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ROCKEFELLER'S START.

Before the Bible class of his son, John D. Rockefeller, the wealthiest man in the United States, a few days ago recounted some passages from his earliest history to excite the emulation of his young hearers.

Without seeking to draw any morals from the story, which shows some slight evidences of senility, it is worth while noticing some features about it which do not exactly correspond with the customary stories of the lives of self-made men which the world has been given from time to time.

For example, it appears by the story of Mr. Rockefeller that when he prepared to enter into business for himself, which he did while still in his teens, he was possessed of a capital from his personal saving of some \$800.

Mr. Carnegie's story tells itself along similar lines. He, too, exhibited thrift and industry in his youthful days. Unlike Mr. Rockefeller, his parents were unable to assist him with capital, but when he was about to embark in business for himself his own savings amounted to but a small fraction of the money needed, and he borrowed his capital from persons who took an interest in the bright and hard-working lad and were glad to help him along.

In short, neither Rockefeller nor Carnegie was a "self-made" man. Both secured their starts in life through the money of other people, not with capital which they had accumulated by their own thrift and industry.

the success of these great business men is held up for the emulation of American boys.

GEMS FROM HERBERT SPENCER'S WORKS.

We hear a great deal about "the vile body," and many are encouraged by the phrase to transgress the laws of health. But nature quietly suppresses those who treat disrespectfully one of her highest products, and leaves the world to be peopled by the descendants of those who are not so foolish.

Every man has freedom to do all that he wills, provided he infringe not the equal freedom of any other man.

Free institutions can be properly worked only by men each of whom is jealous of his own rights and also sympathetically jealous of the rights of others—who will neither himself aggress on his neighbors in small things or great, nor tolerate aggression on them by others.

No one can be perfectly free till all are free; no one can be perfectly moral till all are moral; no one can be perfectly happy till all are happy.

Whoever thinks that men might have full sympathy with their fellows, while lacking all sympathy with inferior creatures, will discover his error on looking at the facts.

Scarcely any connection exists between morality and the discipline of ordinary teaching. Mere culture of the intellect (and education as usually conducted amounts to little more) is hardly at all operative upon conduct. Creeds pressed upon the mind, good principles learned by rote, lessons in right and wrong, will not eradicate vicious propensities, though people, in spite of their experience as parents and as citizens, persist in hoping they will.

All breaches of the laws of health are physical sins. When this is generally seen, then and not till then will the physical education of the young receive the attention it deserves.

The saying that beauty is but skin deep is a skin-deep saying.

People are beginning to see the first requisite in life is to be a good animal. The best brain is found of little service if there be not enough vital energy to work it, and hence to obtain the one by sacrificing the source of the other is now considered a folly—a folly which the eventual failure of juvenile prodigies constantly illustrates.

LAME ARGUMENT.

Mr. U'Ren says in his letter concerning the direct primary nominations law that it is calculated to kill off the political boss. This is a change of base on the part of the secretary of the league, who heretofore argued that it would settle the factional differences in Multnomah county. A law that will only kill off political bosses doesn't amount to much. A boss is a man who has secured the confidence of the voters to the extent that he is permitted to promulgate policies. His political experience is so wide that his suggestions are adopted without much question. The term "boss" is facetiously applied. It is a tribute to a man's political sagacity, rather than something of which he should be ashamed.

JUST FOR INSTANCE.

The man who erects air castles doesn't have to worry about the building laws and never bothers in regard to the fire limits.

From New York comes the tale of a man 88 years of age walking 900 miles on two cookies and a piece of cheese. That is a case of either walking 900 miles very swiftly or eating the cookies and cheese very slowly.

The bestski that we can make out of it is to the effect that Kuropatkin's instead of kin.

Extra! Extra!

Kaichau, May 18.—Alexieff has moved his headquarters again 10 miles to the rear, following the precedent of the famous Agulnado and has employed two extra stenographers to write his i-rrret-to-state messages to the czar. If the Japanese can run fast enough to catch the Russians a decisive battle is liable to occur within a few days. The Russians have been somewhat demoralized from the fact that several prominent officers have signed with managers of the Pacific coast baseball league of America because of their ability to make home runs. It is understood that they are to be sent to the aid of the Portland Browns. Being deprived of its most famous runners, it is feared that the Russians will be unable to get away and be compelled to fight the men of the mikado, a calamity from which they naturally shrink.

LI LI KHEL.

The saffron-hued newspapers which exist on Hearst money are making a great deal over that instructed California delegation but neglect to mention that something in the opposite direction happened in Montana and Wisconsin.

The man who pays his bills with promises always meets his obligations.

If Kuropatkin Makaroff house why doesn't he do it?

That Japanese naval officer who did the Hobson act at Port Arthur refuses to continue said act now that he has returned home. He's a married man, and aside from naval events doesn't care for unpleasant complications.

Before Fitzsimmons would fight the Russians he would demand that they acquire a reputation.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Charles V. Brown was up the road yesterday.

H. Peterson, a well-known canneryman, was down yesterday from Astoria.

Harrison Lyon Hamblet was down from Portland yesterday. He returned on the night train.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dement have returned from San Diego, where they had been visiting for several months.

J. W. Casey, traveling passenger and freight agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, was in the city yesterday.

Elijah Smith of Boston arrived in the city last night. Mr. Smith was formerly at the head of a combination of transcontinental railroads.

ANTI-REFORM WINS.

Only Contest in Michigan Was on This Question.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 18.—As was expected the only contest in the state republican convention held here today developed on the question of primary reform, involving the nomination of candidates by a direct vote of the people. The anti-primary reform element scored a decisive victory.

Indorsed Teddy.

Raleigh, May 18.—North Carolina republicans at Greensboro tonight indorsed the administration of President Roosevelt.

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CHRONIC SORES. Signs of Polluted Blood. There is nothing so repulsive looking and disgusting as an old sore. You worry over it till the brain grows weary and work with it until the patience is exhausted.

Woodend Affair Settled. New York, May 18.—Plans are reported to be under consideration for settling the affairs of the collapsed brokerage concern of W. E. Woodend & Co. It is understood the creditors

will be offered 25 per cent of their claims in cash and the balance in notes and securities. Dr. Woodend estimates his liabilities at \$180,000.

May 28 and on this account the board of visitors will report here May 29, two weeks earlier than usual. The graduating exercises of the first class will take place June 15.

MAN WAS NOT BISSEAK.

Wife Denied That Body Found Was That of Her Husband. Chicago, May 18.—Mary Bisseak, wife of Stephen Bisseak, the man supposed to have been strangled and thrown into the Illinois and Michigan canal, last Saturday, has been set free by the Brighton Park police. The woman denied that the body found was that of her husband.

MARCHING ON NIUCHWANG.

Lloyd's Agent Says Russians Have Concluded Evacuation. London, May 18.—Lloyd's agent at Niuchwang has telegraphed under Tuesday's date as follows: "The Japanese division which landed at Kai Chou May 16 under heavy firing of the Japanese men-of-war is marching toward Niuchwang. Evacuations by the Russians have been nearly completed. The Japanese are expected to arrive shortly. All is quiet at Niuchwang and shipping shows favorable progress."

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West Point Cadets on Trip. West Point, N. Y., May 18.—The corps of cadets will start for St. Louis