

Calendar for Jan., 1909.

MOON'S PHASES. Full Moon 6d. 10. 13m. a. m. Last Quarter 14d. 2h. 11m. p. m. New Moon 21d. 8h. 12m. p. m. First Quarter 28d. 11h. 7m. a. m.

Table with columns: Day of Week, Sun, Moon, High Water, Low Water. Rows for each day of the week.

Getting Christmas Dinner On a Ranch.

(By Theodore Roosevelt.)

Note.—This vivid little sketch of President Roosevelt's was written twenty years ago, and published in a paper of small circulation, now defunct. We are glad of the opportunity of republishing it now.

One December when I was out on my ranch, so much work had to be done that it was within a week of Christmas before we were able to take any thought for the Christmas dinner. The winter set in late that year, and there had been comparatively little cold weather; but one day the ice on the river had been sufficiently strong to enable us to haul up a wagonload of flour, with enough salt pork to last through the winter, and a few tins of canned goods, to be used at special feasts. We had some bushels of potatoes, the heroic visitors of a struggle for existence in which the rest of our garden-vegetables had succumbed to drought, frost, and grasshoppers; and we also had some wild plums and dried elk venison. But we had no fresh meat, so one day my foreman and I agreed to make hunt on the morrow.

Accordingly one of the cowboys rode out in the frosty afternoon to fetch in the saddlebag from the plateau three miles off, where they were grazing. It was after sunset when he returned. I was lying out by the corral, my wolf-skin cap drawn down over my ears, and my hands thrust deep into the pockets of my fur coat, gazing across the wintry landscape. Cold red bars in the wintry sky marked where the sun had gone down behind a row of jagged, snow-covered buttes.

Turning to go into the little bleak log house, as the dusk deepened, I saw the horses trotting homeward in a long file, their unshod hoofs making no sound in the light snow which had covered the plain, turning it into a glimmering white waste wherein stood dark islands of leafless trees, with trunks and branches weirdly distorted. The cowboy, with bent head, rode behind the line of horses, sometimes urging them on by the shrill cries known to cattlemen; and as they neared the corral they broke into a gallop, ran inside, and halted in a mass. The frost lay on their shaggy backs, and little icicles hung from their nostrils.

Choosing out two of the strongest and quietest, we speedily roped them and led them into the warm log stable, where they were given a plentiful supply of the short, nutritious buffalo-grass hay, while the rest of the herd were turned loose to shift for themselves. Then we went inside the house to warm our hands in the front of the great pile of blazing logs, and to wait impatiently until the brace of prairie chickens I had shot that afternoon should be fixed for supper. Then our rifles and cartridge belts were looked to, one of the saddles which had met with an accident was overhauled, and we were ready for bed.

It was necessary to get to the hunting grounds by sunrise, and it still looked a couple of hours of dawn when the foreman awakened me as I lay asleep beneath the buffalo robes. Dressing hurriedly and breakfasting on a cup of coffee and some mouthfuls of bread and jerked elk meat, we slipped out to the barn, threw the saddle on the horses, and were off.

The air was bitterly chill; the only had been severe for two days, so that the river ice would again bear horses. Beneath the light covering of powdery snow we could feel the rough ground like wrinkles from under the horses' hoofs. There was no moon, but the stars shone beautifully down through the cold, clear air, and our willing horses

Aching Joints

In the fingers, toes, arms, and other parts of the body, are joints that are inflamed and swollen by rheumatism; that acid condition of the blood which affects the muscles also.

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gallopped across the long bottom on which the ranch-houses stood, threading their way deftly among the clumps of sprawling sagebrush.

A mile off we crossed the river, the ice cracking with noises like pistol shots as our horses picked their way gingerly over it. On the opposite side was a dense jungle of haliberry bushes, and on breaking through this we found ourselves galloping up a long, winding valley, which led back many miles into the hills. The cranberries and little side ravines were filled with brushwood and groves of stunted ash. By this time there was a faint flush of gray in the east, and as we rode silently along we could make out dimly the tracks made by the wild animals as they had passed and re-passed in the snow. Several times we dismounted to examine them. A couple of coyotes, possibly frightened by our approach, had trotted and loped up the valley ahead of us, leaving a trail like that of two dogs; the sharper, more delicate footprints of a fox crossed our path; and outside one long patch of brushwood's series of round imprints in the snow betrayed where a bobcat—as plainsmen term the small lynx—had been lurking round to try to pick up a rabbit or a prairie fowl. As the dawn reddened, and it became light enough to see objects some little way off, we began to sit erect in our saddles and to scan the hillsides sharply for sight of feeding deer. Hitherto we had seen no deer tracks save inside the haliberry bushes by the river, and we knew that the deer that lived in that impenetrable jungle were cunning white tails which in such a place could be hunted only by aid of a hound. But just before sunrise we came on three lines of heart-shaped foot marks in the snow, which showed where many deer had just crossed a little plain ahead of us. They were walking leisurely, and from the lay of the head we believed that we should find them over the ridge, where there was a brush coulee.

Riding to one side of the trail, we topped the little ridge just as the sun flamed up, a burning ball of crimson, beyond the snowy waste at our backs. Almost immediately afterward my companion leaped from his horse and raised his rifle, and as he pulled the trigger I saw through the twigs of a brush patch on our left the erect, startled head of a young black-tailed doe as she turned to look at us, her great mole-like ears thrown forward. The ball broke her neck, and she turned a complete somersault down hill, while a sudden smashing of underbrush told of the flight of her terrified companions.

We both laughed and called out "dinner" as we sprang down toward her, and in a few minutes she was dressed and hung up by the hind legs on a small ash tree. The entrails and viscera we threw off to one side, after carefully poisoning them from a little bottle of strychnine which I had in my pocket. Almost every cattleman carries poison and neglects no chance of leaving out wolf bait, for the wolves

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Began Evacuation.

New Year's Day witnessed the beginning of the evacuation of Cuba by the army of pacification, which has been in possession of the island since the beginning of the provisional government, October, 1906. The first provisional regiment of marines, numbering about 900, the first troops to leave, have been concentrating from various posts at Camp Columbia. About half this regiment sailed from Havana on January 1, on the cruiser Prairie, which arrived there Christmas Eve, bound for Newport News. The Prairie will return about the middle of the month and embark the remainder. The last of the troops will embark April 1. Cubans, except a few who profess to fear that disorder will follow the evacuation of the island, are greatly pleased at the departure of the American forces as marking the complete establishment of independence. All show the kindest feeling toward the troops.

The Earthquake.

Rome, Jan. 8.—Ambassador Grisotti will leave here tomorrow for Messina to meet the American squadron, which is expected to arrive here on Saturday, under Rear-Admiral Sperry on the flagship Connecticut. In the past 48 hours \$15,000 has been spent in Rome and \$10,000 in Genoa for clothing alone. The cargo includes 1,450 blankets, 4,360 underclothes, 1,100 pairs of shoes, 1,100 pairs of heavy overcoats, 250 capes, 1,100 shawls, 700 suits of clothes, 300 extra trousers and a great quantity of shirts, stockings and handkerchiefs. A ton of candles and 5,000 boxes of matches are among the supplies, together with all kinds of implements for digging and repairing, lanterns, buttons, sewing cotton, scissors, nails and hammers and kitchen utensils.

Word received here from Naples says that "Hooligans" during the night ran through various parts of the city crying "Earthquake, earthquake!" Their cries aroused thousands of people, who rushed out of their houses, thus giving thieves an opportunity to work. The frightened population gathered in the squares and crowded the churches. Some of them took crucifixes and carried them through the streets in procession amid wailing and weeping. Signor Bertolini, minister of public works, who is now in Reggio, has telegraphed to Premier Giolitti that the people there are beginning to be more calm, and for that reason there is no present need for steamers for the transportation of refugees. The minister adds that efforts should now be directed toward the sending of a great quantity of wood and other building material for the construction of huts along the Sicilian and Calabrian coasts. The following list of places in Reggio province is published as having suffered the greatest damage from the earthquake. Bagnara, Cannitello, Casana, Gullio, Gallina, Laganati, Melicono, Mellito, Montebello, Motta, Palmi, Pellaro, Podgeroni, San Procopio, Santa Stefano, Soylia, Seminara, Ripicci, and San Giovanni.

Messina, Jan. 6.—A curious case of telepathy has occurred to a sailor on board the Italian battleship Regina Elena. He was granted leave to search for a girl in Messina with whom he was engaged to be married. After having sought for her during four days, he returned to the ship exhausted and fell into a deep sleep, during which he dreamed of his fiancée saying to him: "I am alive. Come save me." The sailor awakened, obtained fresh leave from the commander of the ship, gathered together several friends and went to the spot of which he had dreamed. The party penetrated the ruins of a house and found the girl uninjured.

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