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Who wears youth's coronal - beautiful

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

becured two third prizes and a very highly commended for his collies at the New York dog show. The compe-

the Metropolitan Hotel at Exeter, and will take possession about March 1.

Mr. John Leathorn has also decided to pulpit of the Presbyterian Church for

about May 1. At the residence of Mr. James Burrows, Lambeth, on Wednesday afterhis daughter Emma was married to Mr. J. W. Hunt, of the firm Smith & Hunt, merchants, Dorchester Station. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. Quance, of Lambeth. The bride's cousin, Miss orr, of Hamilton, acted as maid of pected honor. On their return from their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt will

A very interesting time was spent the other evening at the residence of Muncey and Chippewa Indians Organ-Mr. F. Hunt, con. 7. East Nisouri, where the young people and neighbors gathered to bid farewell to Miss Hunt, o with the family, leave in March 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. and Mr. Howe were present.

Mr. C. Logan was appointed as 168, A. O. U. W., reports a very pros-perous year for 1896, and notwith-

that Ilderton is represented In nearly all the fraternal societies, the A. O. U. W. still continues to keep the lead, with a membership of 65, and a steady increase to the members. The officers for this year were installed by Bro. Thomas Oliver, district deputy, and a member of this lodge, in the ty, and a member of this lodge, in the following order: Master workman, E.
T. Caverhill; past master, Wm. Charlton; foreman, James McNair; recorder, W. P. Charlton; financier, Alex.
McLean; receiver, Arthur McRae;

McLean; receiver guide, Francis McAndless; overseer, George Avery; inside watch, James Prudem; outside watch, Henry Story.

COURTRIGHT.

The Dog Poisoner Got in His Dead.y

Work. Courtright, Feb. 25 .- A few days ago Howes had a valuable Russian boar hound poisoned, and A. Morrison a fine dog on Sunday evenisg in

The Glass family, of Corunna, visitood selections of music. Mr. Richardson, a representative of the People's Building and Loan Asociation of London, was here on Tuesday on business.

Mr. Busha has received a number of 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 Our visitor, Mr. Howe, favored the contracts at once. contracts at once. The ice is from seven to nine inches thick. E. E. Nightingale, of London, was town on Tuesday.

DELAWARE,

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

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

Death cleaims another victim in our net village in the person of Miss May Heattey, who passed peacefully way at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning.
The funeral will leave the house on Friday, at 2 o'clock, and proceed to

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

Mrs. C. Thrower, who has suffered A severe illness, is recovering nicely.

Miss Ferry Parfitt, of London, is visiting her old friends of this place. The newly-married brother of Mrs John Wigley is stopping here on his Rev. Frank Heatly 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 popular young man, now that Mr. Charles Macdougald, who has for several years clerked for Mr. Dobie, the well-known banker, is removing to Detroit, where he will embark in the mining brokerage business. "Charley" has a large circle of friends in Gleneoe and surrounding country who will wish him every success in his new

The Advertiser will, after March 1, be delivered by E. A. Stevenson, who succeeds John McNeil, and customers will continue to enjoy the prompt service given by the former manager. "Ed" 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 Mapletown, had the misfortune today to have a new cutter broken all to pieces. His horse shied while crossing Kettle Creek, and ran away.

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

Fred and Phillip Mohr, Lewis Boyd and Mr. Falls, leave on March 2 next for Rossland, B. C. Mrs, J. A. Brandon returned to Galt yesterday, after visiting Mrs. Nugent, her mother, a week. looking for a room here to start a boxing school.

KOMOKA.

Mr. Robert McEwen, of Byron, has Death of Mrs. McBain After a Long

Illness Komoka, Feb. 25 .- Another sad death 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 arbitrators are Messrs. Gilmour, Robson and McLeod.

Mr. John Carlton, of Parkhill, will the Nate of The State of The Stat Mr. John Carlton, of Parkhill, will burial took place at Ivan. Deceased

give up the Mansion House at Exeter. two successive Sundays, and preached Mr. R. O'Nell, of Lucan, is to be the able and eloquent sermons on both oc-Rev. Mr. Jeffery will preach mext Sunday. Mr. Daniel Sinclair, of this village is slowly recovering.

Mr. Cromble is around again, and able to attend to his duties. Mr. Will Walcot, merchant, is Mrs. Lince, who has been visiting Marys since last fall, is expected to return in a few days.

ON THE WARPATH.

Muncey Feb. 25.-The Leuni Leunapa, or Munsees of Thames, Branch of the Delaware tribe, met and organized the Liberal Club, on the Caradoc Indian reserve, on Feb. 23, at the central school house. This association is be known as the Lower Muncey to be known as the Lower Muncey Liberal Club. Mr. McGuigan, M. P.,

chairman (pro tem.), and opened the meeting by making a short address. The first business in order was the election of officers for the year, and the choice of the meeting was that the ex-chief, W. J. Waddilove, be the president; for first vice-president, Mr. Mylis McDougall, Chippewa, was elect-

Muncey Liberal Club.

Just at this moment the celebrated Tecumseh Cornet Band struck up a lively march, well worthy of the name,

The rules and regulations placed or the table, which had been prepared by N. F. Timothy, were read and adopted by the L. M. L. C. The next annual meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in February.

Then a few shots were made by several of the newly-appropriated officers.

eral of the newly-appointed officers, the president, ex-Chief W. J. Waddi-, beginning by making an excel-speech. The Tecumseh Band Tuesday and gave again favored the audience with another selection, which was heartily Mr. C. H. Timothy was next called

upon, and made a short speech. Secretary N. F. Timothy made a capital audience with a good address, and then came the loudest shot, from our esteemed friend, Mr. McGuigan, M. P. for South Middlesex. He was listened to with great attention, and showed was indeed a real friend to The remarks he made the red man. gave great satisfaction to all present,

and evoked rousing cheers. The Tecumsehs again rendered one of their grand selections, and a vote of thanks was given to Mr. McGuigan and to Mr. Howe for their assistance organizing the L. M. L. C. Each of these gentlemen made a suitable reply. Three rousing cheers were then given for the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, three cheers for Mr. McGuigan, M.P., and three for the Queen.

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The Naval Resources of the Em pire Not to Be Despised.

Quick-Firing Guns of Large Caliber Are Sald to More Than Make Up the Difference in the Number of Ships of

(Special Correspondence.)

Berlin.-(Special.) - Of the naval powers of consequence Germany is the youngest. Practically, too, the German navy is untried and untested. The further fact that Germany is a poor country, when compared with France, England or the United States, and that she is financially unable to support, without seriously crippling her-self, the double burden of taxation which the maintenance of her matchless army 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 people, 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 errone-ous one. It is true that as to size the German navy occupies the fifth place, being outdone in this respect by England, France, Russia and Italy, and only slightly exceeding-at this hourthat of the United States, whereas 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, he financial embarrassment 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, practical ly, an unknown and untested factor, and marine experts declare to-day that much of Russia's naval strength, like that of her army, exists only on pa-

Be that as it may, I in this instance the German navy is no mean opponent. At the Kiel naval demonstration, in June, 1895, I heard an experienced impartial American naval commander express himself to the effect that in point of readiness, in point of admirable discipline and actual fighting power, the German navy of to-day comes, in his opinion, in the second rank—directly behind England. Since then several occasions have arisen which tried the mettle of the German navy, or at least vessels and crews forming part of it, and in each case the German vessels and their crews have borne themselves gallantly and worthily. I refer more particularly to the loss of the Itlis in Chinese waters, the little crew meeting its doom with cheers for their emperor and the singing in chorus of a patriotic hymn. Whenever the German navy forcibly interfered during the past 15 years. it did so efficiently, unflinchingly, and n a spirit of Spartan bravery. It is known that the German Emper-



NEW GERMAN IRONCLAD WOERTH. or has the ambition of evolving a German navy of such unexceptionable quality and of such fine fighting powers as did his grandfather with the This, in fact, is the German army. 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 models in ordinance or equipment, in constructive part or machinery. He has so zealously devoted himse to the task of becoming 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, Russian 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 respec Nothing new and interesting in naval things escapes his keen eye shrewd attention. Just to cite a point in illustration, I may say that the Emperor was one of the first to discern the great importance of Capt. Mahan's (U.S.N.) books on the influence of na-vies on national greatness, and that he at once carefully studied these books and had copies of them incorporated in the libraries of the naval academies and schools throughout Ger-It is a further proof of the great virtue he attaches to the growing prestige of his navy that he made his only brother Prince Henry, adopt the naval career, and that, in the course of time, a number of German princes will follow suit in this respect, for some younger members of several reigning houses in Germany—those of Baden, Mecklenburg and Ogdenburg, for instance—are now serving as na-val cadets, and two of the Emperor's

own sons are intended to enter the in realizing all his naval plans, at least so far as size of the navy is concerned, 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 almost unbearable burden of taxation on the already tax-ridden German people. But in the end he will doubtless succeed in the main. The German war vessels of the latest type, the ironclads of the Woerth and Sachsen class, are certainly marvels of me-chanical ingenuity and monsters in formidable fighting capacity. The casemate guns, with which the ves sels of the class to which the ironclad Sachsen belong are partially armed, are said to be beyond anything of the kind on other vessels. But the chief improvement now decided upon for the Germany navy, their being sup-plied with quick-firing guns of a new and unrivaled pattern, is of even vast er importance.
At the Krupp works in Essen, where

experiments are being made all the time, a foreman in the ordinance department, Krause by name, made the invention and the multi-millionaire owner of the establishment purchased this invention of his outright. Not many weeks ago the Emperor visited the Krupp works at the special invi tation of the owner, and afterwards witnessed the tests made on a large scale with those new quick-firing guns on the enormous shooting territory of Meppen, near Essen. These practical Meppen, near Essen. These practical tests occupied one whole day and the forenoon of the succeeding one, and they were successful beyond anything the Emperor had imagined. The great need not only of the German navy, but of all navies of the present

guns of a caliber large enough to give the projectiles that amount of destructive, penetrative power necessary in a naval engagement between vessels of large and medium size. Such genius had not existed thus far. Technical difficulties which it seemed impossible to overcome had prevented the construction as well as the placing of

struction as well as the placing of them on board ship. Beyond the ten and tweive centimeter caliber none of these quick-firing guns could apparently be safely made. On the shooting territory of Meppen this fall, however, Krupp produced quick-firing guns of 15, 18, 21 and 24 centimeter calibre, and the work they did was so magnificent and exact as to earn the enthusiastic encomiums of the imper-

ial eyewitness. An arrangement has now been en tered into with Krupp, by the terms of which he will manufacture these quick-firing guns for the German army exclusively during a term of years, thus giving Germany an im portant start over the other navies of the world.

Orders to the tune of 20,000.000 marks were at once placed with Krupp, and additional sums will be voted by the reichstag during the next five years, for the Emperor means to arm all his navy with the new quick-firers.
WOLF VON SCHIERBRAND.

PHILIP MELANCHTHON.

The Celebration of the 460th Anniversary

of His Birth. Lutherans in every part of the world celebrated the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Melanchthon who was born at Bretten, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Feb. 16, 1497. Melanchthon holds a place only a little below that of Martin Luther in the history of the Lutheran Church. He was Luther's associate in the reformation, and is regarded as the greatest of Lutheran scholars and theologians, Luther himself thought Melanchthon the ablest man of his time and superior to the great men of any church.



PHILIP MELANCHTHON.

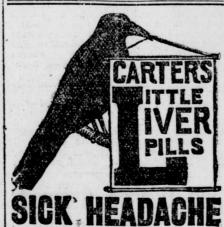
Melanchthon assisted Luther in nearly every important work. It was he who wrote the Augsburg confession. He helped Luther translate the Bible, and was prominent at the famous diet of Worms. Although one of the greatest Oak Curtain Poles 25C. of theologians, Melanchthon was never Blinds, in all colors, 35c. never delivered a sermon in any pulpit, Whitewash Brushes 10c. although he wrote important sermons Pillow Sham Holders 25C.

The famous theologian was a remarkably precocious boy. At the age of 15 he graduated from Heidelberg University, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, but in spite of the fact that he was at the head of his clear the windown the manufacture of the second that he was at the head of his clear the university personnel. of his class the university refused him the master's degree because of his youth, so he entered the University of Tuebingen, from which he received the master's degree in 1514. Then, at the age of 17, he began to lecture to the students on Aristotelian philosophy and the classics. At the age of 21 he was appointed Professor of Greek at the University of Wittenburg. He was the most popular professor at the university, and pupils came from every part of Germany to learn from him. was at Wittenburg that Melanchthon met Martin Luther. They became lifelong friends and co-workers in the reformation. He was emphatically a theologian, and his advice had great

nfluence on Luther and the other re Conciliation and moderation were his characteristics, and he used all of his 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 concession, and this made him unpopular with all the doctrinaries. Luther and Melanchthon, however, remained friends until the older man's death, when Melanchthon delivered a magnificent funeral oration on the dead leader, in which he called him the prophet Elijah and lamented his death as a great calamity to the Church of Opposition to his policy increased af-

ter Luther's death, and when Melanchthon died, on April 19, 1560, he welcomed death as a release. He was buried at Wittenburg by the side of Luther.

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