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SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

This referring to the European war every Saturday night as a part of the thoughts of the week is getting monotonous; but how can we help it. These thoughts are for a short review of the events of the week of importance, or as they happen to come into the mind of the writer, and this is first. The week has practically seen no change, but it does see signs of a desire for peace, a premonition of things to follow slowly.

The execution by England of fourteen leaders of the Irish revolution has been an event of the week, one that makes the Bunker Hill blood of the writer tingle. These men had patriotic purposes in view, and were patriots the same as the George Washington's of our country. The circumstances are of course different. The so-called rebellion was at an untimely time; nevertheless the men should have been dealt with differently and more humanely. The miserable showing made by England in the big war suggests that the premier should put more of his energies on the side of the allies and fewer in making the oppression of Ireland worse.

Our own troubles have also been strung along in the same old uncertain way. This entanglement over the matter of withdrawing our troops from Mexico continues. Though requested our government will not make the withdrawal, at least not complete and should not until Carranza makes provision for the protection of our people along the border from raids by Mexican bandits. There should not be a general intervention unless it is forced upon our government, and this is likely if the present policy of the Carranzistas continues. Our government has been taking a wise course, doing all that can be done under the circumstances.

Another presidential candidate is here just at press time. Two have now visited Oregon. They or someone else will oppose President Wilson in the November election. The writer honestly believes that no matter who is nominated no one can be named who can beat President Wilson. He has made good in an eminent manner, and the masses know it. He is not perfect and may have made minor mistakes, but in the main he has shown himself to be one of the great men of the country, which is fortunate in having had him at the head during the trying times of the past two years. It would be a calamity to have a man like Roosevelt.

If anyone is to blame for a lack of preparedness in this country it is the party that was in power so long. When it had the opportunity it simply spent millions with little to show for it.

Right here at Albany we have had a rose queen muddle, which fortunately we have escaped from. Seriously it looks like a game on the part of Portland to get outside money for its rose street show. Speaking of contests, they are a good thing to keep out of, generally crooked, even those of newspapers.

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MISFITS

A thing that ought to be run straight, but is run crooked, is bound to have a crooked ending.

Next week will see the end of the first election agony. The man who runs for office earns his money whether he gets elected or not.

But the people rule, and there is none of the old-style caucus set-ups.

An Oregon City paper got mad because Oregon City was referred to as a suburb of Portland. Just an old joke. Keep cool, Corvallis always takes these little things like a good fellow.

Just before the primaries a man can get his picture in the papers, and the editors are mighty glad to publish them at 5 cents a line more or less.

Will Gwinn is going to be elected prosecuting attorney of Lincoln county.

Waiste is the name of a Woodburn dentist.

Who said a big city couldn't spill things when it comes to booze. Did you read the news from Seattle.

Not one of the four leading candidates for president on the rep. ticket is smooth-faced. This reminds us that the man elected this year will be smooth-shaven.

Some things that we are keeping

under our hat indicate that Albany is about to enter into an era of wordly prosperity.

This is a fact; but, in the meantime, get in the habit of talking prosperity. Confidence must precede actual improvement of conditions.

Boots is not the name of a Mouth shoe maker, but of an insurance man.

In these days of uncertain friendships there is nothing so refreshing as

A Dog Poem

I'd never known a dog to wag His tail in glee he didn't feel, Nor quit his oldtime friend to tag At some more influential heel. The yellowest cur I ever knew Was, to the boy who loved him, true.

I'd never known a dog to show Halfway devotion to his friend, To seek a kinder man to know Or richer, but unto the end The humblest dog I ever knew Was, to the man who loved him, true.

I've never known a dog to fake Affection for a present gain, A false display of love to make. Some little favor to attain. I've never known a Prince or Spot That seemed to be what he was not.

But I have known a dog to fight With all his strength to shield a friend, And whether wrong or whether right To stick with him until the end. And I have known a dog to lick The hand of him that men would kick.

And I have known a dog to bear

Starvation's pangs from day to day With him who had been glad to share His bread and meat along the way. No dog, however meap or rude, Is guilty of ingratitude.

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