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INTERESTING FACTS OF 1903.

Two Eclipses Each of the Sun and the Moon.

The Fixed and Movable Feasts of This Year—Jupiter Will be the Evening Star till February 17, Then Morning Star till September 17, and Evening Star Again the Rest of the Year.

In the year 1903 there will be four eclipses, two of the sun and two of the moon, as follows:

- 1. An annual eclipse of the sun, March 28-29, visible to Alaska and the greater part of Asia.
2. Partial eclipse of the moon, April 11, visible more or less to North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Atlantic ocean.
3. A total eclipse of the sun, September 21, invisible. Visible to southern part of Africa, and the southern edge of Australia and the South Indian ocean.
4. A partial eclipse of the moon, October 6-7, invisible. Visible in part to the western coast of North America, Europe and Africa, and wholly to Australia and Asia.

The fixed and movable feasts, anniversaries, etc., are:

- New Year's day, January 1.
Epiphany, January 6.
Septuagesima Sunday, February 8.
Lincoln's birthday, February 12.
Washington's birthday, Sunday, February 22.
Quinquagesima Sunday, February 22.
Ash Wednesday, February 25.
Quadragesima Sunday, March 1.
St. Patrick's day, March 17.
Annunciation day, March 25.
Palm Sunday, April 5.
Good Friday, April 10.
Easter Sunday, April 12.
Low Sunday, April 19.
St. George's day, April 23.
Rogation Sunday, May 17.
Ascension day, May 21.
Decoracion day, Saturday, May 30.
Whitsunday, May 31.
Trinity Sunday, June 7.
Corpus Christi, June 11.
St. John the Baptist, June 24.
Independence day, July 4.
Labor day, September 7.
Michaelmas day, September 29.
Thanksgiving day, November 26.
First Sunday in Advent, November 29.
St. Andrew's day, November 30.
St. Thomas' day, December 21.
Christmas day, Friday, December 25.
St. John Evangelist, December 27.
Mercury will be evening star about January 17, May 10 and September 7th, and morning star about February 27, June 27 and October 18.
Venus will be evening star till September 17, then morning star the rest of the year.
Jupiter will be evening star till February 19, then morning star till September 11, and then evening star again the rest of the year.

The freight movement over the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1902 was the greatest in the history of the company—More cars were moved than ever before, and the capacity of cars handled, compared with that of years previous, was nearly doubled.

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NOW IT'S "PING POODLE."

New Game with Which Suburbanites Amuse Themselves on the Train Going Home.

Have you ever played "ping poodle"? If you are a commuter and don't know anything about the game you are behind the times. Most of the suburbanites are now indulging in "ping poodle" with as much enthusiasm as they formerly displayed over their games of whist or pitch, reports a Chicago exchange.

"Ping poodle" is simply an elaboration of that venerable child's game, known as "spots." A square is made with any given number of spots in it. Then these spots are made into smaller squares by means of pencil marks. The man who has to fill out the last square loses the game.

On the suburban trains each spot usually counts for five cents, and the loser must pay the winner the sum of the spots. If there are 64 spots in a square, the man who makes the last pencil mark must produce \$3.20.

The other day a number of railroad men were playing "ping poodle" when a suburbanite who lives at the farthest station on the local division appeared. When the game had been explained to him he insisted upon playing 128 instead of 64 spots. It was an hour before the game was finished, and then the new-comer found that he owed his opponent just \$6.40.

But the veteran "ping poodler" had passed his own station during the excitement of the game, and as he was unable to catch an incoming train, he was obliged to spend the night with his victim, who after much persuasion finally agreed not to pay his loss.

WOMEN AT POTTERS' WHEEL.

Classes Being Formed All Over the Country for the Purpose of Learning the Art.

The newest outlet for women's energy is pottery making. The famous Rockwood works were started by a woman, and many women are now turning their attention to the possibilities of the wheel, combined with deft fingers and delicate fancy, in the manipulation and designing of clay, reports the Brooklyn Eagle.

All over the country women are becoming interested in pottery making. Classes are being formed and find enthusiastic students ready to join them. Several classes are already in operation in Brooklyn, and are giving time to the acquisition of this practical art. A local artist, who is a member of one of these pottery classes, says:

"The work is and will be for some time to come crude and imperfect, but there is so much enthusiasm manifested and promise of good work to come, that the outlook is very promising. It is proposed to have courses in pottery connected with china painting societies. This will be a great step in the right direction for them, china painters will not be dependent on conventional shapes in pottery, and the necessity of the same design being used over and over again, but each woman can design and model her own pieces, and thus give opportunity for the introduction of original types."

CREAM DOWN HIS BACK.

But the Duke of Fife Was Not Discouraged by Awkwardness of the Servant.

M. Bortsch, the caterer for the Carlton club, the fashionable London organization much patronized by royalty, had an amusing experience with the Duke of Fife, son-in-law of King Edward, while the latter was at Savoy, says a London paper. "I was waiting on the Duke of Fife one evening," said M. Bortsch, "when his grace was giving a small private dinner party in the palace-rooms. There was hardly room to pass behind each guest. The soup was Bortsch—a costly Russian potage made from boiled duck and served with sorrel, vegetables and cream—and just as I was serving it round an accident happened. In one hand I had a plate of soup and in the other my cream. The duke was talking earnestly to me and so intently did I listen to him that I did not know I was dropping all the cream in a hideous thick stream down his back. What did I do? I made no fuss and gave no alarm. The duke went on talking and laughing with his guests with the back of his exquisitely-fitting dress coat one mass of thick cream. I got two or three soft serviettes and as I served him with each course I gave him a rub. By the time he had come to the ice there was nothing left of the cream except certain faint traces, for which I fear, his grace's valet was unjustly blamed."

The Army Baked Bean. "Beans are the soldiers' mainstay," says Thomas P. Dillon, a retired United States cavalry officer. "The American soldier, at a pinch, can equal the performance of an Arab on a handful of dried dates—he can ride and fight all day on a mere handful of beans, properly prepared. There is nothing to equal the army baked bean."

Little Iron in Japan. The Kobe Chronicle, speaking of the imperial iron foundry in Japan, says that it has proved a failure because of the limited supply of ore in that country, and that the government hopes to secure the privilege of working the rich Hangang iron mines in China.

Atmospheric Elements. Besides oxygen, nitrogen and carbonic acid, there are present in the atmosphere five other elements—argon, neon, helium, krypton and xenon.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, January 12, 1903.

A peculiar situation confronts the members of the United States Senate a situation satisfactory to a considerable number of the republicans and equally unsatisfactory to others. Several legislative bills are ready for action and a number of anti-trust bills repose in the Senate committees but practically all legislation is blocked by the Statehood bill and it is already predicted that when it is disposed of there will be no time left for legislation other than the regular appropriation bills, no one of which has yet passed the Senate. To that element of the party which wishes to see the anti-trust bills crowded off the tapis, Senator Quay's persistent advocacy of the Omnibus territorial bill is most gratifying, but to Senator Proctor, for instance, who is anxious to secure the passage of the Militia Reorganization bill and to Senator Lodge, who is working for the passage of the Immigration bill, and to a few senators who fear that in the absence of trust legislation by this Congress, the President will call the next in special session, the Statehood blockade is most annoying.

Over fifteen senators have indicated their intention to speak on the subject of statehood for the territories. Tuesday Senator Hoar addressed the Senate on the subject of his anti-trust legislation. Senator Foraker is ably seconding Senator Quay in the Statehood fight and the result is apparently interminable delay. Of course, as Senator Quay says, this could be easily obviated if the republicans would merely fulfil their pledges made in the national platform and grant statehood to the three territories, but so intense is the fear that the proposed states might add to the democratic strength in the Senate that it is evident statehood will be granted only as a last resort.

Even the grey hairs and long experience of the venerable Senator from Massachusetts have not saved him from unmerciful ridicule by his republican colleagues who will stop at nothing in order to save their trust friends from a measure which would prove so obnoxious to monopoly. The Senator from Massachusetts made an able defense of his bill but it fell upon deaf ears and there is little likelihood of its ever passing the Senate.

It is now generally conceded that the Cuban treaty will be ratified, although with some possible modification at the behest of the beet sugar trust. Mr. Oxnard has said that the continued agitation of a possible tariff would prove more injurious to the trust than the proposed reduction in favor of Cuba and that has left those senators who have ostensibly opposed

the treaty because they claimed it would work an injury to the sugar producers but whose real antagonism was based on their unwillingness to have a single Dingley schedule modified, without an argument on which to base further opposition.

Senator Lodge cast a bomb into the ranks of the high protectionists by introducing a bill removing the duty on anthracite coal for a period of ninety days, for the immediate relief of the consumers. There is, however, no likelihood of the passage of the measure. In fact it is necessary that measures affecting the revenue must originate in the House and Mr. Lodge's bill is regarded as mere buncombe. Nevertheless the democrats are preparing to make a fight on the subject and will at least force the opposition to show its hand. Senator Vest electrified the Senate with one of his brilliant and dramatic speeches in favor of free coal but, probably to no purpose.

There was not even a quorum in the House when Congress reconvened on Monday. An attempt to force the passage of the Army Reorganization bill under a suspension of the rules failed because the democrats demanded a roll call and the latter disclosed the paucity of members and the chamber was compelled to adjourn. The measure was passed next day, however.

It has long been known that the President was losing his balance in his desire to secure the nomination in 1904. He has in the past prided himself on being a man of his word but today it is only necessary for an influential republican to whisper that a proposed move will prove inimical to Mr. Roosevelt's chances in 1904 and



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RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for stations (Pittsburg, Harrisburg, etc.), times (A.M., P.M.), and days (Weekdays, Daily, Flag station).

the former pledge is quickly forgotten or fulfillment evasively avoided. The latest evidence of this drama on the part of the President, and is little less his action in regard to the Indiana Miss postmistress case. Some of the President's friends, or enemies, have been assuring him that he must secure a stronger hold on the negro vote in the south or he would find disaffection in the next national convention. Possessed of this idea the President, assisted to his decision no doubt by Postmaster General Payne who is not a sincere friend, made his decision in regard to the Indiana postoffice, closing the office and compelling the residents to go to the trouble and expense of establishing a private office without even making a proper investigation of the circumstances. If the facts were as Mr. Payne represented, the President might have been warranted in taking some action, but now there are grave doubts as to the facts and even if there had been persecution of the postmistress by certain individuals the case called for criminal prosecution of the offenders and not a wholesale punishment of criminal and innocent alike. These facts are now beginning to come out and it is probable the President will have to stultify his former action.

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