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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 71 deg.; minimum, 51. Precipitation, none.

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"A PRETTY QUARREL." William Jennings Bryan "gives it out cold" that "the men who are opposed to Judge Parker will be in control" at St. Louis. Further, "they will nominate the candidates and prepare the platform, and it will not be the New York platform of the New York candidates."

Senators Daniel, of Virginia, whose state, together with nearly the whole South, is for Parker, answers Bryan's pretensions by saying that the Southern States, which will supply the bulk of the Democratic electoral votes, will assert themselves for the New York candidate. But he will not carry his threat through.

These things, and some others, make the Democratic situation "a very pretty quarrel as it stands."

NORMAL SCHOOL WORK. In the Oregonian a few days ago attention was called to the rapid progress made in the work of harmonizing and perfecting the public-school system of this state.

Mr. Roosevelt is the first Vice-President named to the presidential office following the death of the President who has been nominated to the office of President. It is a splendid tribute to the power of his forcible and impressive personality that he is morally sure of being nominated for President without any opposition.

NOW FOR LIFE'S BATTLE. After all, your diploma will prove to be little more than a souvenir of your college days. In a gilt frame hanging on the wall of your room, it will look very pretty, and you will be proud of it, but in a few years you will have forgotten the meaning of its stately Latin phraseology.

Several of the normal schools have been offering instruction in branches which are also included in the common-school course. In other words, schools are giving eighth-grade instruction. There may be some justification for this, but the average man will be inclined to say that no one should be admitted to a state normal school until he has completed the eighth grade in the common schools.

begin at the bottom and climb up. Your native ability, developed by the mental discipline and knowledge acquired at college, may increase the rapidity of your promotion, but the long list of names at the bottom of your diploma will not make your progress easier. If you take up the practice of law or medicine, your diploma will draw no patronage. By small beginnings you must show the world what you can do, and when the right kind of evidence has been presented the world will not withhold its approval. Your diploma is a beautiful souvenir, but put it away now and take off your coat and go to work.

That most vulgar of ambitions—the desire to become "the richest man ever lived"—has been ascribed to John D. Rockefeller, the great Standard Oil magnate, whose methods, looking to the realization of this ambition, have been recently exposed by a series of articles in McClure's Magazine. It is not probable, according to a writer of painstaking research, in the Jewish Menorah, that this ambition will be realized. This writer from his study of the Talmud and other ancient sources finds that before the Christian era there were men of far greater accumulations of wealth than those of any multi-millionaire of the present time. He mentions in proof of this estimate Korah, who by robbing Joseph of but a third of the fortune the latter had accumulated while he was Pharaoh's Prime Minister, came into the possession of coin the value of which, according to the standard, was \$3,000,000,000. He computes Solomon's wealth at \$600,000,000, and cites three Jews in Jerusalem in Roman times who were able to meet expenditures of \$100,000,000 a year for twenty-one years, one of them giving his daughter a dowry of \$425,000,000. These stories make the wealth of Rockefeller shrink in value and make the day of the fulfillment of his ambition to be yet afar off. In our class, we are expected, however, that this discouraging presentment will put a check upon his striving. These richer and richer men are so far in the background that only the plodding savants discover them, and even then their relation to the wealth of the world is so dim and uncertain, and has been so long dispelled by time and change as to be practically meaningless. The day and the tomorrow of wealth are its all-absorbing eras; its yesterdays are uninteresting.

If the Eastern newspaper reports are not overdriving the picture, many of the immigrants who are pouring into this country on cut-rate tickets are much inferior to the Chinese in cleanliness, morality and about every other desirable quality. The President's friends from a large percentage of the leading financial and commercial institutions, but he has also been informed of the opposition of the part of the Rockefeller interests, which include the Standard Oil Company and the interests centered in James J. Hill. The President has been told that J. Pierpont Morgan sent personal representatives to Chicago to assure the party leaders there of sincere support and liberal contributions.

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CURRENCY SYSTEM FOR PANAMA. WASHINGTON, June 20.—Secretary Taft and the commissioners for Panama today concluded arrangements for a currency system for Panama, which is to be submitted to the Panama Legislature for ratification. The plan already has been outlined in these dispatches. It provides generally for a sufficiently reserved bimetallic system.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. War correspondents in Illinois today will report heavy firing from the direction of Chicago.

A mad engineer running a train on a Rocky Mountain division is out of place in real life. He should be in melodrama.

Japanese cartoons depict Russia as an octopus. It's a case then of octopus eat octopus when the Standard Oil Company gets after the Russians.

This Fall will be published a book called "Who's Who on the Stage." A much larger volume would be "Who's Not So Many as He Thinks on the Stage?"

Honest, would you have smiled to see a Spokane motorman, with three highway robbers in the car, running away from the pursuing plain-clothes detectives, whom he had mistaken for drunken men?

Russians are now saying that Vladivostok is a better harbor than Port Arthur, so what does the fall of the fortress signify. The only trouble with Vladivostok is that Nature's blockade with ice cannot be broken.

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When President Harper of Chicago University, went to McGill University recently to be LL. D. once more, one of the Canadian speed-talkers referred to his as "Midas of the golden touch." Many a "golden touch," indeed, has Dr. Harper made.

The following plaintive question appeared unanswered in the correspondence columns of the Philadelphia Inquirer: "Will some one of the readers of this paper please tell me how to live on \$12.00 a week? My rent is \$4.00; we have 10 in family (all children)."