Amout The Coming of a Prince

The coming to Portland of the Crown Prince of Siam is quite an event, and many people are looking up the history of his country. Probably the best informed on the, subject in this city, are the missionary workers, who are found in the churches in large numbers.

Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D. D., one of the secretaries of the Board of buildings should be closed, and all open up Siam to the influences of Go to Foreign Missions, and formerly business suspended, and if it is not the outside world. Nor is it likely pastor of the First Presbyterian strictly observed, it can hardly be to end with the lifetime of the Church of Portland, visited in Siam and Laos three months. In laws are in some parts of America has been educated in England, and his report of the trip is much of and Europe. * * * Since 1894 is to return to Siam by way of the

to speak of the Siamese and Laos the Siam Electricity Company is gram. as weak. They certainly do lack paying a semi-annual dividend of the persistence and industry of the 4 per cent on 10,000 lamps, and it Chinese. Here, as in the Philip- has a capacity for 7000 more, while pine Islands, a tropical climate it advertises power for small manubegets indolence and reduces wants facturing motors and is planning to a degree which prolific Nature the introduction of electric autoreadily supplies. There is no oc- mobiles. Thirteen of the 26 steam casion to struggle for existence in rice mills of the city have their care her of a frightful case of stomach Siam, and it is therefore not sur- own electric plants, as has also the trouble and yellow jaundice. Ga l prising that people take life easily. Bangkok Dock Company, two forts, stones had formed and she constantly The banans, the cocanut, the betel, five naval vessels and the mays grew worse. Then she began to use NO Cura. NO Cura. No Cura. the mango, the pommelo, the yard. orange, the jack fruit and the lime grow with little or no cultivation, from 1851 to 1868, was taught Enwhile the simplest tillage-a mere glish and science by a missionary tickling of the rich soil-suffices the Rev. J. Caswell. for abundant yields of rice and "His son, the present king, who vegetables. As for a house, one rejoices in the name of Somdet can be built of the ever-present Prahart Prah Parmender, Hahar bamboo and attap palm in a Chulaogkaum Caudintartape Macouple of days.

"In these circumstances. I marvel not that the people are so backward, but that they are so forward. and that I saw them making modbe paralleled in any Asiatic country that I have yet visited, except in Japan. In China, Korea and the Philippines there are improvements where foreigners have made them. But in far-inland Pre, the Laos Governor sent his carriage to me for a drive, and I opened my eyes when I saw an equipage which would grace Fifth avenue, New York-rubber tires, shining wheels, luxurious upholstery, handsome harness and liveried coachman. In Chiengmai I was driven for hours over roads which were an amazement and denght, after the ridges and hollows which are euphemistically called roads in China. At Pitsanuloke, 250 miles from Pangkok, the neat, whitewashed picket fences lining the for more than a mile, the well kept lawns of the public buildings, the elegance of the Siamese Club, and the residences of the officials would greatly surprise a traveler, who had expected to find a villiage of high estate and of low degree." barbarians in this interior region of Siam. At Ke Kan, where I Japan, the most enlightened and stopped for night, there is not a single foreigner and never has progressive monarch in Asia, and been; but we strolled for a long sympathize with his views and distance on a level, beautifully sympathize with his views and energetically assist him in executthe river bank. We saw a sign bearing the word, 'Postoffice' in Davarwongse, the Minister of the Interior; Frince Davarwongse, the Minister of Forpassed a telegraph office, and on eign Affairs, and some of the Comoffice we saw two bicycles. Sunday we camped near a hamlet in majesty and his advisers are far in the heart of the mighty forest jun. advance of the rest of the nation. gle, about as far from civilization. one might suppose, as it would be easy to get. But in the police port of reform movements which Chiengmai, so, that though I was on the other side of the planet high and the low. The revolutionfrom New York, 12,500 miles away from home, and 600 miles in the interior of Farther India, I could have flashed a message to any point in Europe or America. "July 16, 1883, was the date of

Siam's first telegrapic communications with the outside world.

"The police stations are models of neatness-spotlessly white buildings in well kept grounds, adorned with carefully tended flower beds and potted plants. In the capitals one might expect such things, but I am writing of what has been done in distant interior towns of Siamese themselve: Nr is this all. A new system of accounts and auditing is gradually reducing to order the hitherto hopelessly confused finances of the country. The prisons are being remodeled

I inspected one in Laos and one in any changes have come from above wards. Free public schools have the masses of the people. been opened all over the lands, and "The King is simply trying to Dr. Brown says: "It is common nated the King's palace, and now be hospitably received."-Tel.-

"Prah Chaumklow, who reigned

has Mookoot Rartenah *Rarchawewongse Racher Nekaradome Chartaranth Baromah Mahar Chakrapart, Prah Chulu Chaumklow, Chow Yu Huah, was the first monern improvements which cannot arch of Sixm to visit other lands and his travels greatly broadened his mind. He has abolished the custom of prostrations at court, introduced European dress, established a royal museum, adorned his capital with excellent streets. public gardens and a group of state buildings, which would be considered handsome in a European capital. Strict Buddhist, though he is, he and his officials not only grant full religious toleration, but assign valuable property to Christian mission work.

"The United Minister once said; The King of Siam is a man of fine education, keen insight and broad culture. He speaks the English language well, and appreciates it keenly as a medium of civilization for his people. * * * The work of Protestant missions in this cour. try has been especially fruitful in good results, along the lines of Christian education and civiliz tion, influencing alike those in

Dr. Brown says: "The King is undoubtedly next to the Mikado of ing them, such as Prince Damrong, the Minister of the Interior; Prince the verandah of the Magistrate's missioners, notably those at Pitsanuleke and Chiengmai. But his

"There is no middle class in Siam to give that substantial supstations I found a telephone conpractically but two classes-the and all way points.

Siam, and found clean, well-fed instead of below, as in Europe, prisoners in roomy, well-yentilated and they have scarcely penetrated

several that I visited had good fasten the fruits of Christian civi- head of stoers, 24 heifers, and one shore buildings, foreign desks and an lization on the dead tree of a Buddabundance of maps. A royal de- hist nation. The effort should not cree, dated February, 1899, made be criticised. It is well meant and mile north of the Gregon King mine. Sunday a legal holiday, and di it is beneficial as far as it goes. It rected that on it all Government is unquestionably doing much to more of a dead letter than similar present King. The Crown Prince an electric light plant has illumi- United States, where he should

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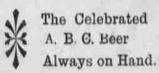
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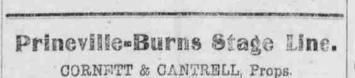
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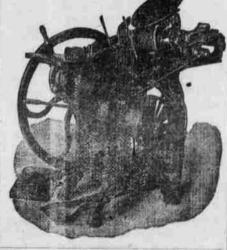
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