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To the southern part of France the ancients gave the name Elysium. The sunny slopes, carpeted with green, sprinkled with olive groves, and famous from time immemorial for its grapes and wine, early attracted the admiration of poets who sang of its glory in song and in verse. The Elysium Fields were inhabited by the souls of the guileless, where each followed the chosen pursuit of his former life in a land of spring, sunlight, happiness and song.

Even from the mythical foundation of the present French Republic, they have been characterized for their love of song, of youth, of sunshine, of pressions, all of which imply liberty. In Caesar's time they were known as Gauls and he often speaks of their impetuosity, eagerness, and valor in the battle. Caesar subdued them and for five centuries they were ruled by Roman governors until the year 486, when one tribe, the Franks, led by their great leader, Clovis, defeated the Roman governor, Syagrius, at Soissons and soon brought the greater part of modern France under the rule of the Franks.

The next great event happened in the rule of Clovis. In a terrible battle with the Alemanni when all hope seemed lost, Clovis, falling on his knees, called upon the God of the Christians and vowed if he would give victory to his arms he would become his follower. The battle turned in favor of the Franks and Clovis, faithful to his vow, was baptised, and with him three thousand of his followers. From this time on the Franks were the guardians of Christianity and the first and most memorable battle they fought was on the field of Tours, where with Charles Martel as their leader, they defeated the Moslems in what has been termed one of the decisive battles of history. The Frankish ascendancy reached its zenith in the rule of Charlemagne whose name occupies more pages of Mediaeval history than any other Frankish ruler.

Feudalism, and the flower of Feudalism, Chivalry, had their greatest development in France. The knightly virtues of the French nobles has made their name a household word for courtesy, kindness and generosity; virtues which characterize the French of our day. The Norman, although immigrants to France, were soon converted and adopted the ways of the people with whom they associated, and displayed the French love of verse and song when before the battle of Hastings the Norman knight rode out from the Norman lines and advancing along towards the English army, tossing up his sword and skillfully catching it as it fell, and singing all the while the stirring battle songs of Charlemagne and Roland.

In the late wars of modern times we see the same love of determination, eagerness and courage displayed by the French people. In a recent battle of the present war the French went into action with their cannon draped with flowers and the gunners singing as they advanced. Love of country is as instinctive within every Frenchman's heart as the love of life itself. We do all our work on animation, enthusiasm and inspiration, and when these fail we turn out an imitation article, not the real thing. The French soldier has impressed the world as a fearless, devoted servant of his native land and one which requires a man with double the spirit and energy to overcome.

After talking to many of our subscribers in all parts of the county, the editors believe that the semi-weekly has been a success. It has found great favor among the farmers, as many of them do not take a daily paper. It has been our aim, even while publishing a weekly, to give our readers the best possible paper that we could. We have secured two more correspondents and in a short time we expect to have the news from every settlement in the county.

The Weekly Herald;
The Semi-Weekly;
The Tri-Weekly—and
The Daily Herald.

If we can secure regularly the amount of news which we have since we started the Semi-Weekly, it would not be impossible for us to publish the Herald three times a week, as we have had to carry over news from one edition to the next. We will make this forecast, also; a daily paper is not an impossibility for Heppner and Morrow county; you can remember this statement

when the daily appears. The Herald is working for the interests of Heppner and Morrow County, as is every business man and citizen and it welcomes any suggestion which will present to prospective settlers or industries which might locate here. The advantages of this city and county. All we ask is that you take our paper, pay for it, read it, and speak as well of it as your conscience lets you. Meanwhile get ready for the Tri-Weekly.

Eternal vigilance is the price of more things than liberty. Last Saturday afternoon a number of citizens and businessmen of this city met in the bank and discussed means by which we can lessen the danger of fire during the next few weeks, the most favorable time of the year for fire to start. The meeting was characterized by the seriousness of all present and the general appreciation of the gravity of the situation. It was brought out that many stores and private dwellings are nothing but firetraps and this largely due to the carelessness of the owners and occupants. Behind many stores are piles of paper, excelsior, trash and refuse which if once started afire could not be extinguished.

Those present passed a motion demanding of the city council that steps be taken at once to clean up the city. While this is a step in the right direction, each individual citizen should not wait for the council to warn him but remove and burn the rubbish himself. The citizens of this town have co-operated with the council in every undertaking which that body has thought worthy of their notice and which they have asked the support of the citizens. Let's go the council one better and do this before they can meet and make it a compulsory activity on our part. Let's not have a repetition of what happened to our neighboring town of Morgan.

While there may be some very good arguments for voting against some of the initiative bills next November, there seems to be no logical reasons for voting against bill number 316, which provided for a tax of two and one-half cents on every thousand dollars assessed valuation in the state of Oregon, the money thus raised to restore to operation the state Normal School at Weston, Oregon. At the present time Oregon has one Normal School located at Monmouth and which serves the western part of the state, the fact might be mentioned that there is no state educational institution of any nature in Eastern Oregon, a condition which should not exist.

The main function of the state is to raise good citizens and whenever she does not she is scheduled for the greased chute. It is poor economy and bad business management which forces Oregon young men and women to go to neighboring states for their schooling. Especially is it to be regretted when the state has an up-to-date plant located in the Eastern part of the state, where it is needed, and representing an outlay of \$75,000. That it can be successfully operated is shown by experience. In 1907-8 it had enrolled 275 students from eighteen counties. Weston is an ideal place for the school and no reason worthy of passing notice has ever been advanced for its discontinuance, which was brought about in 1909.

Reopening the Normal at Weston will furnish an opportunity to many young men and women who are now staying at home, being financially unable to go to Monmouth to school. If we wish to bring the school to those who need it, then open the Weston Normal, if we want to cater to a few, let it remain closed. It seems eminently fitting and proper to many of us to do the former.

Disease has been scarce in Heppner this year and many say that oil did it. By the last paper we received from a nearby town we note that a certain doctor reports much sickness in the community. Disease is unnecessary and is now bad taste. Pin your faith to the man with the clear eye, the steady brain and the open face. Naturally we are glad that vacuum cleaners are here and we have the current to run them. They spell, happiness, health and token heaven on earth.

HERALD EDITORS SEE HARDMAN COUNTRY

Some man is quoted as saying that God made the nation, man the cities and the Devil the small towns. Evidently he had not visited the town of Hardman, which is located twenty miles south and west of Heppner. Last Friday the editors of the semi-weekly took a little journey to Hardman. We left Heppner in our old "348" about noon and on the edge of town we met two wagons loaded with wheat. In the first ten miles we met ten wagons loaded with the staff of life. We stopped at the V. A. Stevens ranch, which is four and one-half miles from Hardman, for water and while there we met Mr. Stevens. We got to talking about Morrow County, what a good place it is and there was so much that we wanted to talk about that we got Mr. Stevens to get into the car and accompany us to Hardman.

Mr. Stevens is one of the old settlers of Morrow County, coming here from Iowa when the county was still a part of Umatilla County and with very few inhabitants. Up the road a short distance he pointed out his son's ranch, J. W. Stevens, and J. W. certainly had a clean and well-appearing place. He had a good garden and I noticed an out-of-doors sleeping quarters, which is in the line of health and right living. As we climbed the hill which overlooks the town below (Continued on Page Three)

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