dorches-
ter and South Dorchester, and
Westminster farmers, while just four
roads away, in Yarmouth, they can't
sell them without going to the clerk
of the peace at St. Thomas, and get-
ting an order, on account of quaran-
tine. Why not the same regulation
all over? Belmont's hog market is at
the four corners of the above town-
ship.

Fred and Phillip Mohr, Lewis Boyd
and Mr. Falls, leave on March 2 next
for Rossland, B. C.

Mrs. A. Braden returned to Galt
yesterday, after visiting Mrs. Nugent,
her mother, a week.

Parties are looking for a room here
to start a boxing school.

KOMOKA.

Death of Mrs. McBain After a Long
Illness.

Komoka, Feb. 25.—Another sad death
occurred in this town on Monday
morning, when Mrs. McBain, widow of
the late James McBain, and daughter
of John Laant, who had been bed-
ridden for some time with consumption,
passed quietly away. The funeral took
place at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morn-
ing, at 10 o'clock, at the residence of
con. 3, Lobo, Thursday afternoon. The
burial took place at Ivan. Deceased
leaves a widow and four children.

Rev. A. McVicar, of Caradoc, gradu-
ate of McGill University, occupied the
pulpit of the Presbyterian Church for
two successive Sundays, and preached
able and eloquent sermons on both oc-
casions. Rev. Mr. Jeffery will preach
on Sunday.

Mr. Daniel Sinclair, of this village,
is slowly recovering.

Mr. Crombie is around again, and
able to attend to his duties.

Mr. Wm. Walcott, merchant, is on
the point of leaving.

Mrs. Lince, who has been visiting
in St. Marys since last fall, is ex-
pected to return in a few days.

ON THE WARPATH.

Muncy and Chippewa Indians Organi-
zing for Battle.

Muncy, Feb. 25.—The Leuni Leun-
apa, of Muncy, of Thames, Branch
of the Delaware tribe, met and organ-
ized the Liberal Club, on the Caradoc
Indian Reserve, on Feb. 22, at the cen-
tral school house. This association is
to be known as the Lower Muncy
Liberal Club. Mr. McGuigan, M. P.,
and Mr. Howe were present.

Mr. C. Logan was appointed as
clerk, and Mr. McGuigan as secretary,
meeting by making a short address.
The first business in order was the
election of officers for the year. Mr.
Myrie McDougall, Chippewa, was elected
president. The choice of the meeting was
the ex-chief, W. J. Waddell, who was
the president for first vice-president, Mr.
Myrie McDougall, Chippewa, was elected
president by acclamation; second vice-presi-
dent, Moses King, Chippewa, acclama-
tion; secretary, Nels P. Timothe, ac-
clamaion; treasurer, Charles H. Timothe,
acclamaion. This concluded the
business of the meeting.

Just at this moment the celebrated
Tennant's Corn Band struck up a
lively march, well worthy of the name,
"Cheer! Cheer!"

The rules and regulations placed on
the Tecumseh again rendered one
of their grand selections, and a vote
of thanks was given to Mr. McGuigan
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Germany's Navy.

The Naval Resources of the Em-
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Quick-Firing Guns of Large Caliber Are
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ference in the Number of Ships of
Other Countries.

(Special Correspondence.)

Berlin, Feb. 25.—Of the naval
powers of consequence Germany is the
youngest. Practically, too, the German
navy is untried and untested. The
fact that Germany is a poor
country, when compared with France,
England or the United States, and
that she is financially unable to sup-
port, without seriously crippling her-
self, the double burden of taxation
which the maintenance of her navy
entails, and of a navy of first-class
dimensions would necessitate, has bred
the opinion generally held, even by the
majority of the German press and peo-
ple, that the German navy is of not
much account, and hardly able to
make a decent showing, if the need
should ever arise.

This opinion, however, is an erroneous
one. It is true that as to size the
German navy occupies the fifth place,
being outdone in this respect by Eng-
land, France, Russia and Italy, and
only slightly exceeding at this hour
that of the United States, whereas it
is certain that, in conformity with the
naval plan and the naval resources
fixed under the present administra-
tion, the United States will exceed, in
the size and fighting quality of her
navy, Germany ten years hence. But it
is just as certain that Italy will drop
behind with each recurring year, her
financial embarrassments rendering it
impossible for her to keep up the size
of her navy on the present scale. As to
the Russian navy, it is also, particu-
larly, an unknown and untested factor,
and marine experts declare to-day that
what of Russia's naval strength, like
that of her army, exists only on pa-
per.

Be that as it may, I in this instance
merely wish to emphasize the fact that
the German navy is no mean opponent.
At the Kiel naval demonstration, in
June, 1895, I heard an experienced
partial American naval commander
express himself to the effect that in
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man navy of such unexceptionable
quality and of such fine fighting pow-
ers as did his grandfather with the
navy of his grandfather. This, in fact, is
the pet idea of William II., and hardly a
day passes when he does not find time
and opportunity to do something for
his young navy—examining new mod-
els in ordnance or equipment, in
naval architecture, or in the equip-
ment of the fleet. He has so zealously
devoted himself to the task of becom-
ing a naval expert, both theoretically
and practically, ever since he ascended the throne,
that he has, according to the statements
of all the German, English, French, Rus-
sian and American naval officers who
have met him, really attained his goal.

There is no ruler of the present day
who is a match for him in this respect,
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The Celebration of the 400th Anniversary
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Lutherans in every part of the world
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who was born at Erben, in the Grand
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history of the Lutheran Church. He
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influence for peace and toleration. He
was modest, gentle and peaceful. Un-
til the end of his life he cherished the
hope of reconciliation between the
branches of the Christian Church
which could be accomplished by his
concession, and this made him unpopu-
lar with all the doctrinaires. Luther
and his followers were retained friends
until the older man's death, when
Melancthon delivered a magnifi-
cent sermon on the influence of the
leader, in which he called him the
prophet Elijah and lamented his death
as a great calamity to the Church of
Luther.

Opposition to his policy increased af-
ter Luther's death, and when Melancthon
died, on April 15, 1561, he was
consecrated death as a release. He was
buried at Wittenburg by the side of
Luther.

Another old minstrel gone.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Charles Callender,
the old minstrel, died last night
of heart disease.

Whenever the Emperor will succeed
in realizing all his naval plans, at
least so far as size of the navy is con-
cerned, remains to be seen. Probably
he will have to defer a part of them,
for to carry them out now, at a time
when the military budget is becoming
larger each year, would place an al-
most unbearable burden of taxation on
the already tax-ridden German peo-
ple. But in the end he will doubtless
succeed in the main. The German
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