

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1890

THE BANKRUPTCY BILL

In commenting upon the bankruptcy bill which has been reported by the senate judiciary committee for consideration, which proposes to do away with preference, Hon. J. L. Torrey states the objects and provisions of the measure as follows:

As the laws now stand in most of the states, oppression and hardship are the order of the day, and whenever a man is thought to be in failing circumstances it is a "fight and a foot race" between the creditors to see who can first secure compulsory liens and collect dollar for dollar of their indebtedness, to the exclusion of other creditors. The result is that the property of many men who are honest and actually insolvent is sacrificed at forced sales and they left helplessly in debt, although if they had been left to manage their own affairs they would probably have succeeded in paying dollar for dollar. If this bill should be enacted its friends confidently anticipate that the reverse of the condition will be true. In other words, a single creditor cannot institute proceedings unless the creditors are twelve or less in number, and unless he has a claim amounting to \$500 or over in excess of securities held.

The claim must be one that is provable in bankruptcy, and not as stated by some, a "probable" claim. The holder of any kind of claim for any amount can go into court on his own accord and institute simple proceedings; they might be more destructive than proceedings in bankruptcy. If there are more than twelve creditors it requires at least three creditors to file the petition, and they must together have claims aggregating \$500 or over in excess of securities held. This provision is to prevent, so far as possible, the institution of proceedings except in meritorious cases. If bankruptcy proceedings should be threatened in the same manner that other proceedings are threatened in the present condition of affairs the debtor can simply say that he will resist them if it be a case where the payment of an unjust claim is demanded, and in the event he is defeated can go into bankruptcy and thereby secure for all of his creditors an equal division of the estate and secure for himself the exemptions allowed to him and a discharge from the amount of his indebtedness over and above the dividends paid by his estate.

The question of proceedings in bankruptcy does not affect the continuing of the business of the debtor in any different way than the institution of other proceedings, unless it shall be shown to the court that there is a probability that the property will be carried away or otherwise disposed of in which event the court will order it seized upon the giving of a bond. The issues presented by the pleadings in bankruptcy proceedings will be considered by the court with or without a jury, as the defendant may elect. If the adjudication is made the creditors will elect a trustee, and he will, under the direction of the court, reduce the estate to cash and distribute it to the creditors. It is contended that greater safeguards are placed for the institution of proceedings in bankruptcy than for the institution of other proceedings. Safeguards against precipitate action; safeguards in the interest of the claimants and safeguards in the interests of the debtors. Under existing laws the exacting creditor not infrequently threatens proceedings, and is paid off by the giving of a preference. If this law should be enacted the threat would prove unavailing, because the giving of a preference is forbidden and the amount thereof may be recovered by the trustee in the event of bankruptcy proceedings intervening.

COMMUNICATION with Portland is not as frequent as it should be, for the present river service is too inadequate for the amount of travel, and it is hoped the action taken by the chamber of commerce on Monday evening may aid in securing better service. What is wanted is a boat from here every night and the same from Portland for this city. The Union Pacific needs no argument to prove that the present boat service is insufficient, as every boat is lacking in rooms enough for the passengers on each trip, rooms being engaged several days in advance. If that company think they can forever compel passengers to huddle like sheep, they will find their mistake soon, for there is money enough in this city to build and equip one or two steamers and run them for the accommodation of people, and it will surely be done unless the U. P. puts on more boats. They can well afford to do so, and it is only a matter of simple justice to the traveling public that the chamber of commerce is moving in this matter.

THE progress of railway consolidation has never before been as marked as at present, 7,667 miles of track having been absorbed in nine months, the Alchison leading off with the Frisco and Colorado Midland, with a mileage of 1,690, and among the other notable consolidations was the Northern Pacific's acquisition of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern and the Wisconsin Central, with a mileage of 978. The Big Four extended its jurisdiction over 802 miles of track, the Union Pacific secured an additional 802 miles, and the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia 913 miles.

YESTERDAY'S *Columbian*, with its usual cry of "stop thief," charges THE ASTORIAN with stealing dispatches and prints in its own dispatch of the 18th inst. and THE ASTORIAN of the 19th side by side. The display conclusively proves that THE ASTORIAN received the later and more correct news. While THE ASTORIAN does not seek gratuitous advertising, it is willing to give the *Columbian* due credit for its misdirected efforts, however feeble and futile they may be.

FORTY-EIGHT new brick blocks, costing from \$10,000 to \$300,000 each have been built since January, or are in course of construction, in Tacoma. This does not include the new court house or the \$750,000 hotel, although work has been begun on each.

WHEN you would determine the value of a man's character, observe how he spends his leisure moments.

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A man well known in this community writes the following interesting letter: "I was chopping a stump four weeks ago, when a flying chip struck me in the eye; for a short time I was entirely blind. Then partial sight returned again. I nurtured hope, and continued to treat it at home, until ten days ago, when I began to abandon hope of ever seeing perfectly again, unless something more than ordinary was done. I then counseled two of the leading oculists of Portland, who told me one eye would have to be cut out to save the other. It did not exactly suit me to have my eye cut out, and so I sought when Dr. Prentice arrived in Astoria, the Oculist, then at Portland, and he laughed at the idea of its being necessary to cut my eye out; I joined in the laugh, but was on my side, I have been free from pain since the first day's visit to Dr. Prentice, and improved steadily, and am now entirely well again. I feel safe in saying that if Dr. Prentice cannot cure a case he will always say so. THOS. H. FOSS, Gray's River, Wash."

A Touching Scene Witnessed by a Portland Gentleman.

One week ago we received an invitation to witness a delicate surgical operation on an eye. The patient was the 17-year-old daughter of Harrison Hay. For three years she had been blind in both eyes with a cataract, and was obliged to grope her way about in total darkness. The patient, without taking any medicine, submitted to the following operation: She was now ready for the surgical part of the work, and we stood in breathless anxiety as Dr. Prentice placed the point of his knife at the side of the eyeball, carefully touched the point of the cornea, then the blade entered the eye; we saw it pass through the eye in front of the pupil and then come out at the opposite side. It was then drawn upward, and a cut made of about one-third of the circumference of the ball. Another instrument was then passed in back of the pupil, and almost on the instant the girl said: "Oh, Dr. Prentice, I can see!" This was spoken in tones well calculated to bring tears to one's eyes. From the time the eye was opened until the patient could see, it was just one minute. She was allowed to see those about her for a moment, then the eye was closed and bandaged.

In just one week after the operation she came into our office and was able to read our paper. She also wrote a letter home, saying: "Dear parents, I can see and am happy." Mr. Jerome W. Campbell, General Superintendent of the Willamette Bridge Railway Co., saw this operation. Another letter from Judge Carlton, SALT LAKE CITY, 1888. DEAR DOCTOR:—Before leaving for the East, I wish to express my appreciation of your treatment of my eyes. I have tried for several years to get far-seeing glasses, and I had concluded I could get no better of any benefit to me. But after I saw the wonderful benefit of your system, I take pleasure in saying that the glasses furnished by you have restored my vision both for reading and far-seeing to the same condition as in my boyhood. I resolved to have your far-seeing glasses after I witnessed your system on a beautiful young lady of sixteen years, afflicted with a complicated condition of the eyes. She told me she had never been able to distinguish one's face at a distance of six feet. With Dr. Prentice's glasses she could see as well as anyone. As she looked up and down the street, and for the first time in her life saw the distant mountain tops, she was greatly delighted, and inquired with childish simplicity: "Do other people see this way?" It seemed that a new world was opened to her view, as novel and beautiful as "Eden's rosy bowers" appeared to our first parents. Yours truly, JUDGE A. B. CARLTON, Chairman Utah Commission.

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Notice of Guardian's Application FOR LICENSE TO SELL REAL ESTATE. To Martha Rowland, Arthur Rowland and all other persons interested in the estate of Knos Rowland, deceased: Take notice that Wm. Edgar, as guardian of the minor heirs of said Knos Rowland, deceased, has filed his petition for license to sell a specified part of the real estate belonging to said Knos Rowland estate situated in the County of Clatsop, Oregon; you are hereby notified and required to appear before the County Court, at the Court House in Astoria, in said county and state of Oregon, on the 2nd day of November, 1890, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon of said day to show cause why a license should not be granted for the sale of such real estate. Given this 22nd day of September, 1890. C. A. McCUIR, County Judge.

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