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Daily Weather Report
Fair Tonight and Friday.
Highest temp. yesterday 64
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WILL CALL SPECIAL ELECTION

Kendall Makes New Proposition to Council.

RAILROAD TO BE OWNED BY THE CITY

Railroad To Be Built By The City To Rock Creek Instead of Forest Boundary as First Proposed.

If the citizens of Roseburg want a railroad from this city to the immense timber belt of the Cascades, they can secure it by building it themselves. Briefly, that was the conclusion which was reached, when the city council and S. A. Kendall met yesterday to discuss the proposed Roseburg & Eastern Railroad.

The city of Roseburg has already voted a bond issue of \$300,000 for the purpose of constructing a railroad to the western boundary of the forest reserve. This amount is not sufficient for the purpose, as it is estimated that such a road will cost approximately twice that amount; \$300,000 will, however, build a railroad of standard gauge and construction to the intersection of Rock Creek with the North Umpqua river, and fully equip it for operation. This road will pass through a rich agricultural district, and reach the immense forests which constitute one of our chief assets. To such road would be tributary all of the timber in the Little river, Rock creek, and North Umpqua districts. It would tap the immense holdings in those districts which are not now within reach of a market, and all of which could furnish logs and tonnage. It will also permit many large growers to consider the matter of raising sugar beets and furnish a large acreage for the proposed sugar factory at Roseburg. Under present conditions they are barred from this industry by reason of the distance which this crop would have to be hauled. Enough acreage can be secured in the North Umpqua and Deer creek district to practically assure the required amount for the establishment of a factory at Roseburg, besides furnishing an immense tonnage for the proposed railroad. This road should be a good paying proposition for the city of Roseburg, as well as furnishing an outlet for the other products of that district, all of which must come to this city. As a guarantee that traffic will be furnished from the start, the Kendall Lumber Corporation has given absolute assurance that it will construct a saw mill at the fair grounds site with a capacity of at least 200,000 feet of lumber per day of 10 hours.

There will be no restrictions on this road as to whether it will be leased to some firm or corporation, or whether it will be operated by the city of Roseburg. This will be left exclusively with the people. Nor will there be any restrictions as to who shall construct it. The city may attend to that also if they see fit. But the Kendall Company agrees that if no one else will, they will enter into a contract that will enable the city of Roseburg to construct and equip such a road in accordance with plans and specifications which will be filed, which will include all rails, roadbed, ties, stations, sidings, fences, telegraph and telephone lines, rolling stock, and equipment complete ready to start operations for a sum which will be within the amount available for the purpose. In order to do this it will be necessary to hold a special election for the purpose of changing the eastern terminal of the road, by a charter amendment. This will be done in the same manner as the original amendment, and will require about six weeks, if the election is called by the city council, as will probably be done. According to the best authorities, the present bond issue is valid, when used for a pur-

pose authorized by the city charter. Under this plan there will be no commingling of public and private funds or interests, which was the chief objection raised by the supreme court in their recent decision. The whole title and management will vest in the city of Roseburg with no restrictions whatever, and they will have the right to do whatever they see fit with the road as to operation or lease. Mr. Kendall states that he is ready and willing to carry out his agreement to construct a saw mill and operate it if he is assured that a railroad will be built to Rock creek, whether by the city of Roseburg or any other corporation. This mill will be located on the old fair grounds site and have a capacity of not less than as stated above. He also agrees that no mercantile business shall be carried on by them except the lumber business and its allied lines. Such a mill will cost in the neighborhood of \$450,000.00 and will be modern and up-to-date in every way.

It is estimated that if this plan is carried out, the railroad will be completed and placed in operation within 24 months, and sooner if it can possibly be done. Mr. Kendall agrees that the mill shall be ready

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LETTER SENT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Kendall Agrees to Build Railroad For \$300,000.

CITY WILL HAVE TITLE AND CONTROL

Road Will Be Furnished Complete and Equipped With Rolling Stock Necessary For All Business.

To the Honorable N. Ries, mayor, and the members of the common council of the city of Roseburg:

In response to your inquiry I am obliged to say that I cannot consider a proposition to construct a standard gauge railroad from the city of Roseburg to the National forest reserve and equip it for the sum of \$300,000.

I would be willing, however, to enter into a binding contract with the city to construct a standard gauge railroad from the city of Roseburg to Rock creek for said sum of \$300,000 either in lawful money of the United States of America or in bonds of the city bearing five per cent interest.

The distance from said city to Rock creek according to the survey heretofore made is 23 5-8 miles. I am willing to enter into a contract to build a standard gauge railroad complete in every detail with a solid, substantial road bed, using standard fir ties and steel rails of not less than 56 pounds per yard, securely fastened, and including the necessary spurs, switches, depots and all other conveniences and requirements necessary to make a substantial well built railroad ready for operation and equip the same with the necessary rolling stock to accommodate all

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR STATE FAIR

County Court Makes Large Appropriation This Year.

CHAS. W. CLARK APPOINTED MANAGER

Lyman Skinner and Roy Durbin Will Assist in Arranging For and Placing the County's Exhibit at Fair.

In order that Douglas county might be well represented at the state fair this year Judge Marsters signed an order appropriating \$500 with which to prepare and provide for the display. Charles W. Clark was appointed as manager and will have charge of the arranging for and the placing of the exhibit. Douglas county has been fairly well represented at nearly all of the state fairs, but the provision made by the court provides for one of the best ever sent for this year.

Chas. Clark, who was appointed as manager is a man well qualified for the position. His position as chairman of the bureau of exhibits in the Commercial club will prove a great assistance in providing a suitable representation from this county. It was under the direction of Mr. Clark that the county carried off the only first prize which it has ever won on its state fair exhibits.

On that year over 700 species and varieties of fruits and vegetables had been arranged for by Mr. Clark, with corn being used as a feature of the business that may be offered the railroad.

I will agree to construct said railroad in strict accordance with specifications prepared by a competent civil engineer and approved by the mayor and common council of said city.

I would build such railroad upon the right of way secured and to be secured by the city as shown by the survey and maps thereof now on file in the office of the city recorder of said city. I would also be willing in case the city desires to undertake the construction of said railroad to enter into a binding contract with the city for the building of said railroad under the laws of the state of Oregon, and will give the bond required under said laws for the faithful performance of my contract.

The distance to Rock creek is as far as I would be willing to undertake to build such a railroad as the city demands for said sum of \$300,000. Rock creek is at the entrance to the immense belt of timber lying along the North Umpqua river and its tributaries and would make accessible to the city by means of said railroad all of said timber and timber products. The railroad with the terminus at Rock creek would probably supply to the city all of the advantages that said railroad would if extended to the western boundary of the national forest as formerly planned.

Roseburg, Oregon, April 13, 1916.
Respectfully submitted,
S. A. KENDALL.

display. It is on record that three families now living in the Umpqua Valley came here as a direct result of the exhibit of which over one-third was sent to the Chicago land show.

Mr. Clark will be assisted in his work by Lyman Skinner and Roy Durbin, whom he has appointed as assistants on the Commercial club bureau. Mr. Skinner is a well known fruit man in the county while Mr. Durbin is known as one of the best window decorators in the state, and has won several national prizes for his ability in this line.

A number of unique and attractive features are being planned and the manager stated today that he believed with earnest and conscientious work Douglas county would again win the first prize for the best exhibit at the state fair. He will endeavor to have a display which will include nearly every vegetable, fruit, etc., which can be grown on the Pacific coast, while he is already making preparations for the exhibit along other lines.

WEATHER STOPS FIGHTING AT VERDUN

Infantry Forced to Remain in Trenches by Storms.

ARTILLERY DUELS NEVER SLACKEN

Germans Launch First Real Attack Against Important Defense of Verdun—Draw Soldiers From Russia.

BERLIN, April 13.—The weather prevented a renewal of the infantry attacks at Verdun last night is officially announced, but the artillery was active on both sides of the Meuse and on the Woivre plain. Southeast of Albert, the Germans raided the British trenches and captured 17 prisoners. Northeast of Compeigne the French attack with gas failed.

British Lose Two Steamers.
LONDON, April 13.—The British steamers Robert Admonson and Argus have been torpedoed, the crew of the Admonson being landed. The Argus was destroyed in the Mediterranean. Both were unarmed.

Draw Troops from Russian Front.
PARIS, April 13.—The Germans launched their first frontal attack against hill 304 last night, but a curtain of fire halted it, the official communique asserted. This is an important key to the northwest portal of Verdun. Emerging from the Malancourt woods, the Germans found themselves under a crossfire, and few succeeded in leaving their own trenches. Elsewhere the night was calm. Aviators reported that heavy German reinforcements were marching on Verdun, apparently intent on another smash west of the Meuse. Some of the divisions are reported as having been transferred from the Russian front.

CARRANZA ASKS THAT TROOPS BE WITHDRAWN

Think Own Soldiers Able to Cope With Situation.

CLAIM VILLA'S FORCES ARE DISPERSED

American Column Far in The Interior Fired Upon By the Natives—Funston Denounces Carranza.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The note of Carranza, suggesting that it is time for the American troops to leave Mexico, has not been given to Lansing yet. The embassy declared the note was not an ultimatum, or a demand that the Americans withdraw, but rather a request, asking negotiations be entered into looking toward the withdrawal of the troops, thus giving the constitutionalists a free hand to continue the pursuit and chase. Agilar's note, which was delivered to Arredondo at three o'clock this morning, is still being translated. Arredondo refused to discuss the communication. Carranza now considers the object of the expedition as accomplished, and the message is believed to be a refusal to complete the second agreement as to further operations. It reminds the administration that the expedition has no legal standing now. The disoccupation of Mexico is asked on the grounds that the forces of Villa are now dispersed, and the Carranzistas believe they themselves are able to complete the task of extermination. The officials frankly admitted the possibility of a misunderstanding having existed in the negotiations with Carranza. It is agreed that the situation is most serious. Some thought the note was intended for home consumption in Mexico.

Troop Fired on Americans.

SAN ANTONIO, April 13.—Carranzista soldiers and Mexican citizens at Parral fired on the American troops there. Consul Letcher reported, giving as authority General Gutierrez, but there were no casualties. Gutierrez adopted a complaining attitude, Letcher reported, and said he had no idea that the Americans were so far south, expressing surprise at their marching powers. This is interpreted to indicate that the Mexicans under Carranza did not intend to allow the Americans to progress so far into the interior. One hundred and forty men, believed to be a part of Tompkins' command, comprised the force at Parral, and they continued their marching, giving little heed to the firing.

Funston Explodes over Failure
Funston declared he would not consider the American expedition a success until Villa was captured or killed, and flatly denounced the failure of the Carranzistas to co-operate with the Americans. He pointed out that the constitutionalists have

twice permitted Villa to slip through their lines.

STUDENTS COMPEL COW TO ATTEND CHURCH

SALEM, April 13.—The presence of a Jersey cow in the chapel rostrum of Willamette University this morning, caused a suspension of the devotional exercises. She was chained and locked fast, and the students milked her.

FIRST BABY BOY VISITS CITY

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Smith, of Myrtle Creek, parents of the first boy baby born in Douglas county in 1916, made their first visit to Roseburg this afternoon, since the arrival of the distinguished baby, and have been making a call upon the various business men who, in connection with The News, made this event so widely known over the country.

The first visit was to the office of The News, where the sturdy little fellow was presented with a shining five dollar gold piece, and he took hold of it with a determination that showed it was something worth making a race for. He is a fine looking little fellow, and one any county could be proud to claim as the first arrival of an auspicious year. In company with a representative of The News, Mrs. Smith called upon all the generous donors who presented the handsome youngster, and received the valuable presents offered by them. Young & Hubbar, presented a handsome silver spoon, engraved with the name and date; A. J. Lilburn and Son gave a beautiful rocker; Irvin, of the Booterie, a pair of substantial shoes; Childs & Abrams, of the Hat Shop, an elegant hand embroidered bonnet; D. W. Strongstrong presented a splendid chair; Burchard & Downey gave a most substantial remembrance; Clark & Clark perpetuated the smiling features of the boy with half a dozen of their artistic pictures, and the Imperial Cleaners gave an order for pressing and cleaning a suit for the parents. F. H. Churchill gave the father a fine knife.

The first baby girl has not put in an appearance yet, and when she does she also will find many valuable articles waiting her.

CHURCH BROS. HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Constable Howard Church and his brother Milton Church had a very narrow escape from death this morning when the automobile in which they were riding turned over, pinning both of them beneath it and holding them for some time before they could be released. Howard and Milton left early in the morning for Melrose where the constable had a number of civil papers to serve and had reached a spot about five miles west of town, near the Kruse ranch, when the accident happened.

The car was proceeding at a rather rapid rate of speed when it struck a short stretch of graveled road. The strain of driving through the loose gravel, caused a breakage in the steering gear and the auto swerved sharply and turned completely over, pinning the two men beneath it. One of the Davenport boys, who was riding in the rear seat was thrown out and escaped uninjured.

Howard Church sustained a very severe cut on his head and several minor injuries. Milton Church has a badly wrenched back and a number of scratches and bruises. The fact that their lives were saved is due to the quickness with which Milton, who was driving, shut off the power preventing the gasoline which was dripping from the tank on the two men, from catching fire and burning them to death.

The car was not injured to any great extent and was brought to this city under its own power.

MORMON VILLAGE IN MEXICO IS LIKE UP-TO-DATE COMMUNITY IN UNITED STATES



General view of the Mormon town of Colonia Dublan, near Casas Grandes, Mexico.

Colonia Dublan, the Mormon settlement in northern Mexico which was marked for massacre by Bandit Villa but saved by Pershing's men, resembles an up-to-date rural district in the United States. It is like an oasis in the dreary Mexican desert. The settlement is near the field headquarters of the expeditionary force under General Pershing.