SUPPLEMENT.

SALEM, FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1876. LIBERTY BELL-INDEPENDENCE, ETC.

I have no new story of the "Liberty Bell," and the old one has been so of en told that I will not recte it. It is known by heart beyond any other incident of the revolution. Everybody has at some period or other thrilled at the narrative. The preliminary discussion, lasting for months and culminating in that earnest and closely poised desired. Outside the chamber, and beating fruitlessly against the closed doors, an anxious, excited crowd. In the steeple the aged beliman wearily waiting from morn till noon the signal to ring. The curly beaded boypatricx stationed in the hall to each the first uncelligence of the adoption of the Declaration and to send it sleft to his old compatriot with a hugza. High noon and no sign from tion and to send it sloft to his old compatriot with a huzza. High noon and no sign from within. The day begins to wans, and still no sign. The deformed hope makes the popular heart sick. The old ball ringer again, with his oft-repeared "They will not do it! they will not do it!" Suddenly the doors ty open! A rush! A word! A hurrah! A tumult-indescribable! and above it all and penetrating it all the brazan voice of the old "Liberty Bell" proclaiming "liberty throughout all the land, unto ell the inhabitants thereof," in a carillon of joy that was heard round the world and has not ceased to echo in all these hundred years.

The bell was cest in Eugland and imported expressiv for the State-bonse in 1752, but was crucked in the very first test ringing.

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It was immediately reast by Pass & Stowe, under the dirrection of Isaac Norris, Speaker of the Colonial Assembly, who caused to be suscibled thereon the well known legend from Levideus XXV.—in instance of prophetic films bardly to be matched in histo-

phelic arnes bardly to be matched in history.

The recessing was accounted a great schievement for the infact colony. It was even thought that the operation somebow improved the tone of the bell, and much gratification was expressed at the success of the attempt. The bell then weighed 2,080 pounds, and for many years was the largest one in the colonies.

On the afternoon of July 4, 1776, it promising the rights of man, which the Congress had just decreed.

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In 1777, when the British threatened the
offy, it was removed leat it should fall into
the hands of the enemy and by him be con-

ported into explicit balls.

It was restored to its place as soon as safely would permit, and there continued its public fanctions notif one murky morning in 1817, while ringley for a fire, it again, eracked, after over sixty years of continuous service; and since then its voice has been silent. An attempt was once made to restore the tone by "drilling out" the fracture, but to falled.

It falled.

In 1828 the steeple, which had been erected in 1774, was condemned by the Fire Commissioners, and was taken down. Upon the erection of a new one the bell was restored to the tower, where it hung voiceless for many years, and for several years quite recently it was exhibited in Independence Hall, but when the "work of restoration" was begun in 1872 it was put in the place it now occupies on a piatform in the grand entry gun in 1872 it was put in the place it now occupies on a piarform in the grand entry directly under the steeple, where protected by a railing and an iron network from the attacks of the depredators, it is visited by a constant throng of sight-seers from all parts of the country. And there you may see it then you visit Philladelphia.

The bell is about four feet in diameter at the mouth, and three inches thick where the metal is heaviest. The fracture is about half an inch wile where greatest, and extends, many in an irregular line, almost to the top of the bell, directly through the name of the mouto.

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derstand the benefician has been accepted. The hypothesis that the Declaration of Independence was signed on the 4th of July is known to be engroised on the 4th of July is known to be engroised on that day and John Hanceck signed it; but the singing by the members generally did not take place until August 2d. It mattered little to the colonists, however, as the Rubic n was crossed. The Declaration was proclaimed without delay in all the olities of the land, and was enthusiastically

The patriotic getherings of the Philadelphians were usually half in Carpenter's Hall in the early history of the city; but when the orisis portended an anousually large meeting, the People met in Independence Square.

Thus, in Owober, 1773, the largest assem—Stage yet hald in the colonies to consult against British exactions came together in the Statehouse yard. to protest against the landing of a cargo of the from the Polit, whose salling for Philadelphis had been announced a few days before. And when on christmas day her arrival was reported, ten thousand (?) of tizens of Philadelphia held a mass meeting on Independence Square and advised the Captain, who was kindly allowed to be present, to take the tea back immediately; which he very discreetly proceeded to stow within the twenty-four hours' limits assembly which he very discreetly proceeded to stow within the twenty-four hours' limits assembly the Statehous and the Captain. thousand (?) c tizens of Philadelphia held a mass meeting on Independence Square and advised the Captain, who was kindly ellowed to be present, to take the tea back immedia ately; which he very discreeity proceeded to ately; which he very discreeity proceeded to sto within the twenty-four hours' limits assigned him.

On the 24th of May, 1776, 4,000 citizens of life trains on Sunday they are not well.

Philadelphia assembled in Independence Square to discuss the action of the General Assembly in withdrawing the province from the union of the colonies, which had just been accomplished by Congress after months of labority effort. The Congress was sustained in its resolution absolving all caths of allegiance to the king, and forbidding the exercise of any kind of authority under the crown; and the proprietary government was pronounced incompatent, while the Assembly was denounced as not representing the people. This meeting foreshadowed the downfall of Penn's ismons government, which had flourished for nearly a handred years, the wonder of the world then, and scarcely less its admiration now.

In 1773-4 an attempt was made to decorate this place with trees, and for a time the square was quite a popular resort. But in the course of time profligates got among the decent people and drove them out, and caterpillars got in the trees and killed them all; and for many years the square was in very bad repute. Within the few months just passed the grounds have been laid out in a very testeful manner, with stone walks and a stone coping around the border, the square being about two feet higher than the grade of the surrounding streets. There are several fine trees on the premises, apparently large enough to have sheltered two generations. In a very short time Independence Square will be a beautiful spot and worthily cared for, withal, as befits its very interesting historical associations.

"Congress Hall."

"CONGRESS HALL."

The visitor will now naturally visit the National Museum in "West Independence Hall," but since that cannot hurriedly be done we will devote the concluding paragraph of this letter to Congress Hall, at the corner of Chestrut and Sixth streets, and connected with Independence Hall by the "wing" or "lobby" previously mentioned. A tablet on the corner of the building relates:

"In this building sat the first Senate and

"In this building set the first Senate and the first House of Representatives of the United States of America: herein George Washington was inaugurated the first President, March 4, 1793, and closed his official correct. Herein, ulso, John Adams was inaugurated the second President of the United States, March 4, 1797."

The House of Representatives sat below and the Senate on the second floor. There is nothing to be seen in either place. Both places are used for municipal purposes. If you visit the place where Washington and Adams were inaugurated you will be likely to furl a petry Court in session, as I did. Adams were mangarased you win os likely to find a petry Court in session, as I did. The room is a small one—perhaps twenty-five feet square—with moderately high ceiling. A very ordinary room, indeed, and as dirty as Court rooms usually are. To say you have seen it is worth something, but the room uself allords no inspiration. If you can diffuse out this transmit Court and rain. could turn out this tuppency Court and rein-vest the place with the shades of the men who took the lefant government and dry

nursed it until it was able to go alone—that would be samething worth resing. Congress met here from 1799 (some say 1792) to 1800, when the seat of government was transfered to Washington.

STICK THIS IN YOUR HAT.

We may here, as conveniently as any-where, exhibit at a glance the various meet-ing places of Congress, which, unless pretty well understood, will be likely to confuse

the visitor: September 5, 1774, the first Continental Congress met in Carpenter's Hall, Philadel-

May 10, 1775, the second Continental Con-gress met in Independence Hall, Philadel-

December 20, 1776, Congress met at Balti-more. March 4, 1777, at Philadelphia, Independence Hall. September 27, 1777, at Laucsator, Penusyl-

September 30, 1778, at York, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1778, at Philadelphia, Independence

June 30, 1783, Princeton,

November 24, 1783, Aunapolis, October 20, 1784, Treuton, January 11, 1785, at New York, which con-

leys of the Willamette, Umpqua, and Rogue river, and in the Dailes and and also all canned peaches are importention of wheat cultivation. They have this advantage of California—that their soil does not wear out, and that

sathe Rubic in was crossed. The Daclaration was proclaimed without delay in all the cillies of the land, and was enthusiastically received, and in Philadelphia was read on the Sch of July from Independence Square my John Nixon, who compled a stand some twenty feet high, from which Rusenhouse, the astronomer, observed the transit of Venus in 1769, and which was used for many years an abutform for public addresses.

The reading was interrupted by the repeat ad accianations of the people, and at its close they rushed in an uncontrollable fronzy of barriotism in to the State-house and torsian and boil ringing, and closed it win bondires and every disnounced the first win bondires and every disnounced to five the research of their Oregon City mills flour said boil ringing, and closed it win bondires and every disnounced in the streets the King's and sold ringing, and closed it win bondires and every disnounced for the streets the king's and sold ringing, and closed it win bondires and every disnounced for the streets of their Oregon City mills flour to a Liverpool firm, and since which time they have been and are running night and day to fill it. They have chartered the River Lune, now en route from San Francisco, to carry the flour to England. This shipment aggregates twenty two thousand barrels sold during the present harvest season on English account by the above named firm, and they expect to put one more cargo lish account by the above named firm, and they expect to put one more cargo

> WEATHER IN ENGLAND,—London, April 13.—A sharp gale prevailed this morning, attended by rain and snow. It is very cold. A dispatch from Not-tingham says seven inches of snow fell there; in North Wales nine inches. Sheffield it is now nearly a foot. It is the heaviest fall of the winter. Vege-

OREGON'S PRODUCTIONS.

Oregon fruits are noted for their size and flavor, for these essential qualities no fruits cultivated in any State in the Union can compare with them. The variety of climate allows all kinds peculiar to the temperate zone to be cultivated with marked success. But to apple cultivation has more general attention been given, and the size at-tained and the flavor imparted are to all visiting the State a source of much surprise. Trees bear earlier than in any other State, and they also decay earlier than in the Atlantic States; but the pro-duct will exceed those East. Though bearing earlier they decay earlier. This earlier decay can, to a very great ex-tent, be overcome by proper cultiva-tion. When we were working on the tion. When we were working on the farm, in this State, we put manure around the trees, within six inches of the trunk, and over the manure placed straw or damaged hay; the straw or hay kept the manure better during the hot days. We do not believe in plowing close to trees that have attained any size, but insisted in using a spade or hoc. We are satisfied if this manner of cultivation is properly attended to the favorable results received will be very great indeed. The fruit ripens with greater rapidity here than in the East; the warm rains in the spring and almost cloudiess skies in summer proalmost cloudiess skies in summer producing the result. Oregon, west of the Cascades, is better adapted to the apple than east of the Cascade, although in some of the small valleys in Wasco county is produced as fine flavored and for large a size we have ever seen county is produced as the havored and of as large a size, we have ever seen cultivated anywhere. In the California markets, Oregon apples have always been held in high esteem, and command the very highest market prices. Owing to the overproduction, many farmers became negligent of their orchards, and of necessity the fruits deteriorated but now with the establish. chards, and of necessity the fruits de-teriorated, but now with the establish-ing of machines for preserving the pro-duct, better prices were received for last year's crop, which, from all we can learn, is stimulating the farmers into bestowing more attention upon the trees. We have never known or heard of a failure in the crop in this State, but have known trees, not to hear so many have known trees not to bear so many some seasons than others, but then they are increased in size and improved in

This State is as well adapted to the cultivation of pears as of apples. Tree-bear an unusually large amount; only those personally acquainted with it can conceive the large crop of each tree properly cultivated. They are remark ably free from blight and attacks of worms. As a sure crop, they can always be counted. The size attained is quite large, and flavor cannot be excelled. Trees of any variety bearing East an indifferent fruit transplanted. East an indifferent fruit, transplanted have the same greatly improved in flavor. Only the very best varieties are cultivated, therefore it is that in California they are very generally sought for. In the above remarks, we speak more particularly of the western section of the State.

In the western part of the State peaches cannot be counted upon with any de-gree of certainty, all depending upon spring and early summer months. We have seen peaches grown in this, Wil-lamette, valley which equalled in size that grown in the most favored sec-tions, but that all essential flavor was The old belfry was taken down in 1828, and the present one belift in its place, the design being to reproduce the former one as nearly being to reproduce the former one as nearly such that the product of the former one as nearly such that the place of meeting until adoptions to the standard flow for the how insuranted assembling were first set is motion on Naw Year's day of 1820. The belf will be proposition of Mr. Selbord, a rich Philadelphian, to prix a clock and bell in in dependence Hall on condition of the belf the names of allowed to inscribe on the bell the names of allowed to inscribe on the bell the names of allowed to inscribe on the bell the names of allowed to inscribe on the bell the names of allowed to inscribe on the bell the names of allowed to inscribe on the bell the names of allowed to inscribe on the bell the names of allowed to inscribe on the bell the names of allowed to inscribe on the bell the names of allowed to inscribe and denoted the give a 13,000 pound as whent growing State: "It is a just tribute to cost \$20,000—without conditions; and I understand the benefaction of Independence was sixted on the in-the whole to describe the former one as nearly the place of meeting united to the the standard of California, and I understand the benefaction of Independence was sixted to the the third the benefaction of Independence was sixted on the first peaches. They are of Oregon especially give promise of allowed the best results as to be best receipted. The hypothesis that the Declaration of Independence was sixted on the first country into one of the admittance was sixted on the first country into one of the admittance was sixted on the first country into one of the admittance was sixted on the first country into one of the admittance of the state is supplied with what is known as for one of the country into one of the country foremost wheat experting States of the As yet, the production of the State is Union, and they have in the val-

> WHY IT FAILED -Col. Finnigan was a Florida planter, wealthy and hospitable. Toward the poor he was always kind, and even the shiftless he would not turn coldly away. A man who had often been the object of his who had often been the object of his bounty was named Jake Harringf. Jake was a squatter in the woods, where he issued a log cubic and a small clearing. Grower, Rockford, Ill. wheat exporter."
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> The Enterprise says: The firm of Miller, Marshall & Co., of Oregon City, some ten days ago sold ten thousand barrels of their Oregon City mills flour Long before the winter was over he was sure to be out of corn, in which emergency he would bring his bag to the Colonel for a supply, which was generally furnished. Once upon a time Jake came with his bag very early in the season—in fact, winter had just set

"Why, how's this, Jake?" demand-ed Finnigan. "Seems to me you are rather early in your call for corn." "Well, Colonel, fact is my crop failed

this yer season." "Falled! How is that? I thought this had been an uncommonly good season for corn."

"Yaas, I s'pose it has, Colonel. But y'see I forgot to plant."

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