OYEZ 1 OYEZ 111 - - Lyme Regis resounds with the bells and bellows of competitors in the National Town Griers Championship.

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Picture .:-

Armed with bell and bawl - - B A W L - + thirteen town-criers meet in Lyme Regis. The Mayor greets the big noises on arrival. Their--

--reception equals that given to big noises from Hellywood, only the Press does their shouting for them. The annual National Town Criers Contest is a--

--holiday event, with a capital H'o I T.Reeves, Trethomas, Monmouthshire says his piece.

This old country event always attracts a crowd of American visitors.

There's Mr. Morris, of Bodmin, Cornwall, crying his lungs out to get first place if he can.

Mr.G.M.Ollis, Keynsham, Somerset, follows and the --- crowd answers him back with joyful noises.

J.Moore, of Porth, Glemorgan, tries the Oh Yes, Oh Yes, Oh Yes business, but the odds--

-- are too heavy. Competing here is Mr. Anglis-

--of Marlborough, the crier-de-luxe. He outeries even Mr. Abbot of Lyme--

-- Regis who has been champion for three years.

Mr.Anglis wins the Contest and cup. The first to congratulate him is the ex-champion. These towncriers don't cry over spilt milk. Scout fellows !