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THE MOSQUITO

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The Mosquito.

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—BY—

THE MOSQUITO PUBLISHING CO.

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TO OUR CITY COUNCIL.

We do not mean to analogize
For having lots of fun,
But when we've got a thing to do,
You bet, it will be done.

Our council, like our little self,
Has not yet reached its prime,
And if it does as it should do,
We have no cause to whine.

It ought to build us new sidewalks;
That is, where they are wanted;
So that when we go home at night
We may not thus be taunted:

SHE—You're drunk, I know you are,
You need not say you're not,
Just see your clothes, you dirty thing,
You are a perfect sot!

HE—I'm mud from head to foot, I
know,
But, Pollie, let's explain:
'Tis not my fault, 'twas the sidewalk
And my ankle I have sprained.

As I was walking down the street—
Columbia street, you know—
I stubbed my toe,
And off I went, I thought to Jericho

I put my foot right in a hole,
And came down just like thunder;
And that I did not break my neck,
Oh, my, it was a wonder.

If Mr. D—— and his colleagues
Could only thus be treated,
I'm sure we'd get our new sidewalk,
Yes—just where they are wanted.

So, City Fathers, help us, please,
In this that we have told you;
Should you go home like this at night
Your Pollie will thus scold you.

SUMMARY.

The Eickhoff House has been fitted up, in splendid style. Call and sample.

We noticed that the Con. Harbor millionaires (who are to be) arrived in this city on last Tuesday's boat, by the score, more or less. What are they going to do with it.

The most important news to those who own land at Coal Harbor is that

the government is safe, they have passed their railway land grab act. Honest John, and truthful James are happy.

The busiest places in town—the stores? Oh, No. The lawyers take the cake, and the saloons come next. Our advice is let the law take care of itself, and if you will spend your money, why drink it.

The dance given by the band was a failure through the absence of the ladies. This will never do ladies; do not throw off on the band. And gentlemen of the band advertise your dances in future; the ladies read the papers especially THE MOSQUITO.

Mr Deane has tendered his resignation as Councillor. Queer things do happen. Here is a man who objects to take the physic he has helped to prescribe for others. Go for him, Council, and Mr. Deane you stand the racket. There's nothing like law.

Seymour Artillery, "attention!" Accept a suggestion from THE MOSQUITO. You may have to fight you know, you will require new guns. Get the Maxim by all means; you can start the thing a shooting and then get out of the way. It will keep on firing until the supply of cartridges give out.

A bachelor who lost his hat (an old one) at the Fireman's ball, was presented with a handsome hat band, with his initials worked thereon to prevent such accidents in future. Now, bachelors, lose your old hats, that is if you can persuade the girls to be so kind, it may lead to something better you know!

Dr. Trew is after the asylum doctor again, but the Columbian euches him by saying, "you haven't seen all the cards, Doctor; if you had you would not talk this way." We would humbly suggest that some benevolent individual raise a row between two of our lawyers. What fun we would have!

"Birds of a feather flock together" Mr. Foster late of Port Moody, and Mr. Burritt, late contractor for fencing on the C. P. R. left San Francisco together on the steamer of about two weeks ago for Australia. We insert this notice for the comfort of the sorrowing friends of the above named gentlemen, who mourn their departure.

Two amusing incidents we have to call attention to. The first is an illustration of the old saying, "love me love my dog." In this case, the

dog went to church with the lady. The initiated need no explanation. It is rarely you see a cow religiously inclined; but strange things will occur, and last Monday morning Mr. Bonson's cow opened the gate, and took a walk up the church steps, not to hear prayers but for a good feed.

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OUR SERIOUS ARTICLE.

No one will deny that B. C. is suffering from the general depression of trade, our own portion of it especially. The reasons for these circumstances, we think, are not hard to find. Two rivals for the terminus of the C. P. R. naturally result in want of confidence in either; and speculation in town lots at both places by people too poor to afford such expensive amusements. We know of numbers who are to-day unable to meet their payments promptly for the reason that the money they require for that purpose is invested in land, and they find it impossible to realize it, except at an enormous sacrifice. This want of confidence, we are afraid, will continue as the Premier plainly stated in the house, that on the completion of the road to Coal Harbor a ferry would be put on to connect the C. P. R. with the Island railway. Such being the case Victoria will be the real terminus of our railway as she is to-day of the N. P. R. Under these circumstances what kind of a city will Vancouver be, and will not capitalists be afraid to invest? Another matter of vital importance to our city is the deepening of the main channel of Fraser River at the sands heads. Experienced navigators claim that for an expenditure of \$30,000 the river can be deepened to 27 feet at high water. On this being proved satisfactorily to the Dominion government, the citizens of New Westminster ought to leave no stone unturned until their object is attained. Twenty-seven feet of water at the mouth of Fraser River and then the Great Eastern herself could come to our wharves. Our future would be assured; both Coal Harbor and Port Moody would be nowhere in the race. On our branch line connecting New Westminster with the C. P. R. and a railway connecting us with the American system of railways, being completed, our city would be in a position to command the

whole of the mainland trade. Now is the time for us to awake. We have slept long enough, and allowed Victoria to reap a rich harvest while we have been dozing away; questioning which is going to be the future capital of B. C., Port Moody or Coal Harbor. We answer neither, neither. We have the start and all the natural advantages and intend to keep them, that is while there is a Mosquito left.

THE MOSQUITO.

It is our intention to claim the same privileges as our namesake, viz: to buzz, light, and feed on the fattest subjects we can find. In introducing our little paper to the public we wish to inform them that our principle object is fun. We do not intend to take any side in either politics, religion, or civic affairs, but whenever we can call attention to any thing whatsoever which we deem is injurious to our City we shall use our efforts to their utmost to prevent such things occurring. We deem it necessary to inform the public that we do not intend to follow the example of the "old man and his donkey." With this short introduction we leave THE MOSQUITO in the hands of the public, hoping that they will appreciate our efforts, and prove the same to us by allowing us to live, and not squash us as they would our namesake.

I. O. G. T.

We always thought that this society was a temperance organization but we were informed it meant Independent Order of Great Tipplers, and in support of this assertion, our informant said, "They don't drink whiskey? You should have seen Mr. H— last week; he was stretched out on the sidewalk just paralyzed, and several others drink like fish." If this information is correct the society will have to look after these offenders.

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LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Our old friend, Mr. Joe Armstrong the new president of the telephone company, returned from Victoria last week, bringing with him an experienced electrician from Victoria, to put the lines in good working order. You ought to hear how he made the things talk. Well done, Joe, you'r the chap as can do it.

More fun among the doctors—two more of them are at it. The Columbian refuses to publish a letter from Dr. Garrow, but does not mention the name of the Doctor to whom it was written. This is not fair to the other members of the profession. Name, please.

A deck-hand was lost over board on the last trip of the Princess Louise to this port. He swam bravely for 9½ minutes, but had to give in. Steamboat owners should be very careful to see that all life buoys on board are securely fastened with ock and chain. Should they be thrown over board, they might be lost, while a deck hand more or less is of no importance.

The stock in trade of the late Eugene Bradbury was sold by Mr. T. J. Trapp, auctioneer, on Saturday night last.

We noticed last week that Harvey (Ellard & Co.) was again enlarging his premises. This is a good sign, and we hope to see a number follow his example this spring.

We learn that certain officers of the Volunteers are to receive a handsome bonus from the Immigration department for valued services rendered at last year's camp at Victoria.

"Coming events cast their shadows before." H. V. Edmonds Esq. returned on Tuesday last, and the next day we observed a large safe being placed in that gentleman's office. He is evidently preparing for the boom.

LAWYERS EXPLAIN.—We are informed on undisputable authority that the money (some \$1000) paid into court by the Chinese who were convicted of illegal liquor selling has not been accounted for. This happened last June. Who's got the cash?

GOOD NEWS.—Mr. C. S. McLaren, an old resident of this city, returned by the G. W. Elder, as far as Victoria. We understand it his intention to come to our city, and start in business for himself. Welcome back Mac., we will all be glad to see you.

HOUSEKEEPERS! Try Frank Siddalls' Soap. H. W. Hughes, Ag't.

SQUIBS.

An Orr-ful political dilemma, That of the junior member for New Westminster district.

Miss Olphant is writing a new novel in Chambers' Journal entitled, "A House Divided against Itself." Does she mean our local Legislature?

"Selections from Handel"—Barrol organ music.

Will the prayers of the Bishop of Melbourne against the increase of rabbits in Australia have any more effect than the prayers of the rabbits would have against the increase of his lordship's family?

HARD TIMES.

Oh, dear, what can the matter be,
I'm in a hard old fix,
I need some cash to pay my bills,
But cannot make it stick.

I have a store with lots of goods,
But people let me keep them;
So what on earth I'm going to do,
I wish I had not bought them.

I have the goods, but that's not cash,
And them, they are not bacon,
For if they were, upon my life,
I'd stay right here and eat them.

So now I've made my mind right up;
I'm going on a journey,
To interview our honest John,
And ask that chap to help me.

If I can only buy some lots
Out at his place, Coal Harbor,
That is, "upon a buckskin note,"
I will be lunky dory.

I think he'll help me, for he's boss,
And can if only willing;
And then I will not act like Ross,
But just like old Josh Billings.

For Ross he is to have the bounce,
The Colonist has said so;
And then perhaps I'll get his place,
But do not say I told you.

Before I go one thing I want,
The folks to kindly pay me,
Their little bills they've owed so long,
Please do not disappoint me.

Latest by Telegraph.

RUMORED RESIGNATION OF GLADSTONE.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—It is rumored that at a cabinet meeting held this day Mr. Gladstone signified his intention of resigning. Should such be the case we suppose the conservative leader will be called upon to form a new government.

The following also came

through: Five thousand Zulus have volunteered for service in the Soudan, and it is expected that the English government will accept their offer.

The Italian government have forwarded \$1,000,000 to Massowah for the purchase of camels to be used in the campaign. They have also ordered their troops to advance to the relief of Kassola.

Gladstone's government escaped defeat by the small majority of 11. On the motion censuring them the Irish members voted with the Conservatives.

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OUR SHORT SERMONS.

ON KISSING.

TEXT,

For me, I kiss but very few,
But with that kiss my heart goes
too;

I hold a very Judas he
Who'd kiss but in sincerity.

MY HEARERS:—Kisses may be reckoned among the luxuries of life, rather than among its necessities; and the reason why so many are fond of indulging in them is, because they belong to the superfluities of this world, and contribute neither to the nourishment of the body nor to the welfare of the soul, but merely afford a moment's gratification. Formal or ceremonious kisses are like manufactured flowers—very fine in appearance, but wanting in fragrance; and their superabundance only goes to show that the present is a very artificial state of society, as the monkey said when his master put breeches on him. The common custom of kissing the Bible in order to give the appearance of solemnity to an oath, unless the kiss be hot from the heart, is impious mockery, and ought never to be practised in a country like this, where Christianity and common sense are supposed to be closely combined. This cold king of kissing produces no blissful excitement, and often leads to bad results; and I have no doubt but that the old woman experienced more pleasure when she kissed her cow, than half of the young men who bestow kisses upon the cheek of beauty, unwarmed by the fire of affection.

My young friends—you may go to your private evening parties, where all is gaiety, joyety and hilarity—where the lovely angels of earth, dressed in the snowy robes of purity, look tempting enough to make a saint turn sinner, and perform a pilgrimage from paradise to perdition for the sake of a single glorious smack. Go then, and feast till you fatten upon forfeited kisses; but be assured that, although they may be attended with some little sport and amusement, they are just as destitute of real extacy as a fox's back is of fur in June, or an oyster of fine flavor in August. True bliss only attends the warm kiss of fervent love. When a young man presses the girl that he sincerely loves to his bosom—when heart meets heart—when soul mingles with soul—and when lips meet lips—Oh, then come exquisite touches of tenderness!—then he cannot help feeling a sort of futziness all over!—and she must unquestionably feel as though she were ready to pin-lean-

ther at the moment. Such, my young brethren, are the delightful, but indescribable, sensations attending the kiss of pure and unadulterated love. But he that kisses only to decelve imbibes a poison at the time, which rankles in his bosom, and induces more or less of grief and mortification, according to the injury inflicted. I hold him a very Judas at best—and if after committing the deed, he were to go straightway and hang himself, society would reckon his loss as an unlooked-for and fortunate gain.

My hearers—as for me, I don't dive very deeply into miscellaneous kissing, and consequently kiss but few; but, when I do kiss, an explosion takes place which must convince all within hearing that it originates from the heart, and is meant in earnest. There was a time, in my school-boy days, when I could extract the sweats of a kiss as calmly, composedly, and I may say as coldly, as a bee sucks the honey from a hollyhock; but now I never undertake the business of bussing unless I go into it with a heart heated in the blazo of enthusiasm. A mother kisses her child, and no one presumes to mistrust her motives: true lovers do the same to one another, and no evil consequences ensue;—doves bill and coo, and they know no more about the practised arts of love than a man knows when he goes to sleep;—but, oh! this kissing to gain some mean, mercenary or unlawful end, ought never to be countenanced in a Christian community. To kiss in jest, as is often practised by chaps among the girls, is productive of no absolute harm nor actual good; yet the young men love to indulge in it: and so long as the amusement is innocent in itself, I have no objections to their gratifying their naughty, but not wicked, propensities, to their heart's content. But they must be careful whom they kiss, and how they kiss. Some girls will undergo the pleasurable punishment as quietly as a good-natured child submits to baptism by sprinkling—some twist and squirm like an eel while being skinned, and either return a smart slap in the face, or exercise no other defence than by merely saying, 'Why, ain't you ashamed!'—and then again there are others whom it is as dangerous to attempt to kiss as it would be to undertake to break open the trunk of an elephant. Look out for this latter sort my young friends; for they have teeth like a tiger's and claws like a wild cat's—and you must keep at a respectful distance, or pay dearly for your rashness.

You, married men, may greet one another with a noly kiss, but don't kiss each others' wives, lest the

green-eyed monster haunt the blooming bowers of matrimony, and every blooming blossom of connubial bliss be blighted in the frost-bringing breeze of jealousy. You, young folks, of both genders, partake prudently of the pleasures of kissing, now while every kiss is rendered hot by the enthusiasm of youthful ardor—for, like buckwheat cakes, they are only good when hot; and they will grow cold for a certainty as you go down into the frosty vale of years, where beauty loses its charms, and pleasure its power to entice. I want you, my young sinners, to kiss and get married; and then devote your time to the study of morality and money-making. Then let your homes be provided with such comforts and necessaries as piety, pickles, potatoes, pots and kettles, brushes, brooms, benevolence, bread, charity, cheese, crackers, faith, flour, affection, cider, sincerity, onions, integrity, vinegar, virtue, wine, and wisd a. Have all these on hand, and happiness will be with you. Don't drink anything intoxicating—eat moderately—go about business after breakfast—loungue a little after dinner, chat after tea—and kiss after quarrelling; and all the joy, the peace, and the bliss the earth can afford shall be yours, till the graves close ever you, and your spirits are borne to a brighter and happier world. So mote it be!

AN ARIZONA OBITUARY NOTICE.

The following obituary appears in a recent number of an Arizona paper: "The stalwart form of our genial friend and fellow-citizen, Abe Gunner, is stiff and cold, owing to a little trouble he had with Bite Off Ransom. It is not our province to say which was right, but to voice the general sentiment of regret that Abe is no more. As a mixer of drinks he reached up into the artistic, and the patrons of the Montezuma all recognized the fact. Abe will be buried with all the bullets which he received in the encounter, none of which, we are glad to say, are in his back, as it is not deemed necessary to get them out. The best people of the town unite in doing honor to his memory."

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