

PETRIE, OWEN
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Owen Petrie, the 19 year old lad who was taken desperately ill from an acute attack of appendicitis at the Thos. McGill ranch on the Sybille, ten days ago, is ill beyond all hope of recovery. Last Wednesday, he was brought in the hospital, having been hauled part of the way on a sled. Altho his condition was considered practically hopeless, an operation was performed, but the poison from the ruptured appendix had so permeated his entire body that he was beyond the reach of medical or surgical skill. Yesterday Dr. Phifer said it was only a matter of hours until death would relieve the sufferer.

Before losing consciousness, the boy said he had come to town the week before he became so critically ill with the intention of entering the hospital and having the appendix removed as he had previously been treated for appendicitis and knew what his trouble was. But acting on the misdirected advice of an acquaintance in town who persuaded him that an operation was not necessary, he returned to the ranch and a few days later, the crisis came when he was far from the hospital and travel next to impossible. This is but another case where the advice of the unknowing has cost a life, unnecessarily.