

The Ocean Mine Disaster.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of the Ocean mine explosion places the responsibility directly and sharply on the operators and the mine inspector, and cuts out some good work for the grand jury.

The statement that the mine inspector has not done his duty towards this mine, is not surprising. Inspector Harr is not capable of doing his duty, for he knows as little about a mine as any man who ever saw the inside of one. He was appointed not because he was a qualified person, but to pay a political debt connected with the gubernatorial contest. If it be true, as stated by the coroner's jury, that he has not visited the Ocean mine since last summer, his head ought to drop in the basket without ceremony.

Mining is hazardous enough under the most favorable conditions, and the men who risk their lives in that employment have a right to expect that the State, which undertakes some care of them, will not trifle with their lives by tolerating an inspector who does not inspect.