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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY
A MORNING PRAYER.—Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.—Psalm 51:10.

"Groundswell" and "Undercurrent"

How's the fight for governor, is the ever present question these closing days of the campaign.

And the answer from the Oleott camp is that there is a "groundswell" for Ben, and from the Pierce camp there is an "undercurrent" for Walter. Now, groundswells and undercurrents are not entirely new words but they are far more appropriate than "the situation looks good" or the "indications are excellent." Thus, we advance in language. The tenacity of the present scrap demands such terms as groundswell and undercurrent.

But what do they mean? Ralph Watson of the Portland Journal is strong for the undercurrent, while Johnnie Kelly of the Oregonian is wholly responsible for the application of the groundswell. These writers for the people have done remarkably well in this campaign to keep the stories coming. Reputations have not been many, and day by day their "stuff" took on a more shapely appearance until at last when the battle of ballots is almost on, we find Johnnie Kelley focuses all of his opposition to Pierce's election in the one expression that an undercurrent has been found which will float Oleott into the governor's chair. On the other hand, Ralph Watson, after collecting all the data obtainable against the present governor, and giving it to the public, sits back as does a captain on a ship and beholds a "groundswell" upon which Walter, with his catleman's hat, will be toted into Salem, landing his No. 9 shoes on the threshold of the governor's office.

It is all funny, very funny. Why, with groundswells and undercurrents it is little wonder that the political equilibrium of Oregon has been upset. It is little wonder that the state has been rocking back and forth on first the groundswell and then the undercurrent. But the strangest feature of all is that both candidates have made what might be termed a most vigorous campaign, and neither has scarcely touched the true issue, which is not a political issue but a religious one.

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Today's Birthdays.

Huston Thompson, former Assistant Attorney General of the U. S., now a member of the Federal Trade Commission, born at Lewisburg, Pa., 47 years ago today.
George W. P. Hunt, Democratic nominee for governor of Arizona, born at Huntsville, Mo., 42 years ago today.
Carl Mays, pitcher of the New York American league baseball team, born in Louisville, Ky., 39 years ago today.

SCHOOL BILL IS GIVEN SUPPORT

A. H. Perryman, of La Grande, Offers Argument In Favor of Its Passage.

(By A. H. Perryman)
Editor Observer:—I am neither a K. K. or a K. C. I do not believe the bill itself, inserts into politics a religious controversy. I believe most citizens who oppose do so from honest convictions. In supporting the bill, I may be wrong. But I am sincere. It has been stated that such legislation will lead to state monopoly

of elementary education. Allowing nine hours of each twenty-four for sleep, the child is happy and unmolested for 2285 hours during the year. For 1930 hours he will be in the state schools. And for 4295 hours he is controlled by the parent or by the church.

Poor child! He is never free except when asleep. The state, then, will direct the activities of the child 288 hours, less than one-fourth of the time he is awake during the year. I desire to ask those who oppose like a wicked monopoly?

However, if this bill has for its purpose or would have for its results the destruction of one single religious principle it should be defeated. I can see nothing in it either expressed or implied, anything that interferes in any way with religion. I do see in it, a disposition to give all children in the elementary schools of the state a uniform training.

The state finds no fault with religious instruction. But it maintains that the church, the Sunday school and the religious home are responsible for this work.

We cannot think that these institutions of worship are so inefficient as to be unable to give the necessary religious training by having more than three-fourths of the child's time.

Let the church and its adherents have all the opportunity possible for the grand work. But is there anything wrong with a law that will insure to each boy and to each girl of the state a small portion of time for development of latent powers free from religious or political influence?

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Editorials From Over the Nation

RIGHTS OF MEN

(Canton News): The action of a man of Syracuse, N. Y., in suing a rich widow for \$20,000 damages because she jilted him on the day set for the wedding, provided the subject of an interesting discussion of the moral, if not legal, right of a man to recover for injured feelings and other things which women claim accompany refusal to honor an agreement to marry.

It is altogether probable that the Syracuse man would not have considered it worth while to do more than make a mild protest if a richness without money had not been matrimonially profitable. When a man's feelings are hurt money will provide a healing beyond the power of almost anything else, and in this respect man is not unlike woman.

There will be no difficulty in understanding that a wealthy widow runs no particular risk, matrimonially speaking, in discarding one or any reasonable number of men, for she is quite certain to find somebody to welcome the opportunity of helping her spend the money probably acquired in the main part by a former husband. Even that fact should not prompt a rich widow to jilt a man who doubtless had made tentative plans for using a little money on himself.

The only way men will be able to ascertain their rights in such matters is to test them in the courts and the Syracuse man appears to have the courage to make the test. Even if he does not get any money, he may provide a little profitable enlightenment for men who may be inclined to seek the collection of money from women who jilt them.

WHEN HE MAY HIT HER

Katharine Fullerton Gould in Harper's Magazine: We have all been brought up on the axiom that, whatever a woman does, a gentleman may retaliate only verbally. Apparently the convention is changing. At least, there is documentary evidence now to prove that, according to standards prevailing in the nineties, a man may retaliate physically in one particular case. If she bites, that is, she may still, I suppose, throw a plate at him, or threaten him with a pistol, and his only reply must be a correlative word of reproach. But if she bites, he may hit her. Whether this has become to any extent a convention in life I do not know. We will hope that, in life, ladies who are beautiful as the dawn and wear clothes to match their beauty, whose lives have been "shattered" and whose husbands are the world at large, do not bite, even when they are irritated by their husbands. The extraordinary thing is that they should be bitten in contempt.

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