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## "LIBERTY BELL."

This famous old bell of freedom—Liberty Bell, as it has always since been called, was dedicated about 23 years before the independence event by Speaker Norris of the Pennsylvania Assembly. It was originally cast in London in 1751, but on its arrival in Philadelphia a defect was discovered and it was recast in that city in August, 1752. The bell was not then found to be satisfactory, and in 1753 it was again recast by Pass & Stow and placed in position. When the bell was finally finished it bore the inscription "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." It is an interesting circumstance that this reference to liberty should have been placed on this bell 23 years prior to the time when it literally fulfilled the Mosaic proclamation.

At the time the sweet toned announcer of freedom was dedicated Speaker Norris gave the central text of the verse in Leviticus (xxxv, 10) from which the inscription on the bell was taken: "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubilee unto thee."

The bell was first used to proclaim the political liberty promised by the Declaration when it was rung on the day appointed by Congress, July 8, 1776, at which time John Nixon read the document from the balcony of old Independence hall in Philadelphia.

The bell was taken down in 1777 when the Americans evacuated Philadelphia at the time of the British occupancy, and it was removed to Allentown, Pa., for safe keeping. It was returned to the state house later, but was never restored to its original place in the old steeple.

For about 60 years after July 4, 1776, the famous old bell celebrated the anniversaries of the Declaration day and other events by ringing out reminders to the people of Philadelphia, and then it cracked and became forever silent. This occurred on July 6, 1835, when the bell was tolling for John Marshall, the fourth chief justice of the supreme court of the United States.

Forest Grove, Ore., July 7.—A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Starrett, here to day, when their daughter, Miss Lou C. ristina, became the bride of Charles Daniel Wagner, Rev. Hiram Gould officiating.

Mrs. Wagner taught school near Forest Grove some years ago, and later taught for several years in the Government Indian schools in Arizona. She was recently transferred to the Indian schools at Miles, Wash., where she was given the position of head teacher. The groom is a graduate of the Ohio Northern University. He is the Government engineer in charge of the irrigation system on the Pinte Indian Reservation in Nevada. After August 1 the newly wedded couple will be at home in Wadsworth Nevada. The honey moon will be spent at Seaside, followed by a short visit to San Francisco, enroute to their new home.