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LIBERTY BELL OF WEST RANG 137 YEARS AGO

BY DEAN HALLIDAY

NEW KASKASKIA, Ill., Aug. 7.—

The great "liberty bell of the west"—the bell that 137 years ago tolled out the news of American supremacy in the vast frontier territory of the Mississippi valley—now lies almost forgotten by the outside world in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in this little island village.

Next to the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia the "Kaskie bell" as it is known hereabouts is the most historical bell in the country. It is older than the Liberty Bell, now on its way to San Francisco; older by ten years.

Two years, almost to an hour after the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia had proclaimed the freedom of the thirteen colonies the great bell of Old Kaskaskia rang out with the glad tidings that a determined band of Kentucky backwoodsmen, under the leadership of George Rogers Clark had captured Fort Mifflin, at the foot of the bluffs a few miles to the east, and had forced the English to haul down their flag.

With the echoes of the great bell still reverberating through the valley the American flag was run up over the fort and the great frontier country became a part of the United States of America.

Took Old Kaskaskia The bell rang out again in triumph as Clark's force marched from the fort and took over Old Kaskaskia, then the territorial capital.

It is twenty five years since the bell boomed out for the last time—one night in 1890, when the Mississippi, swollen to the flood point, broke through the cut off and swept over the town. It was the warning of the bell that night that saved many lives.

Several years later, when an attempt was made to have the bell sent to Chicago to be exhibited, the Columbian exposition members of the surviving families of the old days objected.

The priest in charge—Father Perrin—was willing, but his little flock would not have it. When a committee came from Chicago to get the bell they were driven off with guns.

But a week or two later, in the dead of night, the bell was kidnapped and ferried across the river by men whose identity has never been revealed. It was loaded onto a train just as dawn was breaking and started on its journey to Chicago.

It was in 1741 that word was carried to France that the Jesuits had penetrated far to the west in the new America and on the banks of the mighty river had established a little church.

To show his pleasure the king, Louis XV., ordered a great bronze bell to be cast and shipped over the seas to the hardy pioneers. On it was inscribed that it was for the little "church in Illinois" and "a gift of the king."

The bell arrived at the little church in Kaskaskia—Casasquia the Jesuits called it—in 1742.

Rang for French Settlers Brave, hardy folk were those early French settlers, with a few scattered English. There were the Menards, the Saucois, the Vigors, Lamarches, the Bonds, the Moursous and Edwards.

Colonel Pierre Menard was the grand seigneur—the "first boss" of Kaskia and his was the "big house."

The Menard home was always open and there the weddings, parties, the balls and fetes were held, and on the "grand occasions" the great bronze bell, four feet in height, rang out from its tower on the old church.

THE GOSPEL OF STAND PATTISM.

THERE is in session at Albany, N. Y., a convention busy drafting a new constitution for the empire state. It is presided over by Elihu Root who is the controlling genius. It is dominated by Wm. Barnes, legally adjudged corrupt bi-partisan boss. In the convention are George W. Wickersham, attorney-general under Taft, Jacob D. Schurman, president of Cornell University, E. T. Brackett, republican up-state leader, Al Smith, spokesman for Tammany Hall, Louis Marshall, and a hundred other corporation lawyers.

The convention is interesting as its output might be called the gospel of stand-pattism. It is bi-partisan, as political control in New York is bi-partisan, a combination of the G. O. P. machine and Tammany Hall working in behalf of Special Privilege.

Here is what the new constitution, as far as drafted, provides:

Abolish primaries and all the beginnings of popular government achieved after twenty years of hard fighting. Restore the boss-ruled convention and perpetuate it by constitutional enactment.

Give the legislature power to grant 500-year franchises or to make them perpetual with no provisions to safeguard the public interest.

Emasculate all public utilities commissions, making them jobs with big salaries and no real powers.

Give the boss-controlled state legislature power to assemble itself at any time to impeach or recall not only a governor, but judges and state officers.

Forbid the regulation of sweatshop industries or the interference with tenement slums.

Wipe out all social welfare legislation such as workmen's compensation, child labor laws, minimum wage laws, mothers' pensions and employers' liability acts—all branded by Barnes as "Socialistic"—and make such laws in fact unconstitutional as "class legislation."

Turn over the state's public forests to the lumber interests.

Place city and town school appropriations within the power of the state legislature for the conversion into patronage and graft.

The new constitution will be finished September 15 and voted upon in November. It will embody the ideals of big business. Apply it nationally, add a high tariff, a big army and a calamity howl, and it would be a fitting platform for the republican party at the 1916 election, with Elihu Root as presidential candidate.

The new constitution will undo all progressive work of the past quarter of a century. In it stands revealed the soul of the republican party, the aims and ideals of the old order, the Bourbons of America, whom the lessons of the past teach nothing, who seek only a return of the old regime.

Yet the work of the convention falls unheeded on the people. The corporation controlled press of New York says little or nothing. There is no public outcry against the complete restoration of the reign of privilege—never much shaken in the east. The rainbow promise of prosperity will be held forth—and it need surprise no one if the people again are induced to sell their birthright for a mess of pottage.

Okaw rivers. The town lay on a bit of land known as Ragged Island.

From a French settlement the town passed into the hands of the English and became the capital of the then mighty territory of Illinois. In 1778, it passed from the English to the Americans. The mighty clangor of the bell proclaimed the joyful news.

Kaskaskia flourished. There the assembly met, and with it the social life of the old French families became renowned. Night after night the Menard house blazed with lights, and guests danced while the Menard slaves spread the big tables in the banquet halls.

Swept Away by Flood It was on such a night—in the spring of 1890—that the floods came and the Mississippi broke through the cutoff to the north and a wave of water seeking a new course for the river bed swept over the town.

The parish priest managed to reach the church tower and ring out a brief warning, and then the church crumbled and was partly swept away in the swirling, muddy waters.

Nothing daunted the Kaskaskians. They moved some five miles to the other side of the island and started the town of New Kaskaskia. There the church of the Immaculate Conception was rebuilt and there the bell rescued from the hungry river, was taken.

The new Kaskaskians are "renters" from the outside. To them the great bell is just 750 pounds of bronze, and so it stands, cracked and eroded, in its ill-lighted vestibule—the great liberty bell of the West.

POST FRANK IN WARNING FOR ENGLAND LONDON, Aug. 7.—The Morning Post in an editorial on the Russian situation says:

"We would warn the country that the situation is serious. Whatever professional apologists may say, it is certain that Russia has not fallen back from Warsaw for any other reason than the urgent dictates of necessity."

The great enveloping movement of the German armies on the north is not yet over. It is at present being developed. It is a movement most dangerous and formidable and it will take all the wariness and skill of the grand duke and the magnificent steadiness of the Russian infantry to escape the coils set for Russia's armies by the great strategists who direct the German offensive.

The cause of the entente powers at present is on a knife edge. There is no assurance anywhere save only in that faith which presses forward through dangers without looking to the right hand or the left. We are in front of a situation where the only safety lies in doing the very utmost of which a nation is capable."

JOHN L. TELLS STORY OF HIS GREATEST THE DEFEAT OF JOHN BARLEYCORN



BY NICKOLA GREELY-SMITH

By Nicola Greeley-Smith John L. Sullivan is fighting again. He has joined with the anti-saloon forces, is making speeches and using his influence against the liquor traffic.

I caught him while he was in New York and got him to give me a full account of how he fought the greatest battle of his life, a 10-year bout in which he finally knocked out his former conqueror, John Barleycorn.

For it has been ten years since John L., once almost as famous for "hitting the booze" as for punishing men in the ring, has taken a drop of alcohol.

John L. had been in love for 20 years with a Massachusetts school teacher, but because of his drinking habits, she had refused to become his wife.

It was only when he had driven the wagon five years that she accepted him.

"On March 5, 1905, I took my last drink of liquor," he told me. "If I had kept on the way I was going, in all probability there would be, somewhere, a little tombstone marked 'John L. Sullivan.'"

"I am 56. Strong, healthy parents gave me a strong healthy body and great resolution of spirit. I became champion of the world. But old John Barleycorn knocked me out. He is the champion of all champions. No man has ever conquered him in a tight to a finish. And I'm not ashamed to say the only way I could lick John Barleycorn was by climbing out of the ring and running away."

"Whiskey has knocked me down many a time. But I got right up and went back, only to be put out once more. I was the champion fighter of the world. They used to say everybody was afraid of me; but booze wasn't afraid of me. John Barleycorn was always challenging me, and it was a long, long time before I realized there never can be but one finish to a bout with booze."

"I am talking about myself because I want to bring home a deadly parallel to young men. 'Every young man is a potential John L. Sullivan—not in the ring, of course, but every young man has it in him to be a champion in his line by putting forth the best that is in him. 'I count every man a champion who surmounts obstacles, sticks to the game, never loses courage and makes good. 'No man who is a booze fighter can make good. 'I know booze leads to bad company and bad company leads to bad places. Bad places lead to disease. 'Booze weakens the moral strength. 'I never licked John Barleycorn until I ran away from him. I advise every young man who wants to be a success to do the same.'"

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Reported by Jackson County Abstract Co., Sixth and Fir Sts.

Circuit Wm. Ulrich vs. W. R. Coleman et ux. Return of summons.

Frank W. Sexton vs. Margaret Sexton. Stipulation.

W. E. Church vs. Mary S. Church. Divorce.

H. J. Heimroth vs. C. R. Heimroth. Suit for partition of real property.

Ina Kennedy vs. Wesley Kennedy. Divorce.

Probate In the matter of adoption of Ernest C. Pankey. Petition for adoption and consent of mother.

Real Estate Transfers Henry Hart to Anna C. Hart. Lot in Bangalow Add. Medford, W. D.

Mrs. Dell Hester et vir to Anna E. Golden, lot 1, blk. 53, Jacksonville, W. D.

ALLIES ANGLE FOR THE BALKAN LEAGUE

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The reconstruction of the Balkan league, the key of which is Bulgaria and its co-operation with the allies would far outweigh in importance the loss of Warsaw and would materially hasten the defeat of the Germanic powers, says the Daily News in an editorial today.

The newspaper takes hope in the conference at Nish between the ministers of the quadruple entente powers and the Serbian premier in an endeavor to bring about a Balkan agreement.

neapolls after having been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Peterson for several months. She will settle up affairs in the east, while Mr. Winklebeck is making arrangements for his assuming charge of the flour mill at Central Point, at which city they expect to make their future home.

Professor and Mrs. B. G. Harding of Rogue River visited with old friends several days the first of the week. While here they stated they expected to leave Saturday for the 'Prisco exposition.

Verne G. Blue, in company with his aunt, Miss Nell Pygall, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kellogg, on Tuesday and Wednesday, from Ashland. Mr. Blue, who was at one time teacher of the 7th and 8th grades in the local schools, has for the past two years been a member of the faculty of the Iolani school at Honolulu. He will sail for the Hawaiian Islands the last of August to resume his position.

Dr. David M. Roberg of Portland, who will succeed Dr. Calvin S. White as state health officer was in Gold Hill last week for the purpose of appointing a local registrar and introducing the new law requiring the registration of all births, deaths, burials, etc. Mrs. Myrtle B. Day was appointed registrar for district 27, and will include besides Gold Hill, Sams valley, upper Sams valley, Beagle, Asbestos, Tolo, Rock Point, Foota creek and Galls creek.

Dr. R. C. Kelso, J. H. Beeman and Justin Wilson were at the county seat on legal business Monday. Mrs. Claude Shaver and her sons Claude and Woodrow, spent Wednesday at the home of the Myers family at Rogue river.

C. H. Preece returned last Sunday from Blodgett, Ore., whither he went on an auto trip with School Supervisor Chase.

Miss Katie Foley departed Thursday for San Francisco where she will visit the exposition while the guest of friends for the next fortnight.

Dr. C. R. Ray, manager of the Braden mine, returned to this city Wednesday from a trip into California. He reports that three shifts will be put on immediately.

Ezra F. Webber of Sams valley, associated with John T. Peterson and Leonard H. Blomquist, recently completed a deal with R. H. Moore for the purchase of timber upon the Hammersley tract, situated beyond the Pelton ranch. From M. S. Johnson the partners purchased a modern shingle mill, which will be installed on the property and operated by a gasoline engine. They will manufacture shingles and box shooks, for which there is a strong local demand. The modest manufacturing venture will meet with increasing success, it is predicted.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernin Zana, for eighteen months past residents of Ashland, where they conducted a restaurant, have returned to Gold Hill and will henceforth make their home in this city.

Mrs. H. D. Reed departed on Sunday for San Francisco. She will remain in that city for several weeks as the guest of Mrs. Leigh Hunt, recently of this city.

Deputy Game Warden Rife Hammersley and wife came down from Willow Flat Monday afternoon, following a month's stay in that ideal habitat of big game and little trout. On Wednesday Warden Hammersley returned to the Evans creek forest, accompanied by his brother, John Hammersley, the noted local nlimrod. On August 1st John Eddington, for

GOLD HILL NUGGETS

The speediest game of base ball that has elevated this diamond during recent years was the Sunday afternoon concert staged by Eagle Point and Fauchers local batsmen. In a contest that was close at all times, the laurels went in the ninth to Gold Hill by a score of 5 to 4. The game was marked, not by individual brilliancy, but by the clever consistency and team play of both clubs.

Eagle Point led off in the first inning with three scores, the locals marking time on the book until the fourth, when Eddings and Knotts made the circuit. Knotts and Foley scored in the sixth, tying the score. In the last half of the ninth, Harry Porter local lumber wrestler, leaned on a peculiar one for three bases, Steuwe's single scored him, winning the game. Pelouze and Lewis battered for the visitors with Foley and Eddings serving for the locals. Struck out by Foley 13, by Pelouze 13. Umpires, Abbott and Cameron. Official scorekeeper, Fred Eddings.

J. B. Palmer, who is in charge of the Weston studio at Medford, accompanied by his wife, were guests of relatives in Gold Hill last Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Schmidt and twin sons, Don and Dan, with her father, J. W. Hayes, visited for a few hours last Sunday with friends at Rogue River.

Herman Bouchet of 'Condon, Oregon, arrived Sunday for a visit with his father, P. Bouchet the local tailor. Young Mr. Bouchet is on the way to the fair and will probably be joined at this city by his sister, who is also expecting to make the trip to the exposition.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, near Gold Hill, August 1st, a five ten pound daughter. Coroner John Peri motored to Gold Hill from Medford Tuesday. He was accompanied by his wife and several friends.

Mrs. G. F. Winklebeck left last Sunday morning for her home at Min-

several years foreman of the Riverside orchard, Morrill and Reigle's model country estate, resigned from the position he so efficiently filled. His successor is Bill Pankey of Central Point. Mr. and Mrs. Eddington will leave for Prospect where they will recuperate during the remainder of the summer season.

Mrs. Wm. Steuwe and infant daughter, little Katherine Claire, accompanied by Miss Claire Baker, arrived from Portland Tuesday afternoon and are cozily at home in the Caldwell residence, which Mr. Steuwe had prepared for them. "Bill" will now divide his time between that incomparable mine, the "Red Ribbon," and that incomparable child, Katherine Claire. The return of the Steuwe family, to make a permanent home in Gold Hill, is cordially welcomed by many friends.

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