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THE EVENING STAR has a regular and permanent Family Circulation much more than the combined circulation of the other Washington dailies. As a News and Advertising Medium it has no competitor.

Mr. Bryan on "Virginia's Temptation." Mr. Bryan, in this week's Commoner, indorses in the following words Senator Danaher's objection to the proposition to limit the negro school fund in Virginia to the amount of taxes paid by negroes:

"The question raised is one of very serious importance of far greater importance than the educational qualification which has been adopted in some of the States. An educational qualification, however desirable, is a barrier, for with a proper school system the franchise is soon within the reach of all, but to discriminate the negro by an educational qualification and then deny him the means of getting an education is a much more serious matter."

"While it may seem a hardship for the white people to bear so large a share as they do of the expenses of instruction for colored children, they find some recompense in the fact that they own a large share of the taxable property. In no State of the Union is there an attempt to make each family or class pay for its own education. In every community the expense of public schools is paid by general taxation."

"Very often large taxpayers have few children or none at all, but they are compelled to contribute to the support of schools. The State is interested in the education of all the members of the community. Life and property are more secure and existences more comfortable in a country where the people are developed in mind and character."

"This is a clear and generous statement of the question, and it will be read with interest by the people to whom it is addressed. Virginia has twice supported Mr. Bryan for President, and there has been no evidence since her last expression of preference for him of any change in her feelings. So far as known he still enjoys her confidence, and in alliance thus with her senior senator in advocacy of a matter of such great local importance it is to be expected that his words will have much weight."

It will be observed that in his reference to an educational qualification for the suffrage, Mr. Bryan speaks a little guardedly. He does not say in so many words that he approves of the policy, but soothes those affected by it with the reminder that the barrier thus erected can be but temporary in a country where education is general. About that matter it was but natural for Mr. Bryan to be diplomatic. He well understands that the educational qualification prescribed in several of the southern States is drawn so as to militate almost exclusively against the negroes, and that it has twice been applied in his behalf. The south is still his stronghold, and if he is to try for the presidency a third time he cannot afford to offend the south. At the same time open indorsement of an educated suffrage in a country where the per cent of illiteracy is by no means small, and where the newly arrived foreign vote is large, might be ill-advised in the leader of a great party."

But upon the question of education, pure and simple, and the duty of citizens with property to contribute liberally to the support of schools, Mr. Bryan is outspoken and eminently right. On that issue he is in touch with the best sentiment of the country. If he could muster the following for any other issue for which he stands the south is for free schools for white and black, and enough of them to insure every child in the land a fair chance to acquire an education, nothing could keep him out of the White House. Fortunately for the country, however, the issue of popular education is every party's issue, and no leader could hope to appropriate it to his own or his party's exclusive use."

A Mystery Solved. The finding of the body of Willie McCormick, the boy who disappeared from his home near New York about six weeks ago, apparently solves the mystery of his absence, which has heretofore been generally attributed to the enterprise of kidnappers. There is every evidence, according to the reports, that the body was in the water just the period of the boy's disappearance, and nothing about it indicates that he had died from any other cause than accidental drowning. The original suspicion that he had been stolen for a ransom was natural under the circumstances, though it was modified by the fact that the parents were in comparatively poor circumstances and were not apt to be chosen by kidnappers as likely to give a ransom worth the risk of the crime. The theory that the boy had been kidnapped did not cause the abandonment, however, inasmuch as numerous letters were received by the father, the uncle in this city and recently by this paper, alleging that the payment of a ransom would result in the boy's restoration to his family. It is evident now that these letters were written either by persons including in a ghastly joke for their own secret amusement, or were speculative advances for the sake of the ransom. The public mind was aroused on this subject by the sensational Cuddey case and the letters were perhaps a natural development. It would be a wholesome rebuke to such malicious enterprise if the writers could be traced and punished for their attempt to make capital or fun out of the sufferings of a bereaved family."

J. Pierpont Morgan's new transatlantic steamers are to carry cows, chickens and other live animals. Mr. Morgan is evidently inclined to absorb even the industry originally established by Noah.

America. In Argentina and southern Brazil German families are settling in such numbers as to suggest an organized movement in Germany for emigration to this particular region. All reports have indicated that these colonists have prospered and are rapidly becoming an important factor in the agricultural and industrial life of the two countries. Many speculations have been advanced as to whether the German government itself is taking a hand in the movement, to foster the growth of trade and social relations between Germany and Brazil and Argentina, leading perhaps to official connections at some later stage.

The English view is well known. Some of the London newspapers would have the United States believe that there is a serious menace to the Monroe doctrine in the German movement toward the southern continent, and take every occasion to urge the adoption by this country, of a vigorous policy of opposition. Thus far, however, there is no tangible sign that the government at Berlin has in its South American colonization projects any ulterior designs upon the prestige or the security of the United States.

There may be in this German colonization movement in South America the forerunner of a regeneration which the entire hemisphere would welcome. It can be body politic has been strengthened and generally helped by the German blood which has flowed into it. The citizen of Teutonic birth is today among the staunchest supporters of the American system, and nothing better could well happen to the restless countries of South America than to receive a similar infusion, to steady them and to lead them to a more vigorous, progressive enterprise. Meanwhile it is well enough that the government most directly in the line of German immigration stream should consider deeply the question of citizenship, which if postponed and temporized with may later prove a source of serious danger.

The "Lazy" American Artisan. Now that the fact of American invasion of the foreign trade field has been accepted in England, the British authorities are trying to find the reason, and in their discussion of the subject many interesting and ingenious propositions are advanced. One of the latest put forth is by the London Engineering, the journal which first sharply rebuked the British bridge manufacturer for his failure to secure the Athlone contract. Engineering thinks it finds a potent cause for the American supremacy in the manufacturing world in the fact that the American workman is far more inventive than his British brother, and it traces his inventiveness to his laziness, his desire to devise an appliance which will do the assigned work easier and more quickly than the old method. It points out that in the average case the workman has no other incentive than to save labor for himself. There is little chance of a profit out of a patent, there is small prospect of securing better wages or any other special compensation, and none whatever of shortening hours. Engineering can see no clearer reason for these constant contributions to the welfare of the shop than the workman's struggle to reduce the difficulty of his task.

It would seem that Engineering has underestimated or entirely missed a racial trait in this connection, the trait of the American workman, which without reference to other considerations. The British workman, it is well understood, is as a class conservative, willing to tread the mill of custom and to use the tools which have for season after season been supplied to him. He is the really lazy artisan, rather than the man who devises an apparatus to spare a minute or a pound of muscular energy. If a workman can devise a machine which will perfectly perform all the work which his hands have formerly done in their imperfect human fashion, the world has gained. Every such conquest over matter and time stimulates the individual's mind to further efforts. It may eventually be only a series of short steps from the invention of the trifle, which will save the minute or the pound, to the production of an epoch-making machine. One of the surest tokens of this tendency is the fact that American steam engines and other machine tools are today crowding the world market because of their superiority. They are the product of the alert brain of the "lazy" American workman, the artisan whose instinct is to improve, to save and to substitute the perfection of the machine for the uncertainty of the hand.

The railway and telegraph must be credited with being something more than a mere mercantile influence, in spite of the suspicion with which students of sociology regard them. Jacksonville is geographically distant, but it appears as a near neighbor in time of distress.

A man in Delaware was given twenty lashes at the whipping post, for stealing diamonds. The average jurist would probably prefer this kind of punishment to imprisonment. It does not compel him to lose so much time from his business.

General Miles' remark that journalism needs editorial writers may be construed as implying that he considers the photographers and personal interviewers all right. They have certainly received the general very handsomely, as was his due.

A recently organized music trust declares its intention to suppress inferior music. Every boy who knows how to whistle may be relied on to do effective service in defeating any such ambition.

A man eighty-seven years old recently married a woman aged eighty-six in New York. There is scarcely any danger in this match of remarks about marrying in haste to repent at leisure.

The next time Russell Sage says there is going to be a crash, some of the people who recently laughed may conclude to take the matter seriously.

When it comes to the payment of indemnity China shows that it has quite as keen an appreciation of the value of a dollar as any civilized power.

Mayor Tom Johnson is now face to face with the difficulty which every prominent reformer experiences, of being as practical as he is picturesque.

It does not look as if the effects of the recent panic were to be sufficiently widespread or enduring to give the populists much of a text.

Current events in the stock market may be expected to develop the usual number of people who will not know any better next time.

Count Boni de Castellane is said to have appendicitis. The count is not disposed to miss anything that is expensive.

Turkey has for some time been too busy with its debts to attempt a massacre.

The Pennsylvania state senate has vetoed the proposition to remove the capital from Harrisburg to Philadelphia, notwithstanding its decided approval by the house.

Thus it is assured that for a season or two longer at least Harrisburg will continue to entertain the keynote legislators, and that the throng of law-makers and wire-pullers and lobbyists will continue to grumble at the inadequate hotel accommodations and the social coldness of the Harrisburg people. Or perhaps the capital will take warning from this narrow escape, and will proceed to provide modern accommodations for these periodical visitors and to loosen the social restraint of which some of the more festive members complain so bitterly.

The European policy toward China is assimilation; benevolent preferred but not indispensable.

SHOOTING STARS. An Advantage. "I don't get credit for nearly all the work I do," said the young man discontentedly.

"Well," answered his elderly companion in a "never mind. It is just as well to leave a margin of doubt to which mistakes may be charged."

The "Knacker." I do not hesitate to flout my fellow man in language free, For if he chooses, he no doubt Can answer me the same by me.

Father and Son-in-Law. "I do not feel the confidence I would like to in that young man you are engaged to," said Ethalinda's father.

"Yes," answered Ethelinda. "He's a little worried about that conversation himself. He says that if you don't know any more about stocks than you appear to, he's liable to have to support the entire family."

Quite Different. "Acting is not what it used to be," said the man who likes to affect a contempt for the modern.

"That's true," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "It's different. Nowadays a good actor who is willing to work gets paid in real money."

Cold Analysis. "When I was a boy," said the man with iron-gray hair, "I thought I should like to be a great circus performer."

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "I have shared the same ambition. And now that we are grown up we are not quite sure whether we are making fun of our early ideals or whether we simply realize that we are too old to learn the business."

Fate's Discrepancies. How oft poetic justice falls With sorrow we must note; The man who's drowned, alas! is not The man who rocked the boat.

And by this further circumstance Is our resentment goaded; The person hit is not the one Who "didn't know 'twas loaded."

Indecent Advertisements. From the Fourth Estate. There is constantly being agitated in one section of the country or another the question of Indecent Advertisements in newspapers.

Medical advertisements of a proper sort are no doubt as interesting to the adult readers of newspapers as those of any other line of manufacture or profession, but it must be remembered that the school boy and school girl are also newspaper readers, and if for no other reason, the blue pencil should be freely used for their protection.

Parents are beginning to scrutinize the advertising columns of their newspapers, detecting the medical eyesores, and the newspaper that persists in printing them is almost likely to be blocked from reaching the family hearth.

This is but a natural result, and the only wonder is the crusade has been so long deferred.

If advertisements of an objectionable character are to be carried, the very least a self-respecting newspaper can do is to cut out the offending advertisements, and to do so as not to attract the attention of the young and innocent readers.

The newspaper that does this receives the thanks not only of the general reading public, but of the large majority of advertisers as well.

Reckless Riding. From the Rochester Herald. It is early in the bicycle season—we shall probably have full five months of good bicycle weather—but it is not too early to impress upon the minds of reckless riders of the wheels that it is their duty to be careful. If they shall disregard all ordinary precautions dictated by common sense in perambulating the streets...

The accident which occurred yesterday morning is only one of the hundred that reckless makes possible in Rochester every day. Many men appear to think that they possess the art of perfect wheel creation, including women, children and trucks. The pedestrian who watches the chances taken by reckless riders a hundred times a day is often tempted to wonder if in this life is frequently the penalty, do not occur oftener than they do.

And there is no sense at all in this searching. It is a common sight to see a man riding down the street as though the very devil himself were in pursuit, and teaching his destination, and proceeding to go about his business, which is often times fictitious—in a nonchalant manner which suggests a whole day ahead.

Wide Tires and Well-Paved Streets. A very important element of difficulty which Chicago confronts in the effort to secure adequately paved streets is the speedy destruction of the good pavements already laid. Only a few streets can be put in presentable condition at a time, and the wear and tear goes on at such a rate that they are out of repair before the city has been able to carry out the program of improvement. While the life of the average pavement is so short the city, with the amount of funds at its disposal, simply cannot catch up with this deterioration of street pavements is too rapid.

It is because of this fact and the well-known effect of the narrow-tire wheel on pavement that it is to be hoped the city council will make haste to pass the wide-tire ordinance lately introduced. The narrow tire is an enemy to good pavements and clean streets, and its use is a trifling weight upon it, the narrow tire cut a rut in a pavement where a wide tire, bearing a much heavier load, will leave an indelible impression. It is everywhere experience everywhere that the introduction of wide tires was followed by less rapid deterioration of the streets.

The Players Must Lose. From the New York Tribune. The most noted gambling resort in the world, the Monte Carlo, is being sold to a company, and its annual reports to its shareholders are prepared with a fullness, a precision and a wealth of detail that some railroad corporations might envy. The figures should convince even the most sanguine of those who make their wagers on roulette or rent-a-quarter or rouge-et-noir that the bank must always prevail over the player in the long run.

The Bread For Health. —is bread made of "Cream Blend" Flour. It's pure, to begin with—absolutely pure. It's milled of the finest spring and winter wheat grown in America. It contains ALL the nutriment found in the whole wheat kernel.

"Cream Blend," The Perfect Flour. —is not only richest in nutriment, but is THE BEST, too, from the epicure's standpoint. Bread, Rolls and Pastry—made of this famous flour—are delicacies to tempt any appetite. It's easy to demonstrate that "Cream Blend" is best. One trial will do it. AT YOUR GROCER'S. B.B. Earnshaw & Bro., Wholesale, 1105-1107 11th St. S. E.

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Automatic Blue Flame Oil Stoves ARE THE BEST. \$8.50 Automatics, \$6.00. \$11.00 Automatics, \$8.50. Florence Oil Stoves, 75c. burner. Radiant Oil Stoves, 50c. burner.

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Screens to 87c. That includes everything. If you want to make your own screens or repair the old ones, we'll sell you the wire screening at 10c. yard.

Josiah R. Bailey, 820 THE BAILEY ST SAW-WARRANTED. my11-104

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Awnings to order, \$2 up. Shades to order, 50c. up. The Houghton Co., 1214 F. my11-204

Shades—Awnings. BEFORE RETIRING—REMEMBER INSOMNIA. Dr. Steger's Genuine Imported Angostura Bitters. BEFORE RETIRING—PREVENTS HEADACHE. Dr. Steger's Genuine Imported Angostura Bitters.

Woodward & Lothrop, New York—Washington—Paris. Cotton Dress Goods Department. (Main Floor, Tenth Street.) We Announce New Arrivals in High-Class Cotton Fabrics, Consisting of recent importations from Great Britain, France, Germany and Switzerland, and the products of the best American looms, affording a very unusual collection of elegant cottons, different from those shown earlier in the season, and counterparts of those now seen on the fashionable boulevards of Paris and London.

We Offer a Special Purchase of Corded Scotch Zephyrs At 12 1/2c. the Yard, Instead of 35c. Manufactured by a celebrated Scotch maker and imported to retail for 35 cents. We purchased the balance of his stock on hand at a figure that enables us to offer same at about one-third the regular price. 12 1/2c. Regularly 35c. Quantity is limited—only about 3,000 yards in the lot. Center Counter, First floor, Tenth street.

Dress Goods Department. (Main Floor, Tenth Street.) Displaying Fashionable Fabrics For Spring Wedding Gowns, And the Most Popular Sorts for Reception, Church, Street, Promenade, Calling, Shopping and Traveling Purposes.

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And Offer for Monday Two Lots of Dress Goods At About Half Usual Prices. Lot 1—All-Wool Homespun, In brown, blue and gray mixtures; 36 inches wide. Suitable for house and traveling dresses, and especially desirable for seashore and mountain wear. 25c. the Yard. Regular Price, 50c.

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Solid Silver Articles (For June Wedding Gifts.) June Wedding Invitations will be coming from now on. And with the wedding invitations questions of presents come crowding in on you. That's where this superbly rich collection of solid silverware rises to the emergency, both as a suggester and as a provider of wedding gifts.

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Sterling Silver Pieces. Three-piece Coffee Sets, \$46.00. Sugars and Creams, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00 and \$11.00. Vegetable Dishes, \$30.00. Bread Trays, \$15.00 and \$16.00. Berry and Fruit Bowls, \$16.00, \$21.00, \$35.00 and \$40.00. Comportes, \$35.00. Bonbon Dishes, \$2.50, \$4.00 and \$8.50. First floor—Eleventh st.

Monday, Special Sale of Combination Pocket Books (Card Case and Pocket Book in One) Half and Nearly Half Price. The most popular leathers, including Real Seal, Alligator, Morocco, Walrus and Monkey—tan, brown, gray and black. We closed out a large lot from the maker, hence the very low prices.

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