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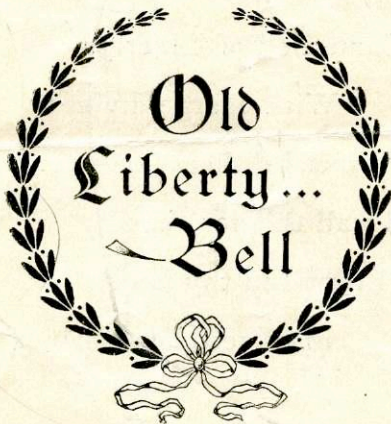
...OF...

Peace Festival

— AT —

PORTLAND INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION,

... September 30, 1898 ...



BY COL. FRANK V. DRAKE,
(AIR "AMERICA.")

... Sung by MISS ROSE BLOCH ...

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Old Liberty Bell.

The Audience will please rise and assist Miss Bloch in singing the Ode.

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Across Atlantis' sea
Came Bell of Liberty:
With charge divine:
"Proclaim thou God's command
To all the hero band,
'Eternal in thy land
Fix Freedom's shrine.'"

Then came the fathers brave
And pledge of honor gave,
They must be free:
Loud rang the bell! They swore,
And signed the oath, no more
To wear the bondage sore
Of Tyranny.

They tore the starry sky,
Dawn streaked, and raised on high
A banner grand.
From constellation far,
Came swift the bird of war,
To guard forever more,
Flag, bell and land.

Oh, mighty trinity,
Bell, bird and banner free,
Forever hail!
From vale and mountain peak,
From river, wood and lake,
The sleeping echoes wake
Of Freedom's bell.

Oh, God preserve our land,
Thus blest by Thy command
And Freedom's birth.
Her sons, bird, flag and bell,
In war and peace, shall tell
That message o'er and dwell
In all the earth.



The old bell, which proclaimed our liberty at the signing of the American Declaration of Independence, was originally cast in Whitechapel, England. In 1751, the Assembly of Pennsylvania ordered a bell through its agents in London. In August, 1752, the bell arrived in Philadelphia. It was first rung August 27, 1753, to call the Pennsylvania Assembly together. It cracked, was recast, and rehung in 1753. It was rung in honor of various events, and muffled and tolled to denote public wrongs, and the decease of various dignitaries from time to time until 1835. During the funeral solemnities over the remains of Chief Justice Marshall, the bell, while slowly tolling, parted through its great side, and has ever thereafter been silent.

The following inscription from Lev. 25: 10, was cast in the body of the bell, around its rim, by its makers: "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land, to all the inhabitants thereof."

The weight of the bell is 2,080 pounds. It is carefully and reverently treasured by the people of Pennsylvania in old Independence Hall, Philadelphia, where the Declaration of the Independence of the United States of America was prepared and signed by the Fathers.

