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THE LIBERTY BELL.

The Liberty Bell is not valued for its size or the sweetness of its tone but for its association with one of the great events of history. From the day it was cast, in 1753, it hung for twenty-three years in the wooden belfry of the old Philadelphia state house...

Herbert Quick was one of the speakers at the recent Baker-Farmer conference in Chicago. His subject was rural schools, for which he had no good word to utter. The false education which these schools dole out to the youth of America, said Mr. Quick, is the worst of crimes. Other observers take the same view. Some say that a great many of the queer defects and inconsistencies in the life of the United States grow out of our imperfect education which deals with bookishness and cuts off from the world of realities.

The best thing anyone can say of the rural schools is that they are not so bad as they were a few years ago. The Latin-mathematical ideal still lingers, but it is being held. Country schools have readily begun in many places to educate boys and girls for country life, but their atmosphere is almost everywhere persistently academic and bookish. The rural schools will never perform their true function until they take a firm hold upon the actualities of rural life. Latin and mathematics are very well in their place but that place should be markedly subordinate.

NO HOPE OF PEACE IN MEXICO. Little hope of peace between the Mexican factions is held out in a letter from R. V. Pesquera, formerly Assistant Secretary of War in Carranza's Cabinet, to the New York Times. He admits that last month Carranza begged Villa to meet him at Havana, but there came no peace agreement, but Villa would not listen. He says that now it is absolutely impossible for us to parley with any of the factions who have fought against the principles of the revolution...

AMERICAN SECURITIES COMING HOME. The enormous loans raised by the European nations are driving American securities back to this country. The belligerents raise the rate of interest they offer as their drafts on available capital increase in volume, until government rates equal and then exceed those of private securities. The inducement then becomes strong to the American investor to buy stocks and bonds in order to buy war bonds, and patriotism has its influence also.

GERMAN'S LOST COLONY. The British conquest of German Southwest Africa is an important event of the war for several reasons. It deprives Germany of one of her most prized colonies. It gives Britain a great country with rich diamond fields near the coast and great cattle ranges of the interior plateau, and it moves a menace which flanked the South African dominion on the west. The conquest was effected by colonial troops, mainly Boers who had been at war with Britain twelve years ago, and under the leadership of the Boers had the Boers in that war. It releases the South African colonial troops for service in some other field of operations after they have been hardened by campaigning and have proved their worth.

PREPARE FOR PEACE TIMES. In a letter to the New York American George W. Perkins says that "we are no more prepared for peace than we are for war." When the war began, the influence of the tariff was making conditions rapidly worse. The balance of foreign trade was turning against us, and the value of our money was falling. The war has furnished employment to these men in making war munitions, but Mr. Perkins continues: "When the war is over this work will stop. We will find ourselves back under the Wilson tariff. Not only this but we will be possessed of a very large amount of European gold. Europe will get a good make a sharp rise in the value of its money. We will find ourselves in a very bad way to get it back by putting her millions of dollars from her banks into her factories on goods that she manufactures and floods this country with these goods at low prices under the present Wilson tariff."

trade balance of the last fiscal year, the exports have been principally grain and cotton, and the New York Evening Post says the movement of war supplies "has hardly yet begun in quantity." That journal adds: "What the war will be to the showing when the export of war material is running at full tide. That will occur at the time when agricultural shipments also are rising to the year's high figures."

Unless America takes payment for its purchases of munitions from the British people will be compelled to receive the purchase of American goods. In the next few years we will see the financial emancipation of the United States by the repurchase of our securities, and the necessities of European nations may cause them to purchase American goods. The tariff of politics by establishing a Federal incorporation law; and a non-Government-owned merchant marine.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL GUARD. Associations for improvement of National defense are moving to enroll employers of labor for encouragement of enlistment in the National Guard. That is one of the steps necessary to make the guard what it should be—a popular, efficient body of citizen soldiers prepared to respond instantly to a call to arms for the National defense. The second line behind the regular army.

The National Guard has suffered in public estimation through two main causes. One is the objection of employers to allowing employees to absent themselves for military instruction. That objection springs from a narrow selfishness, which ignores the valuable services the Guard renders to state and Nation and consequently to manufacturers and large employers most of all. Employers also injure the Guard in public estimation by calling for its services in times of labor disturbance.

Orville Wright talks quite reasonably about aeroplanes. He says we should have 1000 for the National defense. The chances are that aeroplanes will become effective in proportion to their number. Think what a difference it would make to have a New York could do to the tall buildings if they acted in concert. One blackbird is a poor, weak creature but a dozen can whip a hawk.

Judge Swan, of New York, who has been on the bench many years, says "the majority of criminals are boys of 17 or 18 years." And the cause of their delinquency is neglect of the home by their mothers, "who have nothing to occupy them but advocacy of advanced ideas." This seems particularly true of mothers who work twelve hours a day in sweat shops.

The Independent speaks for a kind of "preparedness" that is based upon clean, healthy, intelligent citizens who love their country because their country is advanced. It is not subject to fashion's whims, is convenient, hygienic and inexpensive. The New York woman who invented it expects her countrywomen to wear it. She will be disappointed. The costume is too sensible ever to become popular.

THE OUTLOOK discerns a moral danger to Americans in the thrills that come over European heroism while they are safe at home themselves. No doubt this danger is real. William James saw peril in every emotion that found an outlet in action. If Britain has only 400,000 men on the western front, how are the rest of the 3,000,000 men in Kitchener's army? Have they not been armed yet?

Germany's surprise at the reception of her latest note to the United States is new proof of her embarassment. It is a failure to gauge correctly American sentiment. Probably the German submarines who kicked the negro muleteers into the water when they tried to scramble across the straits for new kinds of sea devils.

THE RUSSELLS are not very skilled in advancing, but they are experts on the retreat, from long practice. Everybody seems to be passing through Portland, and all are welcome. It cost a lot of money to settle the question of Thaw's sanity. Good weather, Mr. Beale, for the bell.

And fled this country with these goods at low prices under the present Wilson tariff. Then the situation will be reversed. Europe will return to work, and the United States will again be unemployed. The only way to avert this catastrophe that Mr. Perkins can see is for representatives of both labor and capital to unite in bringing enough pressure to bear on Congress at its next session to force it to give us immediately a permanent, expert, nonpartisan tariff commission, which should "go to work immediately on the principal items that would be affected to our detriment when the war is over, and act on them instantly."

He declares our present foreign trade to be "on a false basis," and he says, "The three prime requisites for permanent prosperity are to take the tariff out of politics by establishing a Federal incorporation law; and a non-Government-owned merchant marine."

The Oregonian has disagreed so often with Mr. Perkins that we rejoice to be able to agree with him in his general proposition and on two of his three prime requisites—the tariff commission and the merchant marine. The United States would better get the new anti-trust laws into full operation before making any changes beyond opening the way for co-operation in foreign trade.

Freedom for the standard grand; Flashed first the flaming ensign, again over hill and dale. From his eyrie in the heavens sprang the eagle, poised for flight. Then with a shout the star falls, perched upon the symbol bright. Round that bell and flag and eagle freemen gather from that hour, When the world grows a brighter, still more wide the eagle's power.

Now, alas! the bell is silent, hushed its voice to ceaseless rest; Broken in the line of duty, with its message on its breast. Yet, when woodlands, morning, waking, caught the bell's first glad acclaim. To be treasured, ever sacred, till the fairly learns her name; Echo to create the message, all the music gives again, Fills the earth and air and heaven with the birthday's glad refrain.

Listen! Listen! Rhythmic music; melody is in the air, faintly distant, now 'tis nearer, now throbs 'round us 'erywhere; Happy o'er his singing, ringing over mountain, wood and dell. Of a precious declaration—'tis the voice of Liberty's bell! Preaching still a proclamation in a voice divinely grand: "Liberty unto the people; freedom ever in the land."

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AMATEURS VIOLATE U. S. LAW. Inspection of Wireless Stations in Oregon Brings Forth Warning. SEATTLE, Wash., July 12.—(To the Editor.)—I respectfully invite your attention to an article which you printed June 7, 1915, concerning an inspection of amateur wireless stations in the vicinity of Portland.

Letters of warning have been sent to the owners of these stations and others, and as soon as practicable all stations will be inspected. It is found that the stations have been operated in accordance with some of the laws and regulations since the letters of warning were received it will be the duty of this office to report the violation.

Benjamin E. Wolf, radio inspector, has been permanently detailed in charge of the Seventh District, and will make every effort to see that the radio laws are properly complied with. This office is interested because of the amateur operators of Portland claimed that their stations do not come under the laws, and the State Engineer's office is not engaged in interstate traffic. This is an erroneous impression. Stations which can interfere with the Coast, and quite frequently even as far north as Puget Sound.

With all his millions Mr. Carnegie is a little retarded in his theories. He has a great deal to say about the practical young man who has his feet upon the ground. He says: "We leave Mr. Carnegie, the young man and the three rocks to get down from the ladder the best way they can."

Which World Will, Queen Elizabeth or Pennsylvania is Question. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., July 10.—(To the Editor.)—To settle an argument between two of our citizens, which ship, the Queen Elizabeth or the Pennsylvania, should win in an engagement, the Post, of this city, has arranged a 25-knot race. The Queen Elizabeth is 15-inch guns and 25 knots speed. FRED SHARP.

Sheep and Lawful Fences. ESTACADA, Or., July 12.—(To the Editor.)—I own a few acres of land which is fenced partly by barbed wire and partly by a fence made of sheep. At large holes in the fence sheep will creep through the barbed wire and eat up my pasture, oats and other crops. I should like to know if I should ask for damages? The owner of sheep will not shut the sheep up. He says all new settlers must buy fencing. Is it not just as fair for him to buy fencing for his sheep? New settlers as a rule are not overly flush with money to put up expensive fences. A SUBSCRIBER.

Legal, Not National Holiday. JACKSONVILLE, Or., July 12.—(To the Editor.)—Referring to your answer to "Reader," July 2, please state, if you will, why July 4 is not a National holiday. It is the day we received freedom, all of our possessions as well as in those you mention. R. C. CHAPPELL.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of July 15, 1890. Washington, July 14.—Senators Munce and Munson, constituting a special committee from the Spanish government, have been visiting Washington within the past few days. Tonight it was discovered that the mission of the strangers is a quasi-diplomatic one to ascertain the footing, both on the part of the United States and of Cuban residents here, and almost certainly annexation of the island of Cuba by the United States.

The cable railroad company is connecting its Fifth-street tracks at Alder street. The shove around which the cable is to pass at this point is nearly ready for operation. There will be one continuous cable, a loop of which will run down Alder street to Front street, back to Alder street, and then down Alder street to Front street. The cable will be somewhat complicated and look as if the cars could run down Alder street, back to Alder street, and then down Alder street to Front street. The turntable at Fifth and H is completed, and it will not be long till the cars will be running to that point.

The Coliseum Theater this week is presenting a bill of attractions that is a little retarded in its theories. He has a great deal to say about the practical young man who has his feet upon the ground. He says: "We leave Mr. Carnegie, the young man and the three rocks to get down from the ladder the best way they can."

A very select gathering of the French residents of this city assembled last night at the Masonic Hall to celebrate the 101st anniversary of the birth of the Emperor Napoleon. The hall was beautifully decorated, thanks to the efforts of Miss Margaret Fisher, who had the entire management of the celebration. The first number of the programme was an oratorio by the orchestra, after which Mr. A. Gaudron made the opening address in French.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of July 15, 1865. We learn from Mr. Robbins that in New York City, among the very many and numerously different corporations which are attracting the attention of the capitalists there to the region of "the Oregon," none promises a more successful accomplishment of its purposes than does the Oregon Iron Company. This corporation promises to develop the iron resources of the hills back of Gwago, a few miles above this city. Machinery is now in process of building, and the work of the company is working the material of the company.

It is bruited about by many that the Monroe Doctrine is to be abandoned, or at least that some modification is being proposed. It is highly improbable that the two ships would fight a duel; they would each operate as a unit of a fleet. Higher speed is useful in a more powerful ship in forcing an engagement, to a weaker one in avoiding an engagement, but if the ship were one of a squadron, the speed of the squadron would be that of its slowest fighting unit. This high speed of one ship would be nullified by her slower consort.

W. T. Shanahan has opened an establishment on Morrison street for the past two terms. The place is near the grocery and provision store of Robert Pittcock, and from the people of the neighborhood we predict Mr. Shanahan will receive a liberal support. Persons desiring to have pictures framed should give him a call.

FENDLER, June 12.—(To the Editor.)—Please inform me whether the 1885 50-cent coin has a premium on it or not. MISS MYRTLE FREEMAN.

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