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THE BANKRUPTCY LAW.

The National Bankruptcy Law of 1898 is now in operation throughout the land, excepting only in these Islands in which no Federal courts have been established. Section 4 of the Act is:

"Any person who owes debts, except a corporation, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act as a voluntary bankrupt. "Any natural person, except a wage earner or a person engaged chiefly in farming or the tillage of the soil, any unincorporated company, and any incorporation engaged principally in manufacturing, trading, printing, publishing or mercantile pursuits, owing debts to the amount of one thousand dollars or over, may be adjudged an involuntary bankrupt upon default or upon an impartial trial, and shall be subject to the provisions and entitled to the benefits of this act. Private bankers, but not national banks or banks incorporated under state or territorial laws, may be adjudged involuntary bankrupts."

While the act went into effect at once, it was also provided that "proceedings commenced under state insolvency laws before the passage of this act shall not be affected by it."

Under the Bankruptcy Law of 1867, it was held (10 Fed. 277) that aliens resident within the country and owing debts there may take advantage of the act by filing voluntary petitions in bankruptcy. The same ruling will undoubtedly be held under the present law. Our esteemed Asiatic brethren will not be denied this blessing of civilization.

It is many years since the Bankruptcy Law of 1867 was repealed. That law operated in many cases, as a denial of justice. The bankrupt estates passed into the hands of the Registrars, appointed by the Federal courts, and enormous fees were charged. All classes of men finally became disgusted with its crude, and even cruel provisions, and all felt relieved when Congress tore the law out of the statute books.

The present law is not regarded as complete. It is in the nature of a compromise. At the same time, it is drawn, under the light of former experience, and avoids some of the most objectionable features of the repealed law.

The lawyers who have investigated the subject look upon the English Bankruptcy Laws as the best in existence. Those laws have been amended from time to time, in order to protect the mercantile interests, and at the same time, those traders who are unfortunate.

THE "OUTLOOK."

The retirement of Dr. Lyman Abbott from the pulpit of Plymouth Church in order to devote himself entirely to the editorial work of the Outlook, is the best proof of the steady growth of intelligence in the country. For the few hundreds who heard this remarkable man, as he stood in the pulpit, several hundred thousands of people will now read his varied sermons in the weekly Outlook.

Dr. Abbott does not belong to that class of preachers and laymen, found in this place and elsewhere, who are afraid of the liberal use of the human reason, and seem to suspect that in any broad discussion of religious matters, the Almighty's truth may get the worst of it. Dr. Abbott, like his renowned predecessor, Henry Ward Beecher, is not a practical atheist, though a theoretical believer. He refuses to accept the old doctrine that God and the Devil rule the world. He sees at the foot of every page of history, even though it be a record of the massacre of St. Bartholomew's day, the words, "God reigns." It is said of him that his preachings disturb the faith of men. So does the preaching of Christianity disturb the ancient faith of the Japanese. Who is to be the judge in these matters?

One can see the change of sentiment in the conspicuous Plymouth Church during the last forty years. Mr. Beecher, in 1861, from this pulpit, alluded to a former very orthodox preacher in the same pulpit, who said in it, "Man was susceptible of infinite increase in faculty and went on sinning forever, and his punishment would be augmented forever until it is probable that there are single individuals in this congregation who will suffer more in the periods of prospective ages than has been suffered by all the lost and damned in perdition since the beginning of time."

The human reason, which Dr. Abbott has such unbounded faith in, does not now tolerate such a lurid view of eternity. He is conspicuous for his attempts to bring common sense to bear upon the important spiritual questions.

The Outlook is one of the most successful efforts of modern times to break down the absurd distinction between religious and secular affairs. It treats human thought as one and indivisible; that character is one and indivisible, and cannot be divided off

into lots like a farm, and labelled "religious lot," and "secular lot."

The Outlook, so far, is a great financial success, in its obliteration of these arbitrary distinctions. The common sense of the world slowly but surely becomes tired of conventions and theories. It is not the purpose of the Outlook to disturb those who are comforted by the doctrine preached by Mr. Beecher's predecessor. It reaches out to the younger generation which is impatient, and restive, under the increasing educational institutions of the country.

ANOTHER COLONY FAILED.

Another of the "Bellamy colonies" established in Hastings, B. C., has failed. The colony at one time contained over five hundred persons who were led away by Bellamy's glittering generalities. Personal friends of this reformer often asked him how, in the execution of improved social schemes he could prevent the thriftless from becoming a burden upon the industrious and thrifty. His reply was that under favorable conditions all would be thrifty. He failed to see the weak side of human character, and all of those who have attempted to realize his schemes have also failed to see it.

The moment a community is formed, the brains of the active and selfish ones begin instinctively to contrive ways for getting the best of their associates.

In this Hastings colony brains counted for nothing. Those who shirked labor were as well cared for as those who were industrious. The social platform upon which the colonists stood was the equal honesty, equal industry of all. The platform was a rotten one. The failure is merely the ending of one more of those foolish attempts to make water run up hill. The time has not come when the man who has patiently cultivated his brain, is willing to take care of the man who has wilfully neglected to train his own brain.

It will require a persistent use of the art of "Natural Selection," and the careful breeding up of the race before Bellamy's prospects can be realized.

THE PASSING HOUR

"The bird of time has but a little way to flutter—and the bird is on the wing."

Most of the men rather inclined to rove, are learning enough about Manila to decide to keep away from the Philippines.

Merchants who might be concerned in the matter exhibited in correspondence printed on page 1, have at least made their position clear.

It appears to be now demonstrated that the S. S. City of Columbia had diseased "innards" even before she was kidnapped from Hilo by Honolulu.

The Paradise of the workingman is evidently not without its tinge of distasteful feature. The Montreal Witness interview, given elsewhere in this issue, indicates that there must in time be a radical change—a complete readjustment.

Fort street should be widened if it can be done at any cost within reason. With its new buildings and many permanent shops it will long be the principal thoroughfare of the town. At any busy hour on ordinary days the street is practically blockaded.

As Dr. Maxwell's returns to Washington on agriculture in Hawaii will be bulletined from the National Capital, the New England farmer closely housed in midwinter may read of the progress of the harvest of pineapples, oranges and bananas in another part of the United States.

The extension of the American tariff laws to this place will go a long way in the solution of the opium smuggling problem. The cost of maintenance of one branch of the Customs Service will be considerably reduced. Opium can be brought in by payment

of duty of \$8 a pound. Its use can be regulated, so far as such a thing is to be governed by local legislation.

The name of Mr. Aguinaldo is not noticed in the list of guests at the American Thanksgiving day feast in Manila. Perhaps there was a fear that Aguinaldo would claim the whole of the turkey.

Oahu's New Officers.

An election of officers was held last evening in Oahu Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias. This will be the roster for the year 1899:

- C. C.—Geo. E. Ward. V. C.—Bro. Erricson. Prelate—Dr. St. Clair. M. of W.—Bro. Becker. K. of R. and S.—Bro. Kilbey. M. of E.—Bro. Dall. M. of F.—Bro. Kidder. M. at A.—Bro. McCready. I. G.—Bro. Doak. O. G.—Bro. Wolters. Physician—Dr. St. Clair. Trustee—Bro. McLean. These officers will be installed on Thursday evening next.

WIELAND BEER.

The celebrated Wieland Beer, strictly pure liquors, cordials, etc., of the highest class can always be found at the Commercial Saloon, Beretania and Nuuanu streets. P. Ryan, manager.

ARE YOU READY

To look at the finest and most complete line of holiday goods ever imported into the Hawaiian Islands? If so we shall be pleased to offer the services of one of our obliging clerks to show you the goods.

TIME NO OBJECT.

The goods were purchased by our Mr. Barthrop, who has recently returned from a tour among the leading makers throughout the United States.

In quality and price we are leaders.

COME AND SEE.

We have a line of fine leather goods that embraces almost everything useful made of leather at prices astonishingly low.

IN CELLULOID GOODS our line will astonish you.

FANCY GLASS BOTTLES. We lead our competitors.

PERFUMERY is our forte. Our line of Palmer's, Lazell, Dalley & Co., Lundborgs, Colgate, Pinauds, Rigand & Co., Roger & Gallet, is complete.

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Impure Blood

Rheumatism, Kidney Troubles and Sick Headache the Results—Doctored for Years Without Relief.

"My blood was out of order, and I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. It has purified my blood and relieved me of rheumatism, kidney trouble and sick headaches. I have been afflicted with these difficulties for years. I am now able to do a good day's work. Rheumatism has troubled me since I was a child, but I am now entirely well." Miss PIERCE BALEY, Box 415, Pasadena, California. "I have suffered from the effects of impure blood, boils, pimples, etc., for five years. I have tried various remedies without relief and finally purchased six bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla. The boils and pimples have all disappeared since I began taking this medicine. I am now entirely cured." LOUIS THOMAS, 1412 11th Street, Oakland, California.

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TIMELY TOPICS

December 19, 1898.

A FEW MORE HANDSOME GOODS.

Last week we spoke of B & H Lamps. We are more than pleased with the sale we have had on these goods last week, as it goes to show that our efforts on behalf of our patrons is fully appreciated.

This week we are desirous of calling your attention to a handsome line of

- ART MIRRORS, ART VASES, ART PITCHERS, ART CANDLE STICKS.

These goods are without exception the most handsome line ever brought before the public of Honolulu.

The Scourse Mirrors are the very best beveled plate glass set in the latest creation artists of the highest order can conceive and are of a large variety of designs.

What we have said of the Mirrors also applies to the assortment of

VASES : AND : PITCHERS

Within the last year or so the fad of using candle sticks is again in vogue, with the exception that at the present day the designs are much prettier than those used in the last century.

It is no uncommon thing today to step into the best furnished houses and find these Art Candle Sticks displayed in some cosy nook around the house. Our assortment of these goods consists of several patterns.

The Hawaiian Hardware Co. Limited. 307 FORT ST.

Honolulu, Oahu. Hilo, Hawaii.

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FINE PERFUMES, TOILET SETS, TOILET WATERS

From American, French and English Makers.

BENSON, SMITH & Co.

Fort and Hotel Streets.

The Great Clearance Sale Still Goes On.

THE BALANCE OF THE STOCK HAVING ARRIVED, WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO SELL AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

Fine White Dress Goods, 5cts. a yard: Fine Printed Nainsooks, 5cts. a yard: French Organdies, 10 cts. a yard: Heavy Flannelettes, new patterns, 10cts a yard: Fine French Organdies, 15 yards, \$1.00: Victoria Lawns, 32 inch wide, 10 yards 75cts. All other goods at proportionate Prices.

DOLLS and TOYS. At your own price. The whole Stock must be cleared. TOYS and DOLLS.

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TREMENDOUS BARGAINS IN MILLINERY, being the very latest Styles selected from a fashionable Regent Street, London, Stock

SAILOR HATS, the Latest Style, \$1.25 each. TABLE LINEN AND NAPKINS at Bargain Prices.

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Ready Made CLOTHING, COLLARS and CUFFS, NECKTIES and a Complete Stock of UNDERWEAR will be cleared at any price, as we are going out of the business.

Queen Street, Near Fort. L. B. KERR, Dry Goods.