

O'RELL WRITES OF AMERICA

Which He Terms a Most Wonderful Country

Says the Colonial Is Achieved in the American Journalistic Enterprise and Tall Buildings.

Here I am in the United States for the seventh time. My first visit was paid fourteen years ago, in 1887. Since that day, what changes, what fair-like transformations!

It is like phantasmagoria. In 1887 the population of America was 58,750,000; now it is over seventy million. In fifty years' time it will be two hundred millions! Yes, the land of the colossal, the land of intelligence, the land of light!

As before, I find all the Americans at the wheel, almost recovered from a tragedy that shocked the world and obtained for them the deepest sympathy of the most exalted in the land as well as the lowest.

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But for the colossal, give me American journalistic enterprise. Give me newspaper proprietors who from New York papers in Chicago and San Francisco, and who, in order to do so, have private telegraphic wires stretching from one end to the other of this huge continent at a yearly cost of \$50,000.

On the 1st of this November the Paris "Figaro" published an article of mine entitled "A New Education to Start." Three days ago I received a Butte (Montana) paper of the next day, the 2nd of November, containing an editorial of a whole column on that "Figaro" article.

From such an insignificant thing as an article of mine judge what American journalism can do in the presence of great events. I have heard of cablegrams costing tens of thousand dollars.

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ALL LONDON EN FETE

In Accordance Welcomes to New Prince of Wales.

London, Dec. 31.—The recent visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the city evoked demonstrations of loyalty worthy of the best traditions of the capital of the British Empire.

The first royal visit to the city since the ascension of the King and Queen, was to the height of such an unique occasion.

Happily, the day was not foggy and the royal couple made the progress in comfort through the gaily decorated streets amid cheering crowds.

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A letter recently received from Attorney Wm. McKay, written on the 23rd of November, states that Attorney J. B. Pattullo and himself expected to leave the following day for England, and would make a tour of the continent.

Mrs. R. K. Latimer entertained a number of her friends at Christmas dinner. The table was beautifully decorated and bountifully supplied with all the delicacies of the season.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Dr. J. N. E. Browne entertained at lunch. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. Dufferin Pattullo, Judge Macaulay and R. P. McLennan.

INSTALLATION AND BANQUET

Elaborate Affair Given by the A. F. & A. M.

Commemoration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. An Excellent List of Toasts.

One of the most thoroughly enjoyed events that has ever taken place in the city under the auspices of the A. F. & A. M. was the installation of the new officers of the lodge recently elected and the banquet given in connection therewith.

The banquet was given at the Hotel Vancouver and was a most successful affair. The guests were most numerous and the entertainment was of the highest quality.

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The Nugget's Department for Children

Too Sure of Success.

Quite absurd of Miss Anderson to give Tortoise the chance of blundering over "The May Queen" on examination day, exclaimed Rose Heathcote. "Of course it's easy enough for any of us three, but she ought not to be made equal with us in this kind of way, and I only wonder mamma allows it."

"It's all one to me," said easily going Laura Farrar, who was a neighbor of the Heathcotes, and came in daily to study with them. "I hate poetry and know I shall have no chance against you as to all the feeling and tenderness Miss Anderson says we are to throw into our recitations of the 'May Queen' it is quite out of my line. I can learn the words correctly enough, I dare say, but according to Miss Anderson, that is not everything."

"No," I should think not," said John, Rose's younger brother, in tones of considerable indignation. "Surely it must be impossible to read or recite 'The May Queen' without feeling how beautiful it is, and as for Amy, our poor little Tortoise, why should not she have a chance? It will save her up a little, and I think it is very nice and kind of Miss Anderson to let her see she does not think her such a duce as you would make her out."

Dear little Amy Anderson, the Tortoise, who had been so long and so patiently waiting for her chance, was about to give up when she was called on by her mother, who had just returned from the examination of the new officers of the lodge recently elected and the banquet given in connection therewith.

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