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## OLD KING HOP IS BACK ON THE THRONE

AFTER HAVING BEEN PRONOUNCED DEAD AND BURIED AND HAD ITS OBITUARY WRITTEN, THE HOP IS MUCH ALIVE AGAIN. KICKED, STAMPED ON AND THROWN OUT, IT WALKS BACK IN. **HOP IS AGAIN KING.** INDEPENDENCE, THE LAND OF THE HOP, ONCE MORE WILL BLOOM IN THE GALAXY OF NATIONS, HAPPY, PROSPEROUS AND CONTENTED. HERE THOUSANDS OF ACRES, SO WELL ADAPTED TO ITS CULTIVATION, WILL AGAIN BE COMBED AND COAXED TO YIELD ITS FULL CAPACITY OF THE FRUIT WHOSE FRAGRANT ODOR IS AS SWEET TO THE NOSTRILS OF THE NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS AS THE AROMA OF THE HONEY SUCKLE IS TO THE BEES. IN YEARS BY TEN THOUSAND GATHERED IN THE GOLDEN HARVEST AND FOR FIFTY CENTS A BOX FURNISHED THE CLIMAX OF A SEASON OF HOPE, ANXIETY AND FOND ANTICIPATION. SOME TIMES IT WAS WORTH WHILE AND ABUNDANTLY FILLED THE PURSES OF THOSE WHO OWNED. WHILE AT OTHER TIMES, MEN LOST THEIR ALL OR A GOODLY PORTION OF IT. IT WAS A GAMBLE, PURE AND SIMPLE, SOMETIMES YOU WON AND OTHER TIMES YOU DIDN'T. THE TENDENCY OF THE NATION TO LOOK WITH DISFAVOR UPON THE BEVERAGE FOR WHICH THE HOP IS MOSTLY USED AND LEGISLATION OF A PROHIBITORY NATURE WHICH IN A FEW WEEKS BARS BEER FROM AMERICA, ORDINARILLY WOULD MEAN THE FINALE OF HOP RAISING. BUT THE GREAT WORLD WAR REVIVED IT IN A MOST WONDERFUL MANNER. IN THOSE BATTLE-SCARRED COUNTRIES OF EUROPE WHERE BEER IS AS COMMON AS MILK, NATIONAL NECESSITY DEMANDED THAT ACREAGE OF HOPS BE TURNED INTO FIELDS OF WHEAT OR OTHER BREAD PRODUCING GRAINS. THE WAR'S ENDING FOUND ENGLAND, FRANCE, BELGIUM, GERMANY AND AUSTRIA WITHOUT ITS ASCUSTOMED BEER. PROHIBITION HAS NOT AS YET GAINED A FOOTHOLD IN THESE NATIONS, SO A CRY GOES UP FOR BEER. THE HOP FIELDS ARE GONE AND THE OLD WORLD TURNS TO AMERICA. THE WORD COMES OVER TO BUY—CONTRACT FOR THE 1919, 1920, 1921 CROPS AND AGENTS GET BUSY. PRICES OF OVER TWENTY FIVE CENTS ARE OFFERED AND IT HAS BEEN THE MEANS OF GUARANTEEING TO EVERY GROWER IN THE YEAR OF 1919 A SUBSTANTIAL PROFIT UPON HIS CROP. AS A RESULT EVERY AVAILABLE ACRE IN THE INDEPENDENCE SECTION WILL BE USED FOR THE GROWING OF HOPS.

ONCE MORE THE GLORY OF THOSE SEPTEMBER DAYS OF HARVEST WILL COME BACK TO INDEPENDENCE; THAT ERA OF THRILL AND EXCITEMENT WILL BE AS OF YORE. TRUE, THE "KICK" WILL BE GONE BUT THE FLOW OF SHEKELS WILL BE JUST AS ABUNDANT AND JUST AS MUCH NEEDED AS IN THE TIMES WHEN C STREET WAS A HOWLING, FIGHTING MASS OF HUMANITY. INDEPENDENCE BIDS WELCOME THOSE OLD DAYS, NOW "REFORMED", ONCE MORE.

### CITY AND COUNTRY

Clark Hembree is here from Willows, Cal., this week.

Miss Arbuthnot spoke at a teachers' meeting near Corvallis today.

The county court has appointed M. W. Mix to look after the ferry here.

Clifford Wells has returned home after more than a year in the radio service.

Marvin Richardson writes his mother that he soon expects to be back in the U. S. A.

Among the soldiers returning from France last week was Hugh Williams of Airlie.

John Linn and family left Wednesday for Wyoming, after having spent the winter here.

Miss Leo B. Petre, John Weinart and K. L. Williams took the examination for the Airlie postmastership last week.

Rev. Skaggs, recently from Tennessee but now of McMinnville, is conducting a series of meetings at the Baptist church.

Mrs. O. A. Macy and daughter were arrivals in Independence today and will visit with relatives and friends until Monday.

Misses Frances Eaton and Dorothy Childs have been assigned parts in a class play, "Nothing But the Truth", at the O. A. C.

Mrs. M. O. Fluke, retiring president of the Eastern Star, entertained the members with a prettily appointed luncheon after the routine business Tuesday evening.

Chester Cooper of Airlie, who was recently honorably discharged from the navy, died at Dallas last Saturday. The funeral was held at the home Tuesday, interment at Kings Valley.

The Buena Vista Woman's Rural Club is very active. They have adopted a Belgian orphan and have endorsed the League of Nations, notifying the Oregon senators at Washington of their action.

In addition to Charlie Chaplin in "A Dog's Life" at the Isis on Wednesday and Thursday nights, March 19 and 20, Pauline Fredricks in the 5-reel feature, "The Love That Lives." Two nights of a big show, and no raise in the price of admission.

The most enjoyable and elaborate social function of the week was the supper-dance given at the J. S. Cooper home Thursday evening when Miss Genevieve Cooper, assisted by Mrs. J. S. Cooper, Jr., and Mrs. Maude Ireland, entertained for the Merrimakers. The music was inspiring and lovers of the terpsichorean art indulged in the pastime until a late hour. At intervals cards were also played. The supper was a dainty repast with Hoover and his attendant restrictions far removed from the joyous occasion. The spacious home was beautifully decorated in trailing greens and many bowls and vases of Spring blossoms. It was the conclusion of the several guests present that a trio of more charming hostesses could not be found.



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The annual convention of the Polk County Sunday School Association will be held in the Christian church at Monmouth on March 19, 20 and 21 commencing on the afternoon of the first day. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions will be held with special music for each of them. Dr. Carl E. Doney will deliver an address on Thursday evening. There are many numbers on the program of much merit.

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