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The reappointment of Major John W. Ross as commissioner for another term gives very general satisfaction.

Our friends in the suburbs can enhance the value of their property by keeping their yards clean, by keeping fences in repair, and by taking care that streets and sidewalks are not littered up with papers and rubbish.

The Baltimore Sun wants a European market for sweet potatoes. "What was done with oats and corn," it says, "can be done also for sweet potatoes if a concerted and sustained effort is made to introduce them properly at the Paris Exposition and afterward throughout Europe."

It is only very recently that attention has been drawn to the fact that America is likely to become the chief source of the world's supply of coal in the future, just as she has become the world's chief granary and the leading supplier of iron and steel. Owing largely to the increasing scarcity of coal in Europe the price of that commodity abroad has been rising by leaps and bounds, and has almost doubled in two years.

If, as recent letters state, a workable deposit of coal has been found within a few miles of Dawson City, it means a great deal to the mining interests of the Yukon. The reports say that 8000 tons have been taken out ready for shipment, which is very probably an exaggeration. But the presence of coal, even of comparatively poor quality, ought to result in a considerable reduction in the cost and difficulty of mining and living in the country, observes the Engineering and Mining Journal.

The 1930 Census Superintendent offers the popular language a new word—median. Heretofore it claimed only an anatomical and an entomological usage. Now the necessity of statistical science has given it a technical numerical meaning. Given a sequence of 99, the number 50 would represent the "median," that is to say, there are as many numbers of the sequence before it as after it. The "median" age of the people of the United States is 21 years. There are, that is, as many people in it who are older than 21 years as there are who are younger. This is quite a different thing from the "average" age of the people of the country, which is 25 years. If all new word usages were as sensible as this there would be no objections offered.

### APPENDICITIS.

The Disease is More Frequent With Young Than Old.

The vermiform appendix, inflammation of which constitutes appendicitis, is a curious little offshoot from the large intestine near the point where it is joined by the small intestine. It is a hollow tube about as thick as a lead-pencil, from an inch to several inches in length, which communicates with the cavity of the large intestine but is closed at its free extremity. Nobody knows definitely what its use is, and many think it has no use at all.

It is a popular belief that inflammation of the appendix is often caused by the lodgment in it of a grape-seed or some similar little body, but as a matter of fact this very seldom occurs, and no one need deprive himself of a delicious and nourishing fruit from any such fear.

There are probably very few persons of middle age who have not had appendicitis, but fortunately they did not know it. It is only when the inflammation becomes severe, and involves the parts about the appendix, that violent symptoms appear, and this occurs in only a small proportion of cases.

The disease is more frequent with the young than with the middle-aged or old.

In mild cases the only symptom is a slight dull or colicky pain in or near the right groin. When the inflammation is more severe, or extends to the neighboring parts, the symptoms become more pronounced. There is a sharp pain in the abdomen, signs of dyspepsia—loss of appetite, nausea or vomiting, and bowel disturbances—are present, and there is often slight fever.

In the most serious cases a sudden, violent pain occurs, there is marked fever, and the patient is depressed and presents all the signs of being very ill. Hiccough is often a distressing symptom.

The treatment of appendicitis is one of the points upon which doctors disagree. Some believe that in nearly every case a cure will follow rest in bed, a milk diet, cold applications to the abdomen and sedative remedies. Others assert that an operation is necessary in every instance, and that this should be performed the instant a diagnosis of appendicitis is made, before serious symptoms appear.

The proper course, here as elsewhere, is doubtless the middle one, for in many cases an operation is absolutely necessary to save life, while in others recovery will take place without subjecting the patient to this serious risk. In any case a sufferer from appendicitis is in danger, and should be under the constant care of his physician.—Youth's Companion.

### Projectile Air.

Physicians in South Africa now have another theory for explaining away the charges made by both Briton and Boer that the other is using explosive bullets. The extensive laceration often found in bullet wounds is now said to be due to the air which the bullet drives before it into the wound. The existence of this phenomenon can be proved easily. If a round bullet be dropped into a glass of water from the height of a few feet it will be seen that when the bullet touches the bottom a large bubble of air will become detached and rise to the surface. In this case the bubble will usually be from ten to twenty times the size of the bullet. Now, a Mauser bullet traveling at high speed is said to carry before it a bubble of compressed air of large dimensions. Experiments made by a surgeon who fired a pistol ball into a glass of water showed the bubble to be one hundred times the size of the ball. From the appearance of the wounds and from these experiments it is concluded that the mass of air driven by a Mauser bullet explodes in the body of the wounded man with sufficient force to cause extensive laceration. This destructive air bubble is well known to surgeons under the name of projectile air.

### The City of Nome.

The city of Nome itself might properly be termed a model of production. Before the end of June, 1899, there was practically nothing on its present site; in early July it was still a place of tents, but by the middle of September it had blossomed out into a constructed town of three to four thousand inhabitants, more than one half of whom were properly housed in well-built cabins, the lumber for which was in part brought from a distance of two thousand miles, and none of it from less than one hundred miles. Numerous stores and saloons has arranged themselves on both sides of a well-defined street (which was here and there centrally interrupted by building transgressions), the familiar signs of dancing and boxing bouts were displayed in front of more than comfortably filled faro and roulette establishments, and in a general way the site wore the aspect of riding a boom swell. And indeed there was plenty of activity, for the final weeks of fine weather warned of the impending wintry snows and blasts, and much had to be done individually to shield one from these and other discomforts.—Appleton's Popular Science Monthly.

### Some Authors.

The most cheerful author—Samuel Smiles.  
The noisiest author—Howells.  
The tallest author—Longfellow.  
The most flowery author—Hawthorne.  
The holiest author—Pope.  
The most amusing author—Thomas Tickell.  
The happiest author—Gay.  
The most fiery author—Burns.  
The most talkative author—Chatterton.  
The most distressed author—Aken-side.

### LABOR WORLD.

San Francisco is to have a new shipyard employing 3000 men.

Eight thousand miners have gone on strike at Santa Paulina, near Santander, Spain.

Eighty Russian and Galician laborers have been expelled from Northern Schleswig, Prussia.

The cigarmakers' strike in Montreal has been declared off, a compromise having been reached.

A strike involving 2000 Japanese laborers is in progress on the Pioneer plantation at La Haina, Hawaii.

Contractors at Pottsville, Penn., are unable to secure laborers at \$1.50 per day, and many building operations are being delayed on that account.

There are nearly 4000 men at work on vessels in the Union Iron Works, at San Francisco, and in the yards of the Cramps, at Philadelphia, 6000 men are busy.

The miners at Brazil, Ind., have voted to accept the operators' proposition with semi-monthly payment of wages. A contract for a year was signed. Over 3300 miners have returned to work.

The striking spinners at the Jamestown (N. H.) Worsted Mills have been joined by seventy-five men from the combing department, and the mills have shut down, throwing 1000 hands out of employment.

A bill has been introduced into the British House of Commons by Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. John Burns and others for the establishment of a wages board to fix the rate of wages to be paid to workers in particular trades.

Eighteen months ago the town of Eskay, Ala., the population of which is now 5000, had only 500 inhabitants. The increase has been due to the demand for labor, created by the operation of a steel mill, a rod mill and other industries.

It is said that 100,000 Italian laborers, most of whom are unskilled, find employment in Switzerland. Ninety per cent. of these workmen spend the winter in their native country, being employed only during the summer months.

Twelve mills belonging to the steel trust have shut down. They are located at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Joliet, Ill.; Waukegan, Ill.; De Kalb, Ill.; Newcastle, Ind.; and Anderson, Ind. These mills have a capacity of between 3000 to 4000 tons a day. About 10,000 workmen were thrown out of employment by the shutdown.

### BOER-BRITISH WAR NOTES.

The Boers in Natal have already commenced a guerrilla warfare.

Portugal has consented to British troops crossing her territory to reach Rhodesia.

Boer women disguised as men have been found among the prisoners captured by the British.

A Portuguese transport, with 800 troops, from Lisbon, has arrived at Lorenzo Marques.

The Irish Brigade was paraded before President Kruger, at Pretoria, and he made a speech to the men.

Emperor William, of Germany, has a staff officer to report on the features of the Boer war every other day.

An official of the British exchequer estimates that the Boer war is costing England \$769 a minute, night and day.

Major-General Pretzman has organized a corps of mounted police to patrol the Orange Free State near Bloemfontein.

Secretary of State Reitz says the Transvaal Government is not taking any resolution regarding the destruction of the mines.

British Army orders have abolished the title "Free State Railways," and superseded this by the "International Military Railways."

The son of Lord Chancellor Ashbourne, of Ireland, favors a return to kilts—the Green Isle's original uniform—for the new Irish Guards.

A special British Court will be constituted for the trial of rebels in South Africa, of which Lord Chief Justice Baron Russell will be a member.

A proclamation issued at Cape Town allows trading between Cape Colony and the occupied portions of the Orange Free State to be resumed.

There are five princes actively engaged in the present South African war—namely, Prince Christian Victor, Princes Adolphus, Alexander and Francis, of Teck, and Count Gleichen.

There are over 100 gold mines in the immediate vicinity of Johannesburg, stretching out on all sides of the city. The monthly output of the mines was fifteen tons of gold.

Owing to the unfavorable conditions for keeping the Boer prisoner at Simonstown, Cape Colony, the authorities have decided to ship them all to St. Helena with the least possible delay.

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### MANY DEATHS IN A FLOOD.

Heavy Rain and a Tornado Cause Loss of Life in Texas.

Waco, Texas (Special).—The heaviest rain in fifteen years fell in Waco and vicinity and reports of deaths and destruction came from every direction. Between eight and ten persons have been drowned within the city limits of Waco. The bodies of two white women, mother and daughter, and one negro have been recovered.

The water was so high that boats were used in the principal streets on the south side to take persons to places of safety. In the basement of the Provident Bank Building, the largest and finest building in the city, water stood four feet deep. The mines at Rockdale were flooded by the high water, drowning four men.

A tornado passed through the southern part of Johnson and the northern parts of Hill counties, causing great damage. In Hill County, the town of Blum, about seventy-five miles southwest of Dallas, was partly destroyed and several persons were fatally injured.

### Minor Mention.

A Russian Chamber of Commerce has been instituted in Paris.

The first beet sugar factory of Chile has been established at Santiago.

From December 1 to April 1 there were 2100 cases of smallpox in Illinois.

Philadelphia now has an automobile club. Its membership limit is fifty.

The prices of food supplies in the city of Manila, P. I., continue to be exorbitant.

The Jessup expedition to explore Northwestern Siberia has sailed from San Francisco.

A farmer in Illinois has been tanning the hides of prairie dogs and selling them in the East.

### Died Suddenly.

Berryville, Va. (Special).—News reached here that John Douzler, assistant postmaster at White Post, this county, died suddenly at his home in that place of heart failure. He leaves a widow and one child.

### A BUSINESS POINTER.

Several Washington merchants are afraid to invite the trade of suburban people for fear it might offend some of their city customers who don't consider it "the proper thing" to be seen in a store with country people. They want the cash of country people when the same can be secured without any outward sign of a desire to reach out for it. One of the largest hardware firms in the city recently refused to advertise in the columns of the CITIZEN and gave the following reason: "We're not out after suburban business for the reason that we consider the trade of the people of Virginia and Maryland not particularly desirable." Gustave Hartig, the hardware man of 509 and 611 H Street, N. E., is of a different opinion. He wants the trade of country people and he is getting it. When you deal with him you are dealing with a square business man and a friend. Dec. 10-41

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