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LOCAL JOTTINGS.

The most important man in court—"the Judge." Does he retain his importance when courting?

SKATING RINK.—Our reporter visited the skating rink last Tuesday evening, and was highly amused with the amusing antics of the young gentleman from Sapperton who finished the evening by going down on his knees to all the ladies.

The young gentleman from the hatchery must be careful, or he will have some trouble on his hands with one of our stago proprietors.

The city lamplighter applied for an increase of salary to enable him to keep a horse. Supply him with a donkey, gentlemen of the council.

Two Dominion officials who do all they can to forward the interests of our city:—The Dominion government agent, and the agent of Marine and fisheries.

The fourth folio.—The Victoria Times calls upon the ministry to explain why Mr. Allen's claims have been overlooked. THE MOSQUITO would ask the Times to explain what it means by "Mr. Allen's claims." Are they his great abilities, or good services rendered the country?

If the would-be musical critic (who in giving his opinion of the merits of the various soloists at a late concert, said he considered a certain amateurs understandings to be perfectly hideous) wishes to know something ten times more intensely horrifying, we advise him to stand in front of a perfect mirror, and examine carefully the reflection of his own physiognomy.

It is time for the merchants of this city to become alarmed at the depressed state of the money market. One of our leading produce dealers in buying a new hat the other day had to do so on the installment plan.

If the dude-clerk, and would-be masher had as much snap in him as the whip he is so fond of flourishing, he would be of more use to his employees.

The Colonist claims that New Westminster has the biggest hogs. Is it because we have a Cuning-ham in the house?

It is the intention of the Mosquito Publishing Co. to enlarge the Mosquito to more than double its present size, on the arrival of the plant from San Francisco.

Summer is coming and the plumbers must go.—It is rumored that a prominent plumber is about to depart for a Southernland(?)

It is rumored that our worthy fellow citizen, Mr. James O'Halloran, is about to take unto himself a better half. Well done, Jimmy! Don't forget THE MOSQUITO when you do the job!

The steamer Idaho, from Tacoma, arrived on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, bringing 13 passengers and about 35 tons of freight.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

In this column we propose to insert any short suitable questions which may be propounded to the public, through us, together with or followed in the next, issue by the answer, and we invite the assistance of the public to make it both curious and complete.

Why is the present house of assembly fit to legislate on game?

Ans.—Because the birds are well represented therein.

In what state of public morals is a country when official letters are sent by the government in such a way that they are both official and yet so private that they cannot be used in justification of any act performed because of the instructions contained in them? Please tell me Mr. Mosquito.

Can anyone inform us why "hah, hah," takes the back street when going to lunch at the Colonial hotel?

Telephonic.

[To Mosquito.

MARCH 7.

A telegram was received at Port Moody this morning, stating that the Euphrates, with a cargo of steel rails, arrived at Victoria, and will be at Port Moody on Monday.

"WAS LOST, AND IS FOUND."

We feared his familiar face had forever departed from our gaze. He mysteriously disappeared at noon on Wednesday. Many were the enquiries made by his numerous friends, and as many times did they have to turn away disappointed. At times we thought he might have been captured by some roving tribe of natives, and it was our intention to send a party of armed men in search of, and rescue him. But our fears were removed on Thursday morning, when we found him at his usual place of business, and once more his graceful and pleasing countenance

gladdens our hearts as he skips around the billiard table. We are not in a position to state his whereabouts during the long period of our suspense, but when we speak to him about it he does not even greet us with a "smile."

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