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THE EVENING STAR has a regular and permanent Family Circulation much more than the combined circulation of the other Washington papers.

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An Adequate Rate Law Needed.

The undertaking by Congress of the regulation of the telephone rates of domestic subscribers only is no more logical than would be the distinct limitation of the statute relating to the price of gas to those who use it for cooking purposes alone.

There is another difficulty about any system of telephone rate regulation which applies only to a small fraction of the phones and leaves the rest unregulated.

Congress should in no case approach this subject solely from the point of view of what the corporation is willing to grant or agree to in the statutes.

The World and Mr. Cleveland.

The New York World today reluctantly withdraws its nomination of Mr. Cleveland for President, and in a hint for a good man.

As a candidate of the prohibition party, General Miles would at least enjoy facilities for expressing his mind on various topics of public interest.

Water Waste.

During the debate on the District bill yesterday in the Senate an amendment offered by Senator Newlands looking to the ultimate metering of the domestic water supply was ruled out on a point of order.

Mr. Wilson's Suit.

The suit entered yesterday in the District court to prevent Secretary Shaw from paying over the Panama canal to the new republic or to the French canal company is proclaimed by its mover to be merely the act of an individual citizen who is anxious lest the constitutional props of the United States tremble in their sockets.

It is commonly believed here that the greater part of the water waste occurs in the government departments. It is known that there is little or no check there on the consumption of water.

Why should he hide his light under a bushel? Why should he not make it known to the world that he is ready to illumine the whole for the record of his dismemberment in order that the rights of the American people may be preserved and their liberties defended?

Mr. Gorman and the South.

The effort to develop a southern candidate for the St. Louis nomination justifies an inquiry as to whether, in the political sense, Mr. Gorman may be considered a southern man.

He was not, in sympathy with the southern confederacy. During the civil war he was an officer of the Senate, and sympathized with the Union cause.

It is on the race question alone, that Mr. Gorman is in sympathy with the southern democracy. And he has to make up there for his antagonism on other questions.

Value of Coaling Stations.

One unmistakable lesson of this war is the need of widely and well-distributed coaling stations to a naval power.

Would Get Beat Anyhow.

Supposing that Mr. Hearst gets the nomination, the end of the year is likely to find him wishing he had gone into the cotton corner, instead.

Albany.

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Life in Philadelphia.

"Don't clean your teeth with the city water in its present condition," is the latest admonition from the health authorities.

Horrors of Horrors!

The announcement is made that the peanut crop is short. And this at the opening of the circus season and when the politicians are beginning to play their little games!

cities inordinately extravagant in their water use. If they are finally proved to be, then will arise the question of what to do to check the waste, and not until then.

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