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tends to lay up should be ample in volume but deficient in quality. Who is to do the grading, and what are to be the rules of inspection?

This is a vital point to our sister city, because it suggests numerous practices by which such catastrophes may be circumvented. Thus, if the grades of operative work should be lowered, so that what is really No. 2 spring can pass inspection as No. 1 extra, it will make it easier for the sellers, as Chicago knows; but the experience of the buyers under these circumstances is not so satisfactory. So, also, in case the contract should be filled by the delivery of round lots of opera, apparently of first-class quality and up to the standard, but proving on inspection to contain a large proportion of operative omelette, cottonseed oil and other unsuspected substitutes for the real article, the usual relations of Chicago with the rest of the world would be sadly reversed.

EDGERTON'S DECAPITATION. The honoring of Edgerton, by the President yesterday, as a closing stroke of administration policy is noticeable for its comic features—although it seems to be tragical enough for the decapitated place-holder.

The protracted inquiry into the details of the charges against the hospital steward of the penitentiary is now at an end, and the official inspectors are considering their decision. When that shall have been made known the public will be better prepared to judge how far responsibility for the things complained of at the investigation extends.

IN PLACE OF endeavoring to indicate to the inspectors what their course should be, the public will rather wait with curiosity for the inspectors' own judgment. As THE DISPATCH stated when the matter came up a week ago, testimony from the inmates alone, owing to their peculiar antecedents, could not be regarded as conclusive unless corroborating circumstances were clear.

FASHION AND SALVATION. The New York fashion "boom," which was considered the correct thing, the four hundred and their initiators a year or two ago, is now reported to have run its course.

CHICAGO'S NEW AMBITION. It is pleasant to know that the plans for the opening of the Chicago Auditorium are not going to fall short for lack of being sufficient publicity. We believe that it was Sir Philip Kydonia who said that "the architect on the Monday sun, though he know that he shall never reach his mark, yet is certain that his arrow will fly higher than if aimed at the way-side bush."

NOT THE RIGHT CURSE. The striking out of the losses from the New York street car strike estimates a cost of \$100,000 to the men, \$250,000 to the companies and a still greater, but unestimated amount to the public.

THE TOPICAL TALKER. The Strange Behavior of a Society Leader—Fair Florida Hears for the Visitors Who Come Not—Poker Knocks Out Mrs. Jean Poulney Bigelow.

The Philadelphia Traction Company, which took a second trial in order to escape paying \$18,000 damages for cutting off a newsgroup's leg, has received a stunner in the shape of a verdict of \$20,000 on the second trial.

THE COUNTRY AWAITS WITH CALM indifference the question whether Bismarck will grant Sauer or Harrison enforce civil service reform; but the one thing which he breathes is whether the St. Louis baseball team will own Arlie Latham for the coming year.

ONE home industry has been broken up—not even natural gas and the geographical advantages of the site could save it, viz.: a manufactory for counterfeit gold and silver dollar pieces in Butler county. Uncle Sam still insists on having a monopoly in that business as the thirteen Butlerites declared yesterday realize now to their sorrow.

THE NEWS THAT Germany has made overtures to England to restore the double standard of coinage will give aid and comfort to the stoutly struggling bi-metallicists of this country. Having, according to the inscription on the federal dollar trusted in the Deity for about 21 cents on the dollar, these many years, it will be a relief to observe the probability of a reinforcement and trust in Bismarck for change.

IT has recently come out in the Dominion Parliament that a member of that body acquired a timber right from the Government on seventy-five square miles of pine land for \$316, and sold it in three days for \$20,000. This may be why our esteemed cotemporary, the Toronto Empire, turns up its nose at the corruption of the United States.

VARIOUS cities are trying to abolish the hobnail street cars; but the hobnail flukes continue to lure their victims to ruin without interference.

THE Grand Jury of Steubenville, Ohio, recently passed a vote of thanks to the prosecuting attorney for his "pudicent, creditable and endurance." If an Allegheny county prosecuting attorney could get a chance to thank a grand jury for these qualities, the sensation would be novel.

THE Central Traffic Association having failed to make the combination which it wished to make, of course the report of a rate war is heard. After the rate-cutting has forced the combination, it will next be held up as an awful example of competition between the railroads.

MRS. MOXA CAIRD is a brunette, tall, graceful and handsome. Her husband, James Moxa CaIRD, is a speculator in land in California. Of course he will have nothing to do with vineyards.

Ten Cents Head to be Paid for the Pests by the State of Maine. AUGUSTA, Feb. 9.—The orators of the Maine House of Representatives were inspired by the subject of the crop yesterday.

There was a queer debate upon a bill introduced by a granger Representative, fixing a bounty of 10 cents on the scalp of every crow killed, and instructing town treasurers to immediately deliver by fire, after paying the bounty, the crows heads deposited with them. The bill was warmly commended by the Representative from Maine.

WEDDED ON A WAGER. An interesting episode in the career of Henry Beach, alias Major Le Caron, was his courtship and marriage with a young girl, by one of his former comrades. It serves to show the devil-may-care spirit of the adventurer who is now testifying before the Parnell Commission.

THE Republican Senator A Moser. A gentleman who is well acquainted with the interior of this State, Harrisburg said last evening that the Prohibitionists in Senator Cooper to accept the position of Chairman of their State Central Committee, and organize the party for the approaching battle.

A White Barber to be Tried for Refusing to Shave a Negro. CAMBRIDGE, O., February 8.—A case under the Ohio civil rights law was brought before Justice Turner in this place to-day. The defendant, a barber named Isaac Green, is the keeper of a barber shop in Cambridge, Ohio.

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Where the Slimy Molluscs Are Eaten and Considered Delicacies—They Never Cause Poisoning, Indigestion or Colic—Diverse Varieties of Frogs—Eels, Snails, Frogs and Whales Considered as Food. From the London Standard.

A Whitsire correspondent writes us, in some amazement, that only last week he found a man searching for snails, not as zoological specimens, but as articles of food. Still more extraordinary, he actually practiced them. Simply roasted on the bars of the grate and eaten with pepper and vinegar, they are declared to be delicious.

Snails Eaten in England. Whitsire is, however, not singular in possessing a man above the ground who might be called a snail-eater. In several parts of England snails are regularly eaten—not, it is true, as an ordinary article of diet, but as a special treat.

Southdown Mutton's Flavor. There is, however, the consolation that many adulterations much more reprehensible than the use of snails enter into the food we are compelled to consume. From the London Standard.

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NOTHING SLOW ABOUT THEM. An Ohio Couple Meet, Court and Marry. Pomeroy, O., February 8.—A romantic marriage took place at Middletown last night. Alexander Neighbourgal, a young man from 16 miles back in the country, came to town and met Miss Sarah J. White, a young lady from Middletown.

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Hard to Decide Between Two Evils. NEW YORK, February 8.—The stockholders of the Metropolitan Opera House Company are trying to decide what kind of grand opera they shall give New York next season.

JOHN SMITH GETS HIS BOARD PAID. Yuet Sing and Chinatown's Board of Aldermen are on the ragged edge of a lawsuit over the cost of the Chinatown board for the last three years.

GENERAL SHERMAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED. General Sherman celebrated his sixty-ninth birthday yesterday by giving a dinner at his new home in Harlem.

HARRISON'S INAUGURAL SHOES. In the show window of Edward Day's shoe store is an elegant pair of patent leather shoes, the product of the most famous shoemaker in the world.

A KENTUCKY PASTOR UNITED TO HIS SWEETHEART AFTER SEVEN YEARS' ABSENCE. PARIS, KY., February 9.—Rev. Geo. T. Walden, formerly pastor of the Christian Church at Millersburg, is the hero of a romance of quite a lively romance.

NO SUCCESSOR TO SACKVILLE. LIKELY to be Appointed United States Minister to Harrow is Sacked. WASHINGTON, February 8.—No information has been received at the State Department regarding the appointment of a British Minister to this country.

A MUTUAL AGREEMENT. WASHINGTON, February 8.—The conferees on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill have reached an agreement.

FACTS AND FIGURES. THE national bank deposits now hold \$48,753,483 of Government deposits. Last week the national bank deposits held \$48,753,483 of Government deposits.

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