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The Visit of the British Prince of Wales.

A great deal of nonsense, favorable and unfavorable, has been written about the proposed visit of the Prince of Wales to this country.

Nearly all the speculation regarding the social aspect of the visit of the Prince, the requirements of precedent, the people who will be permitted to meet him or entertain him, the society buds who will exhibit their charms in his royal presence, etc., may be swept aside as silly.

Just as silly is the critical and even scurrilous comment emanating from some of the professional Anglophobes or British-baiters in the United States, who use the Prince as a text for a new series of diatribes against the British empire and people.

A favorite device of these critics is to "damn with faint praise." Edward is described patronizingly as "a nice boy," personally likable and commendable. Between the lines is the implication that as the prospective ruler of the British empire he is but a sorry spectacle, and that any nation that will even pretend to be ruled by such a commonplace individual is absurd and undemocratic.

The fact is that the king-emperor, who is now George and will eventually be Edward, is literally the "king-pin" that holds the British empire together. That empire is a great aggregation of democratic and virtually independent nations. Without the imperial crown, they would fall apart.

Politically, George is, and Edward will be, little more than a symbol of unity. But there is nothing on earth more powerful than symbols. Viewed in that aspect alone, the American government and American people may well give a respectful and friendly greeting to this representative of the British government and the British people.

It is all the easier and pleasanter for Americans to be hospitable to Prince Edward because, while not pretending to brilliance or special ability, he has proved his mettle in the war, and is known for the qualities of bravery, manliness, sincerity and democratic simplicity which Americans always admire.

Studying Democracy in the Household.

A titled woman from Holland, who wished to bring up her children to understand the fullest meaning of the word "democracy," came to this country and has worked as a domestic servant, incapable, of course, in several western families. She thought by doing this she herself would understand democracy better, and be better able to teach its principles to her children.

It would be amusing to know what the baroness thinks.

"There is no man like an old servant," says the proverb, and if her ladyship happened to work in a household where the cook reigned supreme she learned a lot about democracy that she had only faintly guessed at for all her patrician birth.

On the other hand, if she happened to get into one of those families to be found everywhere, where money has accumulated more rapidly than money, and the idea of elegance is now beating the servant, she must have been bewildered indeed.

There is no stratum of American life where democratic principles are so distorted as in the relations of master and servant. They veer from

the familiarity which breeds contempt to the most flagrant examples of class distinction. Only in a few instances is that happy medium reached in which each accepts and signifies his place and preserves a decent respect for the other.

If the baroness happened upon such a household, she should have taken quite at home, for the higher the breeding the simpler are all the relations between servant and served.

She may have learned, much to her surprise, that true democracy and true nobility have their roots in the same soil, and that it isn't whether one is a commoner or an aristocrat that matters, but how he conducts himself.

How Long Will Airmen Circle the Globe?

An Italian aviator has crossed the South American continent from Buenos Aires to Valparaiso. It is the first crossing of that continent by airplane, and is a notable event, even though it was not made at the widest part of South America and was not a non-stop flight.

Plans are said to be in progress for a flight across the Pacific Ocean. Many trips are being made from points in Europe to Asia. There really is not much trying-out to do before some enterprising fliers will make a round-the-world trip with stop-overs in many lands and among peoples of many races, colors and types of civilization.

Then the shade of Fernando Magellan may salute the shade of Jules Verne while both exclaim, "I guess we started something, all right!"

Just as everybody has pronounced the question settled forever, the German government appoints a tribunal to find out who is responsible for the war.

Control of the wires has been returned to private ownership, but the users will need to exercise self-control as usual.

If the results of the food investigation are half as large as some of the headlines announcing them, nobody will need to complain.

Anyway, it must be admitted that the high cost of drink has gone down.

Better bring Hoover home, and put him on the food job.

ALICEL WELCOMES A DAUGHTER HOME FROM FAR LANDS

Last Sunday evening, the Island City League visited the Alicel Epworth League. The former very capably took charge of the Epworth League services.

Miss Eula Watkins returned to her home, at Alicel, last Saturday, after

having spent nearly a year at the Oregon Normal school.

Miss Linnea Johnson, who has spent the last year as a Red Cross nurse, in the Philippine Islands and other far away places, arrived home last Tuesday morning. She is only on a 30-day furlough and at the end of that time must return to San Francisco before receiving her final discharge. She has told many interesting things about her experiences there, and has brought home several souvenirs.

Giles Van Housen, who has been working for Frank McKennon, moved back to his former home in Alicel.

Col. King Stanley Visits old Stopping Ground in Dakota

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"I climbed up the bank and into the road, right in the path of our car. There wasn't anything to do for it, but jump the fill, and that's what I did."

"There's three men that are making the title of colonel that I feel are entitled to it and that this law would hit. They are Cody, White Hawk and King Stanley. I don't believe in taking this honor away from them."

"Congress agreed with him to the extent of not passing the bill, so, unofficially, at least, we three own our titles to an act of congress."

Touring on Wagon.

"How'd we come to make the trip?"

"Well, we were sitting round in Jimmy's garage one night talking about transcontinental touring and somebody calculated 'twould be lots of fun, but it cost too much. I come back with a bet that Jimmy and I could borrow ten dollars apiece, pay it back before we'd been out two weeks, and tour to New York and back without touching our bank accounts. We tied up our bank accounts so we couldn't touch them until we appeared in person; borrowed ten dollars apiece, and started out in Jimmy's car with \$5,000 as the wager. Jimmy is the best mechanic and all-around automobile man in the world. Seven days out we sent back the money we'd borrowed and seven weeks out we were in New York."

"How'd we pay our way?"

"Sten painting, doing fancy shooting and other stunts. 'Twas easy to pick up all the money we needed." Stanley will resume his westward Jimmy did. We landed on all fours—the car, I mean—in the mud and water at the bottom of the fill, but we saved the kids, and the car wasn't really hurt. But it tied us up for two days and it spoiled a perfectly good record for the trip.

"Blamack seems like home to me."

I was here when it was a real frontier city, one of the live spots of the west. I knew Capt. Grant Mason well, and old Danie Hannafin, too. Ran across Steve Welch today, and he remembered me. I operated in the Black Hills mostly in my scolding days, but I often got up to Black Hawk, and I made one office trip up the High Missouri at the Blackrock Indian uprising.

"Buffalo Bill and I weren't exactly pals, but we were good friends. He'd throw jobs in my way, and I'd return the compliment. I still do a little scouting and occasionally guide a party through the Great American desert about New Mexico, and I've a sign-painting shop on Los Angeles and a half-dozen mines or so that may pan out sometime. Have done a lot of prospecting in my day, but seem to have overlooked the bonanza."

How He Got His Title.

"My title?" "Well, you see, fellows like Cody, White Hawk and myself were boss of the scouts, and we had to have some title, so they called us colonel, and it stuck in after life. Years ago congress was considering passing a law making it a crime for anybody journey Monday, when he got out for the Bad Lands, which he hopes to make by evening, when he will camp in one of his old-time camping sites, of the days when he and Deputy Sheriff Teddy Roosevelt rode the buttes of the Little Missouri together. Hence he will force on west in his Maxwell Rat with Los Angeles and home as his ultimate destination."

Use of India Rubber.

India rubber was used for the first time as an eraser in 1770, when a very small piece was sold for three marks. It was, however, many years later before it was put into general use. Prior to this the crumb of bread was used for erasing purposes.

"Re-creation of Brien Kent" by Harold Bell Wright, just in, at Newlin Book & Stationery Co. 8-10-11.

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