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WITH MR. KAN AGAIN.

Some Sensible Sayings, Seriously Said.

When next we assembled ourselves together, at the comfortable home of Mr. Kan we found that gentleman's dome of thought, corrugated with a sort of condensed air of seriousness, somewhat at variance with his usual make-up.

His greeting however was as cordial as ever, and seating us in the same easy chair, in nearly the same spot, we before occupied, in his den, produced those Virginia Cheroots of which he seems so fond, and in order to disperse other "blue devils" we soon had the air laden with the aroma of the soothing weed, and conversation did not lag.

"When you came in," said he, "I was thinking what a different world this would be if people, who could—would only do things. A mouse and a pig, you know are of no use until they are dead, and if that isn't the plan of many of the human race, 'little' or 'hoggish', then I don't know what those words mean. Since you were last here, I have been canvassing certain matters and I've had no more success,—at least apparent success, though I had sat here in my den, smoked my Cheroot, and chewed over the 'weekly' paper."

"I fear sir," we rejoined, "that you are a little pessimistic, influenced perhaps as we often are, by the weather, or the state of our liver. We cannot expect good results from any adventure, at once. It often takes piles of hard work and lots of it in a hill, and it's the never-say-die which succeeds. It's the determined. 'I will' you know, that puts a man astride the world to conquer it. We are doing well enough. The people are thinking. By and by, they will act and whether they give us any credit, or not, something'll be done. It was Josh Billings we believe who said, 'my son! observe the postage stamp. Its usefulness depends upon its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.'"

"Hal hal hal! There I'm glad you made me laugh. It's as good as soothing syrup. What's the use of worry any way since worries are so much like crumbs in a bed, the more you wiggle, the more they scratch you. I'm not much on the worry, and am old enough to know that big things move slow; that no great scheme was ever perfected in an hour. It takes a lot of thinking, and the time to think is before one undertakes a piece of work. Then keep right on thinking, and push hard."

"Right you are Mr. Kan," exclaimed the scribe. "Right you are, and while what we have said in back numbers about a Board of Trade is rioting in the brain of our fellow citizens if you please, as we suggested when last we smoked together let us canvass our agricultural and other resources a few moments."

"Suit's me to a 'T' my boy" that does, and I give you this for a toast on an agricultural basis: 'No partisan politics, but farmers at the first table, no truce to monopoly, and fair play to all men.' Let these views become known and popular and the agriculturalist would have a season of unexampled prosperity, hitherto unknown. No longer then could it be said of him:

"His nights were filled with rest-less care,
 His days with toil, life held no charm,
 And the ghost, that haunted his troubled dreams,
 Was the mortgage on his farm."

"Your toast is all right Mr. Kan. On the farmer's prosperity all else depends, but I doubt me much, whether this country will ever see, 'no partisan politics' until we reach millennial days. The farmer in a sense, is divided against himself and many of them, or all of them, for one party or another are as rank as any partisan in the land.

Your own experience doubtless proves this and what is 'again them' as a unit, is the fact, they are united. The Grange in its best day, accomplished much for the agriculturalist, but that is now largely a thing of the past, and the trouble was they provided nothing

better to take its place.
 "Your rhyme may be 'reason' but poetry is for bright and happy things, not for gloom, and mortgages are greusome facts. I suppose as an old resident of this county, you are full of valuable statics, on all subjects pertaining to its versatile productions, and we would be pleased to print a lot of them."

"Oh dear no! I'm not an encyclopedia by any means, and for a dead sure fact my boy, I haven't collected the latest statistics, by a long shot. In fact it would be hard to keep an up-to-date, account with all the varied industries, and possibilities of our county, unless one made a business of it, and that I've never had time to do. The climate of Coos county, aside from its 1450 square miles, and rank productness, is one of its most seductive features. A few years ago, some one kept a record of the temperature, and found that in January the thermometer ranged from 30 to 56 degrees, and in August from 49 to 70 with a mean temperature for the year of 52.2 degrees. The three winter and three summer months varied only 11 degrees.

We have fifty miles of coast line and two good harbors, one of them the best between San Francisco and Astoria, on both of which the government has already spent something like a million dollars for jetty improvements and will put in more for their completion. Coos Bay has 600 square miles, water shed, and the Coquille river nearly 1000, most of which is in this county. Our river has an excellent channel from eight to ten rods wide with ten feet of water on the bar at a low stage. We have probably ten billion feet of merchantable timber and 450 square miles, underlaid with a coal stratum from three to six feet thick, a very productive soil, the best of pure water in unmeasured quantity, together with a climate healthy and pleasing to every body. Our population is now over 10,000 with a gross property valuation I should say of between four and five millions with lands patented and unpatented of tally about 750,000 acres of which perhaps 60,000 to 70,000 acres are under cultivation. Our school fund state and county, must now be between \$15,000 and \$26,000 with at least five thousand children of school age to profit by it, as well as the state, which has ever been liberal in educational matters. But my friend, we have not really reached our agricultural interests yet though I hope our talk will not prove profitless, but lest we outrun your space perhaps we had better, say this subject will be "continued," and leave a good bit, for another issue, and yet another, as we have struck a subject which is practically exhausted."

"I'm agreed to that Mr. Kan, with all my heart and be sure, we think its our turn to supply the Cheroots, when we come again."
 "Oh don't bother about that! Only come, and meanwhile I will try and get myself better posted. I never particularly admired a walking encyclopedia, but sometimes it's mighty handy to be one" and then at the door, "Good night, my boy."
 "Good night Mr. Kan, and my thanks for a pleasant hour."

And then we thought as we hit the grade, what a wise and curious man is Mr. Kan. "A mouse and a pig are of no use until they are dead," And again—"The time to think is before one undertakes a piece of work. Then keep right on thinking, and push hard." And again, "No partisan politics, but farmers at the first table. No truce to monopoly and fair play to all men." And the wind as it is sighed around the street corners seemed to say, "No truce to monopoly and fair play to all men" and beyond in the far moonlight the whining horizon, seemed to bend away until it embraced the whole world, with its multitude of people, studying the golden rule, and each the harder striving to see what good things he could do for his neighbor, and then like Mr. Wegg (The old scoundrel) we fell into poetry."

"And sometimes that we've attained,
 Some resting place God's love hath gained
 And we look into the skies,
 Forever and forever rise,
 The possibilities of Good,
 Go 's kindness and his fatherhood,
 And hence today, let—we may see,
 The white peaks beckon you and me,
 And white days, with their golden suns,
 Triumphant o'er the sultry ones,
 The glowing white deeds that survive,
 And keep Hope's queensless flame alive."
 E. G. D. HOLDEN.

Marshfield vs. Eureka
 The much-talked-of football game between the Marshfield and Eureka teams took place Sunday with the result that neither team made a score. One of the Eureka boys sustained a dislocation of an arm at the elbow seems to be the only casualty of note. It was a hot game but we have not heard whether another will be played or not. The people of the river did not get to attend the game as there was no special train as it was advertised there would be.

Philadelphia Suffers from Smallpox.
 The following excerpts we give from an article in the Philadelphia North American, by Dr. Benjamin Lee, one of our country's most eminent physicians and a recognized authority on smallpox, for the benefit of our readers on account of the many and varied opinions in regard to the disease now extant in all parts of the country:

EPIDEMIC WAS EXPECTED.
 Dr. Benjamin Lee, secretary of the state board of health has been busily engaged sending out warnings throughout the state. As he is regarded as specially well-informed upon smallpox, what he has to say at this time is considered valuable.

"This epidemic has now reached a state which the board predicted over a year ago," he said yesterday. "The disease followed the army from Cuba, but it was a light variety which did not frighten the people. Its introduction into the state through the southern counties and through Virginia and Ohio was well marked. The disease is essentially a cold country malady; the germs do not live preserve activity in high temperatures. For that reason we have to keep vaccine in a refrigerator. Consequently, the colder the weather, the more favorable for the propagation of the germ."
 "Now the West Indian smallpox which the troops brought home was of such a light type that hundreds of cases were not recognized by the physicians as variola at all. These cases went through all stages of the disease without inconvenience. The patient did not know that he was more than out of sorts. He ate his three meals a day, and attended to his ordinary pursuits."
 "These light cases were capable of spreading the infection. So the epidemic has been growing for three years. During the early stages the mortality was not above one per cent. Then it grew to two per cent, and today it stands at fourteen per cent."
 "The longer an epidemic of smallpox lasts the more virulent does the disease grow, and the more deaths per hundred are recorded. We are now within the grasp of a serious epidemic, and the authorities should do everything possible to check it. Unfortunately, it is not practicable to compel the people to be vaccinated. The best that can be done is to deny them certain privileges and to quarantine them when their families are attacked."

"The most dangerous period is during convalescence. Then the disease is easiest communicated. There are two standard disinfecting solutions. One is made by dissolving corrosive sublimate and permanganate of potash in soft water in the proportion of two drachms of each salt to the gallon. The other is made by dissolving six ounces of chloride of lime in a gallon of water. But above all, vaccination is the only preventive."

A United States senator says that the intention of Congress to pay to Mrs. McKinley one year's salary of the President's office and to grant her a pension has given rise to the suggestion that this cannot be done without also giving consideration to the case of Mrs. Harrison, widow of President Harrison. The senator takes the position that it would be discrimination to provide for Mrs. McKinley without also doing something for Mrs. Harrison, and believes that this matter will be fully considered in Congress at this session. He says that while President McKinley was assassinated in office and President Harrison died out of office, there is no reason why Mrs. Harrison should not receive the same consideration as Mrs. McKinley.

The opponents of Cuba tariff concessions may find themselves "between the devil and the deep sea" if compelled to choose between a reduction in the tariff on Cuban products and the free trade that would follow the annexation of the island.

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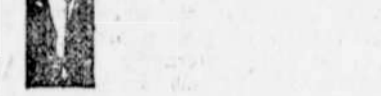
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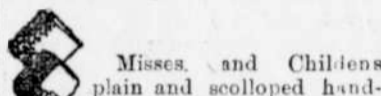
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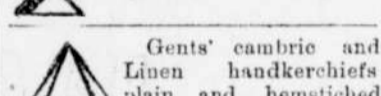
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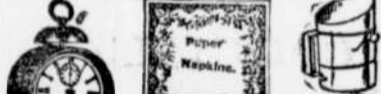
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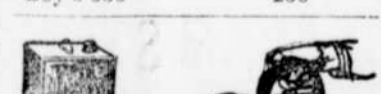
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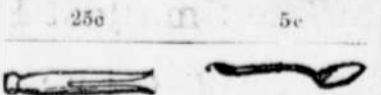
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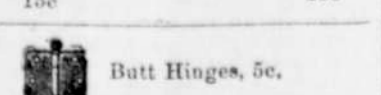
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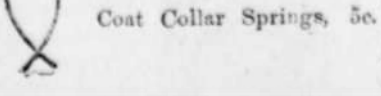
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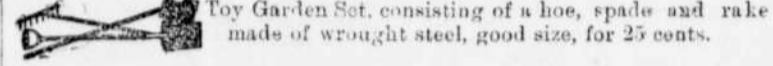
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