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THE LIBERTY BELL

San Francisco wants the Liberty Bell during the exposition which will celebrate the completion of the Panama canal. The councils of the city of Philadelphia, the legal guardians of this precious relic and symbol of the beginning of American independence are hesitating about granting the request.

Yet these objections undoubtedly will be overridden. Liberty Bell belongs to the nation, not to Philadelphia. The states beyond the Mississippi have never seen it. In the journey it has heretofore taken about the country it has been guarded with the most jealous care.

In the few times the bell has been taken from its resting place in Independence hall to distant cities it has been awaited all along the line of its progress by crowds of silent, bare headed, reverent Americans.

This nation has but few symbols which stand for all that it is and of these one of the most sacred and fitting is the bell which rang out the tidings of its birth. No good American can behold it without being inspired with a higher conception of what it means to be an American.

Let San Francisco have the bell, its pilgrimage to the Pacific coast will bring out some of the most impressive demonstrations of American patriotism the country has ever seen.

FACTS ABOUT ALFALFA

The following facts about alfalfa are taken from the current issue of the Farm Journal.

"Alfalfa is the natural forage crop of the arid region. It will grow anywhere here, making from three to seven tons per acre a season. Colorado alone has an annual output of alfalfa exceeding \$15,000,000.

possible and cuts it all down. The rakes are started soon after the mowers, as the alfalfa is not allowed to cure in the swath. If the mowers start in the morning rakes are started at noon. As soon as it is raked, it is put into cocks to cure and remains in them a week or so.

"As soon as the crop is harvested, the water is turned on the field and another crop is soon under way. We get three crops and pasture here in Colorado, while in the low, hot portions of Arizona and California five to eight crops are harvested.

"Alfalfa, the king of forage plants, is not a transient grass, for its tap-roots penetrate the hardest hardpan in search of moisture and food. Roots 12 to 16 feet long are found, and in one place in California a root was found at a depth of 129 feet."

FARMERS MAKING MONEY BY DOMESTICATING WILD ANIMALS

The following is taken from the current issue of Farm and Fireside: "The plain farmers of Prince Edward Island seem actually to be making money by rearing the silver fox for its fur, as are the ostrich farmers of California Arizona and South Africa by growing ostriches for their feathers. At the present time seven hundred silver foxes are kept on farms on that island. Their skins would be worth half a million dollars if they were killed. The value of the foxes as breeding stock, however, is given as \$1,500,000. A good skin is worth in the London market about \$2,500. The yearly profits from a pair of foxes is about \$5,000.

BALLOTS ARE ODD.

Our vaunted ability at law making is somewhat put to shame when we see the manner in which this intelligence exerted itself in the marking of ballots. There is not a precinct in all those ten counties so far in the recount contest, in which there are not a dozen or more that are entirely blank.

Another peculiar ballot shows the ill will which some unknown man entertained of the banks and the giving of proper bonds was the only measure for this fellow on the large sheet. Another unscrupled voter saw nothing but roads to vote on and made them the target of his scolding opinion.

There was indiscriminate mixing of checks. For instance it was common enough to see a regular Republican vote for half a dozen Socialists and vice versa. A good many changed their mind while in the booth and some of the changes in this respect will have to be passed on by the court or the legislature to ascertain the content between voters and ballots.

Both of the above were first and second choice. An old maid down east dismissed a burglar under her bed. Ed she said? Not this one. She slipped into another room, took down an old iron

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whether the people are exercising the right to vote in a manner that is beneficial to the community, save the judges and clerks of election who in their hurry to count the ballots and get out have no time to make a careful perusal of them.

As already stated, many of the ballots are altogether blank and have not a scratch on them. On others the voter seemed so insistent that his name is the right one for the office that he wrote the words "voted for" after the man's name, before which he had made the proper cross. For others there was but one name on the ballot. It is not at all infrequent that Frank Childers was the only name voted for. Others were of the opinion that they would take an elector from each of the parties to make sure that there would be plenty of wrangling about the president.

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pistol from the wall, invited the burglar out and then at the point of the pistol made him propose. Talk about old maids being slow! Out, out!

A Georgia man has invented a seedless watermelon, but the genius is yet to arrive who will invent one with a handle.

That Boston man who tried to commit suicide with a corkscrew evidently found life a bore.

That balloonist had his nerve when he named his gas bag "Uncle Sam."

His Stomach Troubles Over.

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