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LET THE BELL STAY AT HOME
PROPERLY the Liberty Bell belongs in the Old State House.

It has been held with some justice that people, and especially children, who haven't the time or the means to come to Philadelphia from far parts of the country ought to be permitted to look occasionally upon the most sacred relic of the Nation's first birthday.

It is in the State House that the bell ought to be viewed. We cannot move the White House or the Grand Canyon about the country.

That is precisely what we have a habit of doing with the Liberty Bell. It was to have been expected that the City Council would snap through a resolution for a junket to Chicago with the bell.

It is hardly to be hoped that the time thus allowed will be adequate to permit public opinion to crystallize against a foolish and dangerous enterprise.

HOW ABOUT THIS?
ARE the State officeholders to be shaken down for campaign contributions after all?

It looks as if they were, for in the news reports of a conference of political leaders it is announced that, while it has been agreed that the Finance Committee of the Republican State Committee shall not solicit subscriptions from the State officeholders for the State campaign, there is nothing to prevent the political committees of the national Senate and House of Representatives or the Republican National Committee from soliciting subscriptions to a fund to elect Senators and members of the House.

PUTTING THEM ON RECORD
THE purpose of the attempt to apply the closure rule to the debate on the Tariff Bill in the Senate was served when the Senators were put on record.

GALSWORTHY OVER-ESTIMATES
THERE is no doubt that art, music, literature and drama have a civilizing influence, but few persons will agree with the statement by John Galsworthy, a distinguished British novelist and dramatist, in a recent address in London that "in bringing nations together the influence of art, literature and drama cannot be over-estimated."

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DIPLOMACY CAN'T SETTLE THIS

What Do You Know?
QUIZ
1. How many seats are there in the United States Senate?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. The closure rule of the Senate provides that if at any time a motion to close debate on a pending measure is made at the instance of not less than sixteen Senators, that motion shall be put to a vote on the day but on following that on which it was originally made.

SHORT CUTS
Glance at the streets and the outposts trains today and then tell us who it was who said that Americans are working themselves to death.

Today's Anniversaries
1822—Percy Bysshe Shelley drowned in Gulf of Spezia.

Today's Birthdays
John D. Rockefeller, capitalist and philanthropist, born at Richford, N. Y., eighty-three years ago.

Making the Public Understand
One of the biggest tasks of our own association has been to awaken the people of the State of Pennsylvania to a fuller realization of the necessity of making better provision for the care of the feeble-minded.

DISCORD IN THE GLEE CLUB

THAT little lecture which President Harding read to the members of his party over the heads of the Republican Glee Club of Columbus, O., was a new version of an old speech on the importance of party harmony.

THE trouble in public life and in our party is not that they do not pay attention to themselves instead of singing for public good and party good, but that somebody has to do the directing.

THE average price is five cents for soap, towel and comb to the traveler.

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Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

KENNETH L. M. PRAY
On Responsibilities of Citizenship

THE real responsibility of the citizen does not end when he has voted for competent men to enact the laws according to Kenneth L. M. Pray, executive director of the Public Charities Association of Pennsylvania.

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