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WILL BRING OUT THE LIBERTY BELL.

The school children of San Francisco and of California will not be called upon to contribute their nickels and dimes toward a transportation fund to bring the famous Liberty Bell to San Francisco for the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

The Southern Pacific company, through its officials in this city, yesterday made an offer to the exposition directors to transport the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia to San Francisco free of charge.

The railroad offers to bring the bell out and to give it as much attention throughout the trip as is now given it in its present resting place in Philadelphia.

The state of Pennsylvania values the Liberty Bell as much as it does the history connected with it, and the Southern Pacific railroad officials are prepared to see that provisions are made for a company of Pennsylvania militia to guard the bell on its long trip across the continent.

The trip of the honored old bell that in 1776 announced the signing of the Declaration of Independence, will be a triumphal procession.

At every station in the country where the train stops—and it will have to stop at nearly all of them—thousands of school children and their parents will gather to see the old bell that tolled the greatest story that has ever been published in the United States.

It is planned to erect a small belfry on a car, and to hang the bell in that for the trip across the continent.

United States history began with the tolling of Liberty Bell, and there is not a native of this great country who does not want to see the beginning of the history of the United States.

The Oregonian has a headline, "Voters Slow to Register." Too bad, in that county, where they have the most expensive and highly organized system of trying to make people register. County Clerk Fields placards the streets, sends out tons of printed matter, hires any number of special deputies, all to secure a large registration. The fact is the law is a very defective one. It is not the Australian ballot law on registration at all, but a law that starts the whole political game with a blow at manhood suffrage, besides forcing a man to declare political affiliation in advance for the benefit of the machine managers, and shuts out all the minority parties besides the Democrats from the benefit of the law. In no state but poor, deluded, long-suffering Oregon would such a law be tolerated, but it will not be tolerated here much longer.

TEACH HUMANITY IN SCHOOLS.

The Cincinnati Post, in an eloquent plea for humane education, takes a hopeful view of the local situation, and makes the following observations:

Brutality and crime—crime of all sorts and conditions—brothers.

The boy who grows up brutal will seldom develop into a good citizen.

His instincts will be low, his desires will be low. He will be long to that great class of undesirables which forces cities to maintain large police forces.

And brutality, even of the kind that kills inoffensive birds with pebbles in a sling-shot, grows on one.

It feeds on its own activity.

We believe that there should be a course in the public schools, all grades, devoted to humanity—kindness; the right of four-footed and feathered folks.

We are improving slowly.

We lay out bird reservations.

Robins nest in the maples on our most crowded streets.

Birds that for years sought the depths of the forests now near their young within hearing of the roar of the street cars.

In some subtle way they know that their chances of protection have been increased.

They do not know that kindness is being taught, and brutality discouraged in countless homes.

Yes, we are improving, but we want the world to move faster—and we plead for school education that will teach the coming generation to be kind to animals and all birds.

There is a widespread agitation against the use of the cruel steel trap to entrap animals.

This relic of brutality and barbarism must go.

CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

- Mark cross between number and name of candidate. 1. (....) William Howard Taft, Republican. 2. (....) Theodore Roosevelt, Republican. 3. (....) Robert M. LaFollette, Insurgent. 4. (....)

FOR THE DEMOCRATS

- 1. (....) Woodrow Wilson. 2. (....) Judson Harmon. 3. (....) Champ Clark. 4. (....)

THE ROUND-UP

Lents becoming a sporting center.

Baker county leads in gold output.

The wild duck season closed January 15.

Lebanon State Bank has become a national.

Oregon City needs a creamery and a sawmill.

Baker City fire clay shipped to Portland.

Retail Merchants association Wednesday.

Medford claims to have a real chicken thief.

Eagle Point has a tavern owned by J. M. Vogel.

Cornucopia, like Salem, has rich gravel mines.

The Philomath bank opened its doors January 15.

Monroe claims to have several business openings.

Capital Journals sold 540 Saturday night and then quit.

Silverton defeated Hill Military academy at basket ball.

Newport firemen give a "grand mask ball" February 1.

Oregon mining products declined more in 1911 than 1910.

Lents postal savings bank took in \$776 the first three days.

The Rogue river got mad and swept out a few bridges.

Snake River valley poultry show starts at Ontario, January 16.

The S. P. Co. paid out a million in pensions on New Years day.

Straw ballots all over the state favor Roosevelt as against Taft.

Many orchards ruined in Multnomah county by the sleet storm.

Newport Commercial club wants to go on excursion to Tillamook.

W. T. Fogle has changed the Lebanon Criterion to the Advocate.

Baker Democrat calls this department "Around the Hot Stove."

Falls City men are looking up a sawmill site at Independence.

Oregon editors will visit the Pendleton round-up in a body next fall.

Major McIndoe recommends a six-foot channel on Clackamas rapids.

Oregon City fears a typhoid epidemic. Bad milk and water are causes.

Enterprise, county seat of Wallowa, properly named, has gravity water system.

Green Mountain defeated Sodaville at basketball and will tackle Crabtree next.

L. H. Powell, a Baker resident, is believed to have drowned in the Deschutes.

Baker Commercial Club has secured a daily mail stage line to Medford Springs.

Mount Pleasant Civic Improvement club will give a Hard Times social Saturday night.

Eastern capitalists have offered \$60,000 for a Medford mine, according to the Sun.

John Orvell, of Bridgeport, Baker county, was killed in a snowslide at Wallace, Idaho.

The body of John Narkaus was found under a snow slide in Bobsted canyon near Pendleton.

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warehouse at Portland by the time the Panama canal is open.

Corvallis has had an exciting week, with Dr. Calvin S. White and Sis Hopkins there at the same time.

The Spectator wants to know if a silver thaw was so expensive to Portland, what a golden freeze would cost?

Douglas county stage robbers got 10 years apiece and will help improve some of the state roads in this state.

Clackamas county Pomona grange condemns the use of money by the Fels committee to carry single tax in Oregon.

After waiting four years for a freshet, John C. Lals lost 1,500,000 feet of logs by the flood in Silver Creek Friday.

A Portland judge was acquitted on a charge of soliciting a bribe because there is no law making it a crime. Thin ice.

Oregon City officers continue to serve in spite of having been removed and their successors appointed by Mayor Dimick.

***** X-RAYS AND SMILES. *****

The Nebraska secretary of state holds that Roosevelt and Bryan can withdraw their names from the Nebraska ballot and do not have to run for the presidency. They can—but what the politicians would like to know; will they?

Mr. Wilson's letter to Adrian H. Joline in which he wanted "Bryan knocked once for all into a cocked hat," illustrates the foolishness of writing letters especially to a man who has not an innate sense of decency enough to prevent him giving a private friendly letter to the public. So far the transaction shows Wilson an ass and Joline a cur.

The women writing to Postmaster Hitchcock trying to persuade him to marry are taking long chances on being arrested for "using the mails to defraud."

The ship subsidy advocates are out with a new scheme by which they hope to tax the people for the benefit of their business. Taxes are high enough when collected for public purposes only, but once give certain gangs of private individuals the right to levy taxes, and property owners will trade off their lands for a yellow dog, provided they have enough coin left to buy a gun to shoot the dog—or the ship subsidy crowd.

Seventeen of the 27 counties in Idaho are "dry". Thus fades the glory and romance of the penny-a-liner's West.

The horse editor desires to qualify what he said about the cluster lights at the depot. With the present character or amount of juice furnished, no one will ever see them—but if they should brighten up a little, they will be taken for red danger signals. They give about as much light as a lightning bug in a black bottle.

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