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MR. KAN INTERVIEWED.

He Gives Good Reasons for the Faith That is in Him.

Like all other up-to-date newspaper folks, the other evening we elected ourself a committee of one to interview Mr. Kan. We found that gentleman cozily cornered in his private home den smoking a Virginia Cheroot, with a copy of the last issue of the HERALD in his hands reading our "O'er True Tale." He greeted us with the easy familiarity of a natural-born gentleman, loaded us up with a Cheroot and a little stick with brimstone on one end of it, plunked us into an easy chair and remarked:

"You gave me a great introduction to your readers last week, and I was thinking to call round, renew my subscription and ask what you had against me that you aired me up so mightily."

"My Dear Sir," chirruped the pencil pusher, "you've got at the wrong end of the business."

"How so, prith?"

"Why, I came here to interview you—not to be interviewed myself. Don't you know when you wish to interview a man, you must go after him, and not wait until he comes round to smoke your Cheroots?"

"Ha, ha, ha! So you decline. Well, many another great man has attempted to put aside the man behind the pencil. What can I do to make you happy?"

"Well, Mr. Kan, I'm not going to state how I came by the information, but some of our business men want to know how you figure out such a reduction in insurance rates by bringing in more water and a voluntary fire department—I do not suppose we can aspire to anything else very soon—and will be glad enough to get that."

"Why, man," he rejoined, "That's as plain as a pike staff," and he reached for a Home Insurance Company's scratch book which some how or other had got into his den.

"First, we must have a Board of Trade; because that's an institution which rightly managed, helps in all directions. It will take hold for a more adequate water supply, as well as the fire department 'lay,' or the advertising of our city and valley, and the inducing of manufacturers to locate here, and—"

"Yes, yes, my dear sir, but if you please—one thing at a time. I like broad gauge men, but our business men want to know about easing their insurance rates. How do you figure that out?"

"I wish you would give something hard! Why, look here my boy. How many merchants have we at present? We will say there's twenty-five, and for an example, use these figures. Then suppose these twenty-five merchants carry on an average five thousands dollars insurance. For a further example, say they are paying nine per cent (and the rates are higher than that in one of our ranges) which makes the sum of \$11,250 annually paid by them in insurance premiums on \$125,000 worth of property. Now, with plenty of water and a well-organized fire department, hand and chemical engines and a hook-and-ladder company it is but simple history to say these rates would fall at least one third, which makes a saving to our business men of \$3,750 a year and this surely would silence any kicker who growled at the expense of a Board of Trade. With these insurance rates reduced to six per cent (and perhaps less) they would be paying only \$7,500 for \$125,000 insurance of instead \$11,250. Any man can figure it out if he has ever seen an arithmetic, and it's not only in figures, but in fact since the same has been the history of every new town.

"I think you've got the insurable interests of our merchants way up," we ventured to suggest.

"That don't cut any ice, my dear boy. No matter what the amount, the proportion would be unchanged and it would be the same with mills, manufactories and shops of all kinds. Why, when I was on earth first," he continued, "I knew a town where insurance companies gave many manufacturers a wide berth at six and seven per cent, who were eager for the same risks at three and a half and four per cent when the city came to have an adequate water supply and a fire department to match. There's nothing like water and pumping machines to put down insurance rates, my boy."

"Yes, I know," murmured the pencil pusher. "Water is good for purposes of navigation. Some people drink it, and it's a rank enemy of fire, and you need not be assured," said the scribe, reaching for his hat, "but that the HERALD will be in at the front to advocate anything

which is for the advantage of our enterprising town. I'm a thousand times obliged to you, Mr. Kan, for this brief interview. I would like to come up again some evening and have a talk with you about our dairying and agricultural interests.

"Come in any time, my boy. I'm always at home for newspaper men. Have another Cheroot. No man's candle gives any the less light because it hath lighted another," and we were bowed gracefully out, with a hearty hand-shake and a pleasant 'good night.'

And we thought as we wended our way homeward. Here is wisdom. No man's candle gives any the less light because it hath lighted another," and we mentally resolved to have our candle "up against" Mr. Kan's whenever practicable, and extract therefrom as much of the light of his experience and observation as possible for the benefit of our readers.

How a simple thing will sometimes get "onto a fellow," and anchor itself there with hooks of steel. How it will cling and grow, and bring up to one's mind a long list of memories long since laid away in the bins of our forgetter until some slight breeze—zephyr-like as this, skims over the surface of the soul, and on the instant how wide-awake every faculty is. How forgotten incidents are all ablaze on the pages of the past, and we grow stronger and better because of the revival. Why, don't you know that chance remark of Mr. Kan's is one of the grandest texts ever put into our ears? Let us never forget it. "No man's candle gives any the less light because it hath lighted another."

E. G. D. HOLDEN.

To Put State Offices on a Salary.

The Capital Journal, Monday will publish official figures to show that by putting all state officials on a reasonable salary, and putting all fees into the state treasury the taxpayers could be saved about \$50,000 a year. The Governor gets a constitutional salary of \$1,500 a year, and salaries on boards and commissions of \$2,750. Annual appropriations the past year for his office \$6,950. The Superintendent of public instruction gets a salary of \$2,500, and appropriations for his office, including clerical aid, amounts to \$12,687.35 per annum. The state treasurer gets \$5,311.87 salary and \$2,900 a year for clerical services. It is generally understood that when there is demand for money he makes a great deal more than that loaning idle state funds to banks and large firms. The secretary of state gets \$2,850 in salaries, \$14,643.01 in fees and \$8,983.55 a year from the legislature for clerical services in his office. He turns over of the fees \$4,134.55 and this leaves a net annual total for running his office of \$22,342.01. The appropriations for the state printer for four years including 1901-2 are \$126,424.24, not including deficits to be made up by the next legislature, or \$31,807.06 per annum for printing and binding. A reduction in compensation of \$25,000 a year could be made and still pay salaries larger than other states pay, and at the same time convert \$25,000 of fees into the state treasury, thus effecting a change of \$50,000 a year in favor of the taxpayer. As a new term of four years begins after the next election the matter should be now discussed and the proper salary figures put into the platforms.

They Both Confess.

St. Louis, Dec. 12.—In the United States District Court today, Ben Kilpatrick, the Montana train robber suspect, was sentenced by Judge Adams to 15 years' imprisonment in the State Penitentiary, at Jefferson City, Mo. Previous to this action by the court, Kilpatrick made a confession, in which he stated that he had forged the names of Helena National Bank officials to notes of that bank stolen in the Great Northern express robbery, near Wagner, Mont., last July, and that he afterwards disposed of a number of them. The sentence followed a jury verdict, finding the prisoner guilty on one of the 17 counts in the indictment against him.

Laura Bullion, indicted jointly with Kilpatrick, was also found guilty on one count, but was not sentenced. Judge Adams announced that he did not wish to send the two prisoners to the same penitentiary, and would defer sentence on the woman until he ascertained whether it was within his jurisdiction to send her to some penitentiary outside of Missouri.

From Libby.

Libby, Dec. 11.—As usual, this little town is very busy. The mines are in full operation, and at nearly all times of day and night, men and boys with lunch pail in hand, and miner's lamp on cap, go on their way to and from their underground work. Singly and in pairs and groups, others chatting, whistling and sometimes singing. The mules and a few horses also have their mining work to do. Poor beasts! Some of them go reluctantly to their work, while others plod along as though they know of no other or better method of earning their board and lodging, but all seem more cheerful on the home trip even though they may be a little stiff and weary. It is said that some of the mules are kickers, and one of them tries to bite any person within reach when displeased. None of the kickers or bitters are discharged, although they are often expostulated with by the drivers.

The school-house is one of the best buildings in town. Within its walls, the children and youth who assemble are guided in their search for knowledge by Mr. McDonald and Mrs. Sam Sleep.

Mr. Geo. Bolster, former proprietor of the Libby Hotel, has sold his ranch to a Mr. Johnson of this town. Mrs. Bolster and her daughters, the Misses Eva and Bell Tyrrel, are in Monmouth, Oregon to visit Mrs. Francis Fisher (oldest daughter of Mrs. B.) Mrs. Fisher is very sick. It was reported that Mr. Fisher died in the hospital at Portland, but Mrs. Bolster writes that Mr. Fisher has recovered from his late illness.

The boy (Ringue) who was hurt at the mines, some time ago is recovering from his injuries. There is considerable sickness in camp at present. Chicken-pox, La grippe and Measles seem to be the principal ailments.

An Italian named Carlos Jarra died at the hotel on Monday night of this week, he had only been here two days and was intending to work in the mines. The proprietor of the hotel did what they could to relieve the poor man's sufferings, and after death came, the men boarders of the hotel, with gentle hands prepared the body of the stranger for burial. Their work was skillfully done, and a neat coffin was ordered from Marshfield, Tuesday. The still form was lifted to the coffin, a last look on the peaceful face by those who had done what they could, and then the wagon rolled slowly away with its load, and those assembled went their way with thoughts of sympathy for the widow and fatherless children in far away Italy.

A young man named Davenport was quite badly burned in the mines several days ago by gunpowder explosion. His hurts were painful, but, we are informed no serious.

Mr. Alva Westgate of Coquille was in town yesterday on a canvassing trip, accompanied by Mr. Darby. We wish Mr. Westgate success in his new business.

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(From the Coos Bay News)

The Coos Bay creamery made nearly 200,000 pounds of butter during the past season. The creamery is still in operation, but the output of butter at present is limited.

The city election, held last Tuesday, resulted as follows: John S. Coke, mayor; F. P. Norton and H. C. Noble, councilmen for three years; E. A. Eickworth, councilman for one year; Judge Hydas re-elected.

Dr. Mingus made a trip to the Smith hill lakes, Saturday, and returned with two fine honker geese and some ducks.

Rails for the road and mine, and sheet iron for the bunker, were received last week at Crescent mine No. 2. New machinery will be set up as quickly as possible, and the force of men employed will be constantly increased. The machinery used in the sinking of the Coos City shaft will not be removed. It has been housed in, and will be used when work is again resumed in the spring.

For Sale by Tender.

I will receive bids for my house and 1/4-acre plat in Noley's addition to Coquille City. For particulars apply at the HERALD office. THOMAS TAYLOR, Keswick, Cal.

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 Tailors and
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 Yes we are always rushed but if you leave your order with us in the next 10 days we can guarantee you the neatest and nobbiest suit or pair of trousers you ever wore and have them in time for the Holidays.

J. S. KANEMATZ



Extra fine glass table pitchers, fully worth 50 cents. Our holiday price 35c.

Ladies 50c Union Suits, 40c. Misses' size, 35c.

Ladies' embroidered silk handkerchiefs 10c.

Sachet powders, per package 15c.

Ladies' extra fine silk embroidered handkerchiefs 10 to 50c.

Misses' and Children's plain and scalloped handkerchiefs in great variety, for 2 1/2 cents and up

Gents' cambric and Linen handkerchiefs plain and hemstitched and colored borders 5c to 25 cents

2 doz for 5c 1c

50c 20c 5c

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50c 20c 5c

Boy's shoe 25c

1.25 per set.

5c 5c

2 doz 5c 5c

25c 5c

3 doz for 5c 5c

5c 10c 10c

15c 10c

5c 10c 10c

Agate 50c

15c 10c

Butt Hinges, 5c.

Coat Collar Springs, 5c.

Holiday Goods, Toys, Etc.

Steel Locomotive and Passenger train 23 inches long - - - 50c

Toy Garden Set, consisting of a hoe, spade and rake, made of wrought steel, good size, for 25 cents.

Tin Kitchen Set, consisting of 24 pieces of useful kitchen utensils, per box, 10 cents.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS, 5 cents and up.

Kid Bodied Dolls, 12 inches to 20 inches, 25 cents to \$1.50.

Medium Sized Dressed Dolls, jointed, neatly dressed in all costumes, 25c.

Tinsel Garland, 5c per yard.

Mechanical Locomotive Engine, large size, 25c.

Children's Cups and Saucers, Floral and Gold Decorations, 5c.

Gents' Mastache Cops and Saucers, beautifully decorated in Floral designs, 25c.

Bohemian Glass Handled Baskets for trinkets, comes in red, green and Opal shades, 30c.

Children's A, B, C plates, 5c.

12 inch Opal Glass Bowls, Bohemian manufacture, an exquisite parlor piece, \$1.00

Toy Brooms 10c

Toy Dust Pan, 10c.

Toy Cart, substantially built, biggest for 25c.

Pictuos Books, large variety, 1c each and up.

Soup Albums, large size, elegantly decorated, with 50c, for 25c.

Dominoes, per set, 15c.

Toy Bows and Arrows, per set, 15c.

Jaynes Kites, 5c.

Ladies' Fancy Work Baskets, 5c to 30c.

Good sized Photo Album, Celluloid front and Pin-back, 50c.

Bette grade in Photo Albums, \$1 to \$3.00.

Ladies' and Misses' Wool Fascinators, 50c, 75c \$r.25 and up.

English Walnuts 2 lbs. for 25c.

Candy and Nuts.

French Mixed, Chocolate Cream, Plain Mixed and Fancy Candies.

Almonds, 10 cts. per pound.

4-piece glass table set not exactly like cut but plain clear cut glass, 30c per set.

FREE! FREE!

Boys' elastic suspenders, 10 cents. Mens' suspenders 15 cent to 50 cents.

Embroidery Hoops, 4 inches to 8 inches in diameter, any size, 5c.

Coin Purses, 3 for 10c.

American Plate looking glass, 10x17 inches 50 cents

Toy Hammers, cast steel, 5c.

Good Bristle Hair Brush, 25c

French busting cotton, 2 spools for 5 cents

Toy Trunks, trays and compartments, exact duplicates of large ones, 25c to \$1.00.

Medium quality hand saws, 90c.

Canvas Telescopes, all sizes, 50c to 1.25.

Tin and Agate sauce pans, 15, 25c

Stockinet, dress shields, per pair 5 cents

Doll Eng-gies of all kinds, 40c, 50c, \$1.00.

Child's Silver Knife, fork and Spoon set, trip-ple plated, 25c.

Wooden Top, nicely painted, 5c.

Toy Horns and Trumpets, finely decorated in colors, 5c.

Toy Watches, with chains, 5 cents.

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