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SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

The great war is dragging on fiercely, like a hungry juggernaut crushing out the life of Europe. The country is bleeding to death, slowly, surely, an awful catastrophe is being enacted. Just now there seems to be little advantage, and it may continue that way indefinitely. One great writer says neither side under the present system of warfare can win. An American who has just returned from a visit to England and Germany says it can be only a question of about a year when Germany shall be exhausted. It is all guess work. War mathematics are unreliable. Experts know little more than ignoramuses. Brass band methods settle nothing. One thing certain is that it is a fight to the finish, with hot blood back of it.

In the United States a great political battle has been ended, with recognition of defeat by the losing candidate. Completely over the thing now is to accept the result and settle down to the business of building up the business and morals of our country upon a higher basis, with everybody boosting, and no one knocking.

Always the greatest element in progress is confidence, and, with it, there is no question about the result. Conditions were never better for stability and there can be no question of the result as long as this country keeps out of the unholy entanglements of Europe and her hands off Mexico.

Mr. Villa bobbed up again this week seriously, on crutches. He attacked, was repulsed, and attacked again. It is only a question of time when he will be finally disposed of, and it will be a good thing for Mexico, and also for this country, for he is a menace under the present circumstances.

The report in Mexico that Col. Roosevelt had started a revolution in this country is in keeping with the Mexican style of doing things. They speak in revolutions and rebellions, and are ready to believe almost any old report, but are they so very much different from the people of this country, who believe numerous things about Mexico that never occur.

This social hygiene is a good subject for study, and one that needs to be understood. It has come time to speak in plain language along lines that used to be considered entirely in the closet. Righteousness demands it.

What fools we mortals be. Five months ago a logger came down from the hills into Portland, with a roll of bills, pay for work for a long time. He was healthy and strong. He spent all his money in debauchery, was arrested five times for drunkenness and weighs forty pounds less than when he arrived. Then he said, "I have learned my lesson and will never take another drop of liquor." Whether he meant it or not it was a good resolution. It is better though to make these resolutions early in life and keep them.



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Now that Mr. Hughes has formally admitted that he is defeated and has congratulated the president, the Democrat will have no more reference to him. He made his exit from the game. But as long as he was in the fighting, after a campaign of criticism and mud throwing, he himself was open to criticism.

We're glad it is over.

Other things now.

Anyway politics do not appeal to this writer—that is, the politics of the day, with their wire-pulling methods and selfishness.

But we must have politics, and it is to be hoped they may be elevated rather than lowered, and, therefore in a sense all people must be interested in them.

If Hiram W. Johnson, of California,

keeps his head, he will be heard from.

An exchange says that Mr. Roosevelt is done for.

Very Modest.

"The oyster is a modest cuss; He never brags," said Mr. Hoop. "He never makes a bit of fuss, and yet he winds up in the soup."

As We Think.

If you think you are beaten, you are. If you think you dare not, you don't.

It's almost a cinch you won't. If you think you'll lose, you're lost.

For out of the world we find

Success begins with a fellow's will.

It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're out-classed, you are;

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