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AMERICAN THEORY OF GOVERNMENT.
The State should do nothing that might be safely left to the responsibility of the parent or the citizen. It will be a sad day for the country when the most energetic and able men are encouraged to abdicate the duties of the household by sending their daughters to school to have them taught how to build a fire and boil a potato or bake a loaf of bread.

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OTHER ISSUES.—Do you see. So the dying fires must be fanned into angry flames, and the issues of war times must be revived. What does this show, but a fear, a misgiving as to the result of a square fight on the Tariff reduction issue? The same correspondent writes: "It is understood that quite a number of Republicans are engaged in the collection of money for the betterment of the Southern Democratic leaders as agents upon Voorhes and upon other Southern leaders for alleged suppression of the negro vote."

THE BOSTON KICKER OF DEMOCRACY.
Mr. Randall has spoken. He has made a strong High Tariff speech—one strong enough and high enough to suit even 'Fig-iron' Kelley and all the other advocates of a robber Tariff. We expected no better thing of Randall. He is and has always been a Protectionist in disguise. He is to-day the worst enemy in the Federal Congress of the Democratic party. His plan is to reduce the Tariff just a very little here and there, and to wipe out the whole internal tax. His remedy for an overflowing Treasury, grinding taxes and a corrupting, demoralizing surplus is—free whiskey and a plenty of it; free cigars; free cheroots; free cigarettes; free ovals and free dips, and high blankets; high wools; high crockery; high clothing, and so on. A wonderful political economist is this Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania, who holds his seat by special favor and arrangement of the Republican managers in that High Tariff State. Hear this agent of Monopoly and this tool of the Money Devil:

"It cannot be coerced into any particular action upon economic questions by the direction of a party caucus. The period of the political caucus had departed, never to return."

RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.
In 1844 the total value of the Methodist Church property, North and South, was about \$20,000,000. Now it is, in the North, \$44,000,000.

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THE SHAD FISHING INDUSTRY.
The shad fishing season for 1888, as mentioned some time since by the STAR, shows a remarkable increase in the catch as compared with previous seasons. The season begins about the first of February and ends on the tenth day of May, when the fishermen are compelled by law to put up their nets and turn their attention to other business pursuits.

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PROHIBITION CONVENTION.
In Session at Greensboro—The Platform—A State Ticket Nominated.
Special Star Telegram.
GREENSBORO, May 17.—The State Prohibition Convention was called to order at ten o'clock to-morrow by Dr. D. B. Hester, of the Southern Presbyterian Church met in Franklin Street Church, this city, at 11 o'clock to-day.

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SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS.
General Assembly of the Church at Baltimore—First Day's Proceedings.
By Telegram to the Morning Star.
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