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BOER LAND AND PEOPLE.

John Northwood's Ideas of the Country's Possibilities.

Much of the Territory is Adapted fo Farming -Pretoria Reminded Him of a Progressive American

John Northwood, son of Alex. North wood and formerly of this city, one of he returned Windsor soldiers, talks the returned Windsor soldiers, talks in an entertaining way of the land of the Boer. The Boer soldier does not occupy a very high place in young Northwood's commation, as he thinks the Boer is both cowardly and cruel, but the peaceable residents of newly acquired territory, he says, bid fair to become good colonists of the empire. Some of them are very thrifty and no doubt were very well off beempire. Some of them are very limity and no doubt were very well off before the war commenced. Their homes and farms show that they were familiar with the comforts of life. "You know," said Northwood, "we soldiers did not have much time to study Boer traits. Our first introductive to them was at Paardeberg. duction to them was at Paardeberg, and neither side was very friendly. and neither side was very friendly. However, when Pretoria was reached I spent several weeks in and near the city after the British occupation, and I discovered some things which opened my eyes to Boer progressiveness. The capital of the Transval is charmingly situated and has been built up according to the latest ideas of architecture. If a person was taken to Pretoria ignorant of his whereabouts, he would naturally decide that he was in a progressive American city, for American push has reached even that far-off place. The streets are well paved, there are a unmber of fine business blocks, while in the residence part of the place there are many charming homes, one of the most charming being the residence of Paul Kruger. I might describe it as a large cottage surrounded on every side by trees and having in front the two historic liansfigures at the gate.

"I do not look for Pretoria to ever be a very large city, as there are no interest the reached in the reached." However, when Pretoria was reache be a very large city, as there are no industries to speak of in the place. To my mind it will be more like Ottawa, the Canadian capital, simply a

lovely spot for the legislators of the country to live in while they are transacting the state's business. "The water supply of Pretoria is good. It is taken from the hills which surround the city, and is forced through pipes for a long distance. About the only thing which needs reforming is the sewer system. At present there are only open sewers, and they are not very sightly or healthy. There are four forts around the city, situated on the highest elevations which could be found. All of them, with the exception of the east fort, were intact when Lord Roberts made his entry into the place. The east fort fired on the British, and the latter shelled it with the large navy

The Boar residents of the city were very well behaved considering that they were practically prisoners. The whole place was under martial law with garrison police, and I can tell you that every thing was strict. We canadaans did not get a chance to do very much 'visiting in Pretoria, as we were only allowed to go in on a pass, but we made good use of our opportunities in this respect. Everything was very high priced in the shops, especially the little trinkets which were purchased by the soldiers as souvenits. The restaurants did a thriving irs. The restaurants did a thriving business at the rate of £6 per month for board, and none of the best, at that price. However, the prices go down when things become settled as I was told living was very reason-able in Pretoria before the war broke

"Those yarns about the British soldiers marrying the Boer girls whole-sale can hardly be credited by those who have been in South Africa. Nawho have been in South Africa. Naturally the Boers are not in love with the British anyway, and it will take some time before Tommy Atkins will be able to start courting the daughters of men who have fought and died on account of their hatred to Britain. The young ladies of the Transvaal are very handsome and appear to be well educated.

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"I believe there is a great future before the colonies in South Africa, and particularly the Transvaal. When we were going up to Pretorial I noticed thousands of acres of fine farming land. This land lies in what is called the dips between the kopjes and is very fertile. Of course it is deserted at present. But I could tell from the condition of the ground that large condition of the ground that large crops must have been grown there. I crops must have been grown there. I inquired at Pretoria, and was told that all kinds of grain and vegetables are grown on these farms, and the products find a ready market in the towns and places where there are only grazing lands. I do not imagine that the Boer is a first-class farmer, but when British and Canadian methods are introduced the agricultural possibilities will form no small part of the resources of the country. And as to the climate, it is simply grand. Of course we soldiers were out in rain and cold and could not be expected to thrive on soldiers' fare, but I am told that enteric fever and other diseases of a like nature are unknown in the off a like nature are unknown in the country in times of peace. The dis-eases which followed the British army eases which followed the British army were caused by bad water, long marshes and insufficient covering. One thing peculiar about the climate is that though we experienced rain storms lasting forty-eigh hours, none of us ever caught cold. After the rain ceased, the warm winds cleared the atmosphere in a few hours.

"The first improvement to b emade by the British will be in the way of railroad facilities. At present the roads are abominable. They are narrow guage and consequently very slow.

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The give you an idea of how slow they
are, it took us a week to travel a
thousand miles, when we were coming
way from Pretoria. Of course, above
Bloemfontein we only travelled indaylight, as the Boers are very tricky
and we did not care to run any risk
of being pitched off the track in the
darkenss. 'When night came, we
would stop at some station, place
guards and sleep in the cars. I did not
see a Boer soldier on the return trip as
none of 'them were near our lines of
communication."

most important one, for it stores the human battery with power for the day's work. A good breakfast gives a man staying qualities, and equips him for almost any emergency likely

per breakfast? The first, the most important item, is a preliminary ples, cantelope, berries—seasonable fruit in which juice predominates fruit in which juice predominates over fiber. Fruit juices taken early on an empty stomach, are converted into alkalies, keep the blood normally alkaline, preventing uration of the system with uric acid, and warding off the storms of suffering which such a condition provokes.

Fruit juices act as correctives to the digestive organs, whetting the appetite, increasing the secretion of the gastric juice, and stimulating peristalsis. Where fruit is eaten every morning, digestion is satisfac-tory, the bowels are natural and regular, the head is clear, and an agreeable feeling of general well-

being is experienced. Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon this matter of preliminary fruit breakfast. If accustomed to eating a small breakfast, you should lighten the noon lunch and six o'clock dinner. You will sleep better and rise with appetite. If the fruit does not appear to agree with you at first, if there are sour belchings and abdominal distention, try a small beginning. Take only an orange, drink the juice and reject the fiber. Persist, and the stomach will adapt itself. Gradually add a bunch of grapes and an apple. You will be surprised at the far-reaching benefit derived from so simple practice.

After the fruit, the usual breakfast of a chop and rolls, omelet, potatoes, coffee, or what not, is in order."-Sanitary Record.

Child Life in Liberia.

"When a child is born in Liberia at once to the devil doctor to inquire who it is and what its name shall be," says a missionary who has had charge of the Garraway Mission in Liberia for twelve years, according to an exchange.

He goes to the top of the hous: taking with him a horn, which he blows to call the devil, because it is he who is supposed to tell who it is that has returned to the world. The I berians believe that every baby some deceased member of the family come back to live among them. A young mother is never allowed

to care for her own child, but is compelled to give it to an elder woman to be cared for. These nurses may be seen out of doors any morning, sitting on upright sticks of wood, rubbing the inside of the babies' throats with pepper, until the poor infants are half strangled and altogether miserable with nausea. After this heroic treatment they are laid to sleep on a floor mat by the fire and the 'fittest' survive.

A Liberian woman can command the services of her son-in-law for certain duties, and whatever their obligations may be they must obey her. Girl babies are welcomed in consequence, among these people.

The artificiality of our system time reckoning is clearly set forth in the following extract from a daily paper, the item having been published during the first week in January

A child born in this city about 12.30 o'clock last Sunday will hereafter date his birth January 1, 1900. Another child born precisely the same time in Chicago will date his birth December 31, 1899. two will not celebrate their days in the same year, the same month, or on the same day. This is one of the many curiosities of our time reckonings.

What better argument could be offered for uniform time the world over? Why should it not be first hour of the new year at the same instant in America, Asia, and throughout the width of the Pacific Ocean? It was a great step in advance when the companies established the present system of time belts or sections from which we derive what we call stand-ard time. But it was only one step in the direction of ultimate perfec-tion. Every business need will be served by having universal time and clocks arranged, not to show twelve-hour periods to the day, as at present, but with twenty-four hour dials.

A young married lady one morning gave her husband a sealed letter, which he was to read when he got

ter ran as follows:
"I am obliged to tell you some thing that may give you pain, but there is no help for it. You shall know everything, whatever be the consequences. For the last week I have felt that it must come to this but I have waited until the last ex-tremity, and can remain silent no onger. Do not overwhelm me with bitter reproach, for you will have to put up with your share of trouble as well as myself.' Cold perspiration stood in thick

drops on the brow of the husband. was prepared for the worst Trembling he read on: "Our coal is all gone. Please or-der a ton to be sent this afternoon. I thought you might forget it for the tenth time, and, therefore, wrote

But he didn't forget it that time? Waiters' Tips in Germany. A hotel-keeper in Germany, pays his waiters \$6 a month, clares that he would have to them \$75 a month were he to them what they receive in

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One Girl's Wisdom. "There are bacilli in a kiss," Quoth the young doctor,

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A drunkard in New Orleans was recently saved from continuing his career of dissipation in a peculiar manner. The young man in question was of a fine family and had splen-did gifts, but was going down as fast as it was possible for a man to go through strong drink. His friends had pleaded with him, but he had taken their warnings as an insult. One day one of them, who was a court stenographer, determined to try a new tact with him. He was sitting at a restaurant one evening, when the young man in question came in with a companion, took the table next to him, sitting down with his back to him, and not seeing him. He was just drunk enough be talkative about his private fairs, and on the impulse of moment the stenographer took out his notebook and took a full short hand report of every word he said. It was the usual maudlin folly of a young man with his brain dled by drink, and included a number of highly candid details of his daily life-things that when he was sober he would as soon have thought of putting his hand in the fire as of speaking about to a casual ac quaintance. The next morning the stenographer copied the whole thing neatly and sent it around to the minutes he came tearing in with "What is this, anyhow?" "It's a report of your monologue at the restaurant last evening," plied, and gave him a brief explana-tion. "Did I really talk like that?" he asked faintly. "I assure you it is an absolute verbatim report.

the reply. He turned pale and walked out. He never drank another drop. There are many men who would no only cease the sin of drunkenness, but other sins as well, if they could only see themselves as other people see

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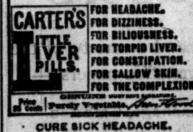
Prunella—Do you know, after I had done all I could to encourage him he wouldn't kiss me.

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