

Correspondence.

SALT LAKE CITY,
Sept. 1, 1898.

Editor Deseret News:—Several persons, residing in this City and Territory, have applied to me to obtain information in relation to taking the benefit of the Bankrupt Act of March 21, 1867, passed by the Congress of the United States. In answer thereto, to one and all, I would inform them that the law referred to made it obligatory upon all persons wishing to take the benefit of said law, to file their petitions, with schedules annexed, with the Clerk of the Court of Bankruptcy, for the district in which such petitioner resided, previous to June 1st, 1898; after which date no person could take the benefit of said act, unless he could pay fifty cents on the dollar of all his liabilities, except by the written consent of a majority in number, and value, of his creditors. But since June 1, 1898, Congress has passed a supplemental Bankrupt Bill, the principal feature of which is the extension or postponement of the fifty per cent. clause, until the first day of January next, A. D. 1899; that is, any one who applies for the benefit of the bankrupt law, or is forced into bankruptcy before that time, shall be entitled to a discharge upon his giving up his property, no matter how small may its value be. But after January 1st, 1899, a different policy will prevail; any one may apply for the benefit of the bankrupt law, or he may be forced into "involuntary bankruptcy" by his creditors, he may be declared a bankrupt, but he will not receive a final discharge unless his assets produce fifty per cent. of the amount of his debts. In such case the condition of the bankrupt will truly be unfortunate. He will be deprived of his property, but he will be unable to go into business again without liability to his old creditors. Such is the debtor's situation, unless he takes the benefit of said law before the first day of January, 1899. I would therefore say to all, who, through losses, misfortune or otherwise, are desirous of taking the benefit of said law, that the Court of Bankruptcy for the District of Utah Territory, composed at present of the Honorable United States Judges Drake and Hoge, will sit in bankruptcy in Salt Lake City whenever necessary; R. H. Robertson, Esq., being the Register in Bankruptcy, whose office is on East Temple Street. All petitions and schedules thereto annexed in voluntary bankruptcy, must be filed with the Clerk of said Court.

By giving the foregoing an insertion in your valuable paper, all those wishing the information therein contained, can obtain it, and act accordingly if they see proper.

W. I. APPELEY,
Clerk of Court of Bankruptcy for the District of Utah Territory.

ENGINEER'S CAMP, on the field,

Willow Creek, Aug. 28, 1898.

Editor Deseret News:—I write you, thinking a few items on a topic of considerable importance to the residents of the Salt Lake Valley, and that the proposed new line of the U. P. R. R. running south of the Lake would not be uninteresting to your readers. There has been considerable talk lately about this line; and to obtain a thorough and satisfactory account of the country lying between Humboldt Wells and a point near the southern extremity of the Lake running through Johnson's Pass, Tulee, Stockton, &c. The great difficulty will be in running through Goshute Pass; but Capt. J. F. McCabe, the engineer in charge of the party, thinks he will surmount all obstacles. He expects to be out some three months, and to arrive in Salt Lake about the month of December.

We have been traveling a week and do not know when we will commence work. We will leave the road twenty-six miles west of this point, near Deep Creek Station, and under the direction of Mr. Peter Worthington (our guide) strike for the Goshute Pass. We will then run to the Humboldt Wells and back again, making a connection with another line run by Capt. Hodge and his party; after which we will go on location. The only inconvenience we have as yet had to meet is owing to the scarcity of water. We have had to carry it in barrels for our stock and in canteens for ourselves. The country is one vast desert for nearly sixty miles, and nothing but our inferior quality of salt, and sulphur water within that distance. At Deep Creek we will have a change as there are a few ranches on the route we propose taking from that place. They are working a silver mine, with some success, I understand, and have laid out a town there.

As it is getting rather late, and I hear the rumbling of the coach coming down the road, I will defer writing more until another favorable opportunity.

Yours, &c.
C. H. F.

PROFANITY.—Why will men "take the name of God in vain?" What possible advantage is to be gained by it? And yet this vulgar sin of profanity is evidently on the increase. Oaths fall upon the ears in the cars and the corner of the streets. The North American Review says well:

"There are among us not a few who feel that a simple assertion or a plain statement of obvious facts will pass for nothing unless they swear to its truth by all the names of the Deity, and blister their lips with every variety of hot and sulphurous oaths. If we observe such persons closely, we shall generally find that the fierceness of their profanity is in inverse ratio to the affluence of their ideas. We venture to affirm that the profane men within the circle of your knowledge, are all afflicted with chronic weakness of the intellect. The utterance of an oath, though it may prevent a vacuum in sound, is no indication of sense. It requires no genius to swear. The reckless taking of sacred names in vain is as little characteristic of true culture. In this breathing and beautiful world, filled as it were with the Deity, and fragrant with incense from a thousand altars of praise, it would be no servility should we catch the spirit of our reverent worshippers, and illustrate in ourselves the sentiment that the 'Christian is the highest style of man.'"

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