

EATING IN THE OLD DAYS

Then Guests at Banquets Used Their Own Knives and Forks.

Even at so late a period as the restoration, in 1660, the London Chronicle says, it was the custom for guests to take their own knives and forks to an English banquet. Pepys records that he did this when he went to the lord mayor's feast in the Guildhall. In the previous reign the lord chamberlain had found it necessary to issue regulations for the benefit of officers invited to dine at the royal table. They were required to wear clean boots, not to drink more than one goblet to every two dishes, not to throw the bones under the table nor to lick their fingers.

The Stuarts undoubtedly did much to refine English table manners, for it was one of the points admired in Mary Queen of Scots that the customs she introduced from France made her court and royal banquets more exquisite and genteel than those of her rival, Queen Elizabeth. As forks came into use the old-time importance of the table napkin began to wane. From being a necessity it became a luxury, on the fastidious use of which etiquette has at various times placed strange values.

Under the third empire in France St. Beuve brought disgrace upon himself because at breakfast at the Tuileries he carelessly opened his napkin and placed it over his two knees. To this he added the crime of cutting his egg in two at the middle. Court etiquette prescribed that the half folded napkin should lie on the left knee and the top of the egg was to be merely broken with the edge of the spoon and drained with the tip of the spoon.

For his failings in these respects St. Beuve's name was struck off the imperial visiting list.

BILLBOARD AN ANACHRONISM

What the District of Columbia is Doing to Abolish the Eyesore.

The district commissioners are to be congratulated upon their firm stand in connection with the billboard nuisance, the Washington Post says. The advanced position taken receives the hearty indorsement of practically all residents of Washington and the abolition of the billboard eyesores may be the happy consummation of the not distant future. The decision to carry the matter to the courts is to be welcomed as clearing the ground for ultimate action in this matter will show in what respects, if any, present laws need to be amended in order that the nuisance can be legally abolished; and in order to do this the case, when it goes to the courts for adjudication, should be made to cover every possible feature of the controversy. If the present law is not sufficient to remedy the abuse congress can be depended upon to make it broad enough to cover every emergency.

The development of aesthetic ideas in recent years in America, particularly in connection with the beautification of cities, has made the billboard an anachronism, as Commissioner Marfarland declares. While nearly everything else has felt the uplift, the billboard keeps fast to its pristine hideousness.

Not only is the day of the billboard passing in the cities, but there is evidence that the smaller towns and the countryside are awakening to the necessity of action in the way of either abolition or strict regulation. Railroads are refusing permission for the erection of billboards upon their right of way and when the thrifty Jersey farmers are better educated perhaps a trip from Philadelphia to New York will less resemble a journey through a tunnel of horrors.

The Bishop's Choice.

A celebrated Anglican divine, the late bishop of Rochester, who had been ailing for some time, decided to consult Sir Frederick Treves, the noted surgeon. After a careful examination Sir Frederick pronounced his verdict, and added: "Your lordship must go to Algiers or some winter resort on the Riviera."

"Impossible," replied the bishop. "I have too much work to get through."

"Well," said the doctor, "you must make your choice. It is either Algiers or heaven."

"Dear me," exclaimed the bishop, with a sigh, "then I suppose it must be Algiers."—Los Angeles Herald.

Sure to Hit Somebody.

An armed woman, other things being equal, should, if anything, be accorded more severe penalties than those imposed upon men found carrying concealed weapons.

Sunflower Philosophy.

How rarely your favorite barber is idle!

The eternal feminine question: "How much is it a yard?"

Incidentally there are a number of voices that could be revised downward to advantage.

We almost hate to meet a stranger in August; we so hate to shake his hot hand.

You women have an idea that we men can't get along unless we have a woman to watch us.—Acheson, Kan., Globe.

Going the Limit.

"Jiggers, must be leading a fast life in Paris."

"What makes you think so?"

"He writes on a souvenir postcard that he is learning how to eat snails."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A High Regard.

"He has a high regard for the truth."

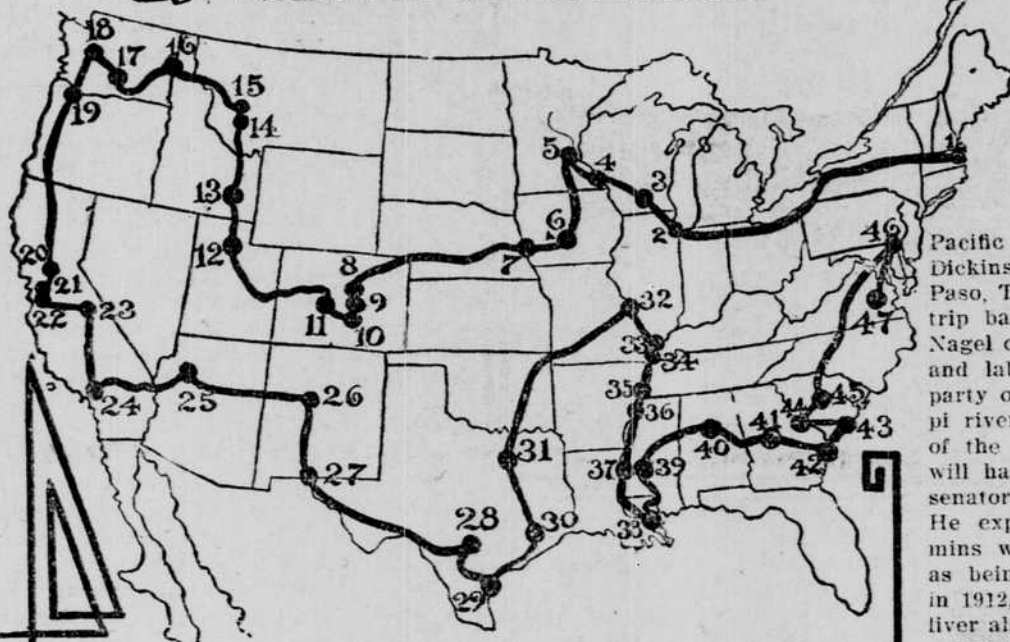
"Yes, indeed. He never thinks of using it when something else will suit his purpose just as well or better."—Detroit Free Press.

President Taft's 13,000 Mile Tour



IN THE ROLE OF ENGINEER.

By WILLARD W. GARRISON



Key Numbers Show President's Course:

Table listing 46 numbered stops across the United States, including locations like Beverly, Boston, Chicago, Madison, Milwaukee, Portage, etc., with corresponding dates from Sept. 15 to Nov. 21.

President WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, backed up by 326 pounds of joyful smiles is today speeding westward on a 13,000-mile tour of the United States.

The trip is over two months in duration, starting September 15 from Boston and ending with the president's arrival in Washington for the winter, on November 21.

It is the longest journey through the length and breadth of the United States ever undertaken by an American executive while in office, and the trip is notable in presidential annals.

While ex-President Theodore Roosevelt is smashing precedents and setting new ones in Africa by riding on the cowcatchers of engines, etc., his successor is getting close to the soil in his own environment.

Riding with the engineer, getting his picture taken leaning from the cab of the engine almost in the act of swabbing the grease from the numbers on the side of the vehicle, stretching over the observation platform to shake hands with countrymen at towns where two-minute stops are billed, shouting a cheery "howdy" as the special train pulls out of the small town station, "Big Bill" Taft is racing from coast to coast and back again.

He was scheduled to touch the extreme northern boundary of the country and upon the occasion, October 16, when it was prearranged that he should shake hands with President Diaz of Mexico, and thereby cement relations between these national neighbors, he was slated to set foot on the south boundary.

He started from Beverly, Mass., which is on the east coast of the United States and his program called for a visit of several days at Seattle and other points on the Pacific coast which is the west boundary of the union. Thus it was predestined that the executive should set foot on the four extreme lines which enclose the domain which selected him as its head.

The personnel of the president's traveling party besides the president, consists of John Hays Hammond, president of the League of Republican Clubs; Capt. Archibald W. Butt, military aide; Wendell W. Mischler, assistant secretary; Dr. J. J. Richardson of Washington, D. C.; James Sloan, Jr., and L. C. Wheeler of the secret service and Maj. Arthur Brooks, the president's confidential messenger. Six newspaper men accompany the president throughout the entire trip. The party travels in two private cars attached for the greater part of the time to regular trains. Besides the regular executive affairs, President Taft is preparing his message to congress and a small part of each day is spent in either making memoranda or mental notes on points upon which he will elucidate in the regular communication due in December.

Secretary Carpenter, the man who handles much of the president's business of national importance, has packed away in his grips several hundred pounds of programs which are to be carried out at the various points at which the president is scheduled to stop and make a few remarks.

There is scarcely a state in the union through which the president does not pass. Every big city in the country with only a few exceptions, will be invaded in accordance with the presidential program.

Leaving Boston, after motoring into the city of highbrows, Mr. Taft and his two special trains departed westward for Chicago, arriving in the windy city the following day. Party chiefs there received him with the sort of glad hand that Chicago knows how to extend. Taft's palm turned upward in response to the cordial greeting, after

which he was down on the bookings to "do" Madison, Portage and Milwaukee, Wis., in a single day on his way to Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.

Thence the program called for a southern trip to Des Moines, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb., with a long jump to Denver, Col., which city a little over a year ago wasn't big enough to hold all the Democrats who wanted William Jennings Bryan for the job Mr. Taft now has.

Thence to Wolhurst, Pueblo, Glenwood Springs and Montrose, Col. From there the president was routed to Salt Lake City, Utah, Pocatello, Idaho, Butte and Helena, Mont., Spokane, North Yakima and Seattle, Wash.

The line of travel from Spokane extends southward along the Pacific coast, the southern states being next to receive the president. At El Paso, Texas, one of the most notable events of the tour will occur when on the sixteenth day of October President Diaz of Mexico and President Taft of the United States, will shake hands in a mutual harmony carnival.

Along the northern line of travel "Oh, you Bill Taft!" became a slogan, and "Howdy Bill" was another favorite expression of the multitude dur-



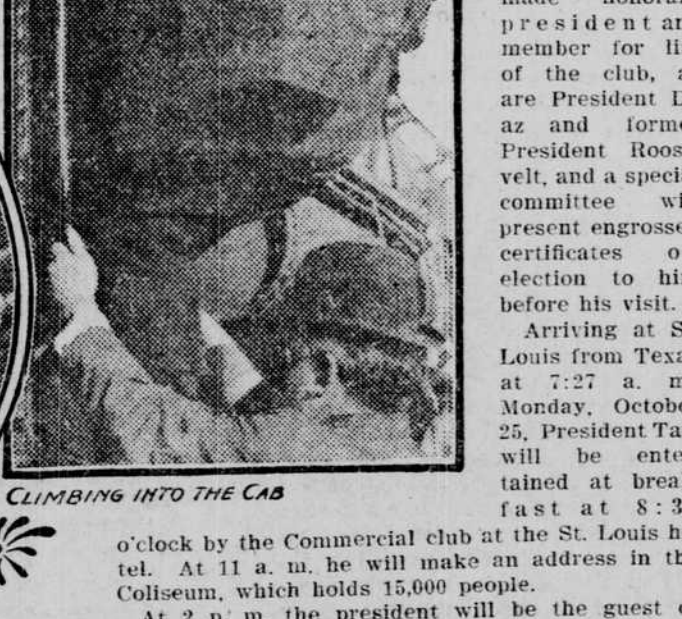
FIVE MINUTES FOR A RECEPTION



A DASH TO THE MEETING PLACE



CLIMBING INTO THE CAB

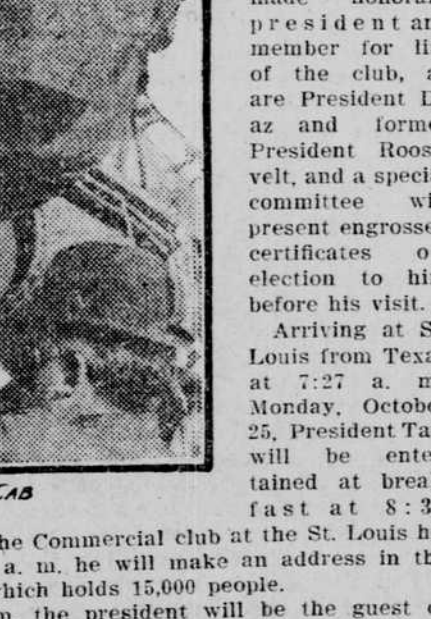


PRESIDENT DIAZ OF MEXICO, WHOM TAFT WILL MEET

ing the first days of the tour. That great big 326 pound Taft smile, which is the only one of its kind in captivity, was the greeting which met the salutations from close to the soil.

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger will accompany the president through the Pacific northwest. Secretary of War Dickinson will join the party at El Paso, Texas, and make the remaining trip back to Washington. Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor will be a member of the party on the trip down the Mississippi river. During his stay in certain of the states the president probably will have as guests on his train the senators of those commonwealths. He expected to meet Senator Cummins who has been reported of late as being boomed for the presidency in 1912, at Des Moines. Senator Dooliver also was to be at Des Moines. San Antonio, Texas will add its welcome to President Diaz at El Paso in the meeting of the president of the Latin republic with President Taft, on October 16, through a committee of 100 citizens and members of the International club. If President Diaz decides to return to Mexico City via San Antonio, a special train will be placed at his disposal and he and his staff will be given possession of the International club's home. A special committee of 25 conveyed this welcome and invitation to President Diaz in Mexico City. President Taft was

"HOWDY, BILL!"



made honorary president and member for life of the club, as are President Diaz and former President Roosevelt, and a special committee will present engrossed certificates of election to him before his visit.

Arriving at St. Louis from Texas at 7:27 a. m., Monday, October 25, President Taft will be entertained at breakfast at 8:30

o'clock by the Commercial club at the St. Louis hotel. At 11 a. m. he will make an address in the Coliseum, which holds 15,000 people.

At 2 p. m. the president will be the guest of Business Men's League at luncheon, in the Jefferson hotel. He will not speak at this function, but will hurry to East St. Louis (Ill.), to attend the dedication of a government building there at 4 p. m.

The president will return to St. Louis in time to sail for New Orleans on the steamboat Mississippi at 5 p. m. Arriving at Cape Girardeau, Mo., at 6 a. m., October 26, the president will be routed out of bed to make an address from the upper deck of the steamboat to the people gathered on the wharf. Leaving Cape Girardeau at 7 a. m., there will be a five-hour run to Cairo, Ill., where at noon Mr. Taft will make a second address from the boat. Leaving Cairo at 1 o'clock the next stop is scheduled at Hickman, Ky., at 4 p. m., where the third address from the deck of the Mississippi will be made. Leaving Hickman at 5 p. m., an all-night run will bring the party to Memphis, Tenn., at 8 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, October 27.

At Memphis the president will leave the steamer and be entertained in the city for four hours, making an address while there. Helena, Ark., will be reached at 6 p. m. on the 27th, and an address from the boat is scheduled at Thursdays, where the president's party arrives at 5 p. m.

A TEXAS CLERGYMAN

Speaks Out for the Benefit of Suffering Thousands.

Rev. G. M. Gray, Baptist clergyman, of Whitesboro, Tex., says: "Four years ago I suffered misery with lumbago. Every movement was one of pain. Doan's Kidney Pills removed the whole difficulty after only a short time. Although I do not like to have my name used publicly, I make an exception in this case, so that other sufferers from kidney trouble may profit by my experience."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

SIX MONTHS.



Mrs. Bill—Now, tell me at once where have you been all this time? Bill—Why, dear, it hasn't been long. Mrs. Bill—How dare you tell me that? You have been out all night.

CUTICURA CURED HIM.

Eczema Came on Legs and Ankles—Could Not Wear Shoes Because Of Bad Scaling and Itching.

"I have been successfully cured of dry eczema. I was inspecting the removal of noxious weeds from the edge of a river and was constantly in the dust from the weeds. At night I cleaned my limbs but felt a prickly sensation. I paid no attention to it for two years but I noticed a scum on my legs like fish scales. I did not attend to it until it came to be too itchy and sore and began getting too running sores. My ankles were all sore and scabby and I could not wear shoes. I had to use carpet and felt slippers for weeks. I got a cake of the Cuticura Soap and some Cuticura Ointment. In less than ten days I could put on my boots and in less than three weeks I was free from the confounded itching. Capt. George P. Bliss, Chief of Police, Morris, Manitoba, Mar. 20, 1907, and Sept. 24, 1908."

Poster Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Preps., Boston.

Anything But That. Little John is the youngest of a family of five boys, says the Delinquent. One day his mother said to him: "O, John, isn't it too bad I haven't one little girl? I could curl her hair and make such pretty little dresses for her. Don't you wish you were a little girl?"

"Why, mother," he said, "I'd rather be most any other kind of animal you could mention than a girl."

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LOW COLONIST FARES TO THE WEST AND NORTHWEST.

Union Pacific Passenger Department announces that Colonist Fares will be in effect from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, 1909, to all points in the West and Northwest.

This year the West looks more promising than ever. Now is the time to secure land at low prices, and, at the same time, to visit the many interesting points in the West and Northwest, at which liberal stopover arrangements may be made.

A better estimate of raw lands can be made now than formerly, because these lands are in proximity to new farms that are producing wonderful crops.

For descriptive literature, write to E. L. Lomax, G. P. A., U. P. R. R., Omaha, Neb.

Women in Postal Service. The distinction of first appointing a woman postmaster does not belong to America, nor is the employment of women in the postal service a new idea.

As early as 1548 a woman postmaster was appointed to look after the mails of Braine le Comte, an important town of France. In the trying times of the Thirty Years' war, the principal office in the postal service of Europe, was held by a woman, Alexandrine de Rue. From 1628 to 1646 she was in charge of the mails of the German empire, the Netherlands, Burgundy and Lorraine. She was known as a master general of the mails. In America, Elizabeth Harvey was the first to hold a place in the postal department. She had charge of the letters in Portsmouth, N. H., in the beginning of the seventeenth century. A half century afterward Lydia Hill was placed in charge of the post-office in Salem, Mass.

Why We Are Stronger. The old Greeks and Romans were great admirers of health and strength; their pictures and statuary made the muscles of the men stand out like cords.

As a matter of fact we have athletes and strong men—men fed on the strength making food such as Quaker Oats—that would win in any contest with the old Roman or Greek champions.

It's a matter of food. The finest food for making strength of bone, muscle and nerve is fine oatmeal. Quaker Oats is the best because it is pure, no husks or stems or black specks. Farmers' wives are finding that by feeding the farm hands plentifully on Quaker Oats they get the best results in work and economy. If you are convenient to the store, buy the regular size packages; if not, near the store buy the large size family package.

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The Art of Saving

I believe that if somebody could invent unique ways of saving money the public would have an assured future. Men, women and children would regard saving as a game and play it with all their heart. There are penny savings banks where newsboys and bootblacks carry their tiny savings, but other children regard their penny bank at home with unfriendly eyes. There are working girls who put away

their five-cent pieces and fatten their small bank accounts by walking instead of riding, and making other petty sacrifices. But the majority of working girls spend as fast as they can earn, and declare that they cannot help it.

One reads of a man who began his career by regarding every dollar as a worker and getting all the profit he could. With that quaint conceit in his

head saving became a pleasure, and he won riches without realizing that it was a struggle. I know of more than one woman who receives each night from her husband every dime he has received in change through the day, for he is careful to avoid spending such a piece of money. These, with her own savings in the same direction, make a respectable weekly showing.—Kansas City Journal.

Women make alliances with one another, not friendships.

Bolivia's Mineral Wealth.

Bolivia is famous for its silver, but also possesses considerable quantities of gold, which, however, cannot be extracted without great expense. In the seventeenth century an Indian near the town of La Paz found a mass of gold, supposed to have been detached from the neighboring mountain by lightning. Bolivia is, on the whole, in a backward condition, political changes and internal conflicts having hindered the development of its natural wealth.