



The Evening News

Daily Weather Report

Fair Tonight and Wednesday.

Highest temp. yesterday 89
Lowest temp. last night 49

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THE COUNCIL ATTENDS TO BUSINESS

Regular Meeting is Held at
City Hall Last Night.

DISCUSSION OVER HAMILTON ST. PAVING

Efforts to Get Petition in Hands of
Neutral Committee Result
in a Very Humorous
Situation.

Although the city council spent the entire afternoon yesterday conferring with Mr. Kendall in regard to the railroad project the regular meeting was not held until the evening when they disposed of some of the business matters which have accumulated during the week.

The recorder reported that he had received a receipt from the A. G. Long Fire Truck Company for the money expended for the fire truck. A warrant was ordered drawn for the amount immediately after the apparatus had been accepted and the recorder was authorized to send the money to the company. The amount was sent the following day and the receipt has now been received.

The petition in regard to the paving of Hamilton street was then brought before the council, together with report of committee to which it was referred. The committee was divided, Hamilton and Powell being unfavorable to the paving, while Shambrook desired to see the block paved. A large number of residents of the street were present and a humorous situation arose after L. B. Moore, a resident of the block in question, presented another petition for the paving of a portion of the block. The new petition was signed by the school board and himself, representing the greater part of the property affected. The residents of Hamilton street are in a peculiar position, as their lots are bounded on two sides by the street, the one in front being paved, while Hamilton, in the rear is unpaved. The corner lot, owned by Miss Blanche Reed, is now paved on two sides, and if the petition is allowed she will be forced to pave the third side of her property. The paving is desired chiefly by the school board, as in the winter time the street is not well drained and the water stands in the road beside the Rose school and interferes with the play of the children. Mr. Moore, who resides in this block, is the only owner whose property does not extend through from one street to the other, and he is also in favor of the paving.

Councilman Hamilton stated that he believed it was time that the city stopped paving, as the majority of the pavement already placed had not yet been paid for.

Councilman Shambrook, chairman of the street committee, who is anxious to see the block in question paved, desired that the matter be left in the hands of another committee, and so made a motion that the judicial committee be appointed to act upon the petition. The motion was carried and a discussion arose over the membership of this committee. Upon reference to the records it was found that the committee was composed of Councilmen Gile, Hamilton and Powell. As the latter two are members of the street committee and had reported unfavorably before, Councilman Shambrook immediately moved that the former motion be reconsidered. Upon vote the last motion failed to carry by one vote.

C. A. McKeen, inspector of the paving of East Third street made another complaint in regard to the work not progressing as rapidly as it should. He said also that the anchors on the curbs were too low in many places and that the sewage at the head of the street had not been drained so as to allow the ground to dry. It was shown that the council could do nothing further until the time limit had expired, with the exception of notifying the engineer to

NO COUNCIL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON

The meeting of the council scheduled for 2:30 this afternoon failed to materialize as no word was sent from the meeting of Mr. Kendall and City Engineer Hicks that the plans and specifications had not yet been prepared for approval. They have been closed all afternoon in an effort to whip the plans into such a shape that they will be agreeable to both parties and are gradually arranging the details. Engineer Hicks is revising nearly all of his specifications to conform to the lease on a stated payment basis. Instead of the percentage system on which he worked previously. A vast amount of labor is necessary and he is bending every effort to make the needed requirements and have drawings ready to submit at a meeting which will be held tonight.

see that the curbs and anchors were placed according to the plans and specifications.

A short discussion in regard to the rates to be charged as rental on the Roseburg & Eastern Railroad in the event that it was constructed, was held, the council going into executive session to settle this matter.

INDIAN OFFICIALS IN EASTERN OREGON

Word was received today that C. E. Coe and C. S. Heinline, of the local Indian office who are on a tour of eastern Oregon, preparing their report for the fiscal year, have reached Bend and at the time that the message was sent were preparing to leave for Burns. They have been having a little auto trouble between Warm Springs and Bend, but repairs were made at the latter place.

WORK IS PROCEEDING RAPIDLY

Yesterday forty four men were at work on the new high school building laying the cement foundations. The greater part of the crew were forced to quit work today on account of the blasting, which is being done in excavating the gymnasium. It is expected that all dirt will have been removed by tomorrow night and construction work on the superstructure will be begun at once.

TEMPERATURE 91 TODAY

The temperature today mounted to 91 degrees shortly after three o'clock, the highest recorded this year. In view of the cold weather we have been having, the sudden change, although slightly disagreeable, is welcomed. Yesterday the thermometer registered 89 as its highest.

OUTLOOK FOR RAILROAD IS MUCH BRIGHTER

Arguments Finally Lead to
Near Settlement.

BOTH SIDES MAKE CONCESSIONS

City Engineer Agrees to Present
Plans Which He Believes Will
Conform to Desires of Both
City and Mr. Kendall.

At last the railroad project begins to assume a more rosy hue. Both sides have dickered, argued and retracted until an agreement is practically decided upon. The opposing engineers have at last come together on their plans and are working with feverish haste to finish their undertaking, while the controlling power is present and can agree without causing a tedious and expensive delay. The positions of the city and the companies at issue have been explained, changed, compromised until the same footing has been almost reached and with the consideration of a few concrete facts on which to unite a decision may be easily reached.

The finishing touches were put on this morning at a council meeting in which at times the railroad project seemed doomed to die an ignominious death, but at each slump it would rise again, this time a little nearer to the demands of the city, which, in turn, lowered slightly to reach a medium.

The city engineer first made his report of the meeting between himself and the Kendall representatives. He stated that the plans and specifications of the company had been submitted to him, together with their estimate on the work. As he had promised not to make known the figures which they had prepared he said that he could not inform the council on this subject. In regard to their specifications, however, he said that they covered only seven pages and contained only the most important details, while the minor features were entirely lacking. Many of the paragraphs of complicated constructions contained only a few lines of specifications and were entirely inadequate to deal with the construction of a railroad of this nature.

Kendall Wants Brief Plans.
In the discussion that followed, he

said that Mr. Kendall demanded that the specifications be drawn in such a way that his judgment alone would authorize the nature of the different constructions. To this, however, Mr. Hicks objected, as he stated that it would be impossible to call for bids on indefinite plans. "It is not right," he said, "to ask us to accept such brief specifications. Mr. Kendall objected to their length, but over thirty-five pages are taken by them! Work while a part of the rest is taken up with the tentative construction contract which provides that he take the bonds and build the road."

Mr. Hicks said that the first matter which was taken up was the width of cuts and fills which have caused so much discussion during the past week. In this the Kendalls moderated slightly but did not agree entirely with the city engineer. The entire work he stated now devolved upon the terms of the lease. If the city is to get a yearly rental, it is not interested in the details over which the discussion has occurred. If, however, it must take share in the net earnings, it is vitally interested and will demand that its specifications be followed. If the cuts are made too narrow slides will occur which will hinder train operations and cause the maintenance expense to be very heavy. If, however, it is decided to rent the road on a straight payment basis, the plans might be changed to conform with his opinions. He stated that it was impossible to make an estimate at the present time, but that the railroad could not be built for \$300,000. He said that he had been working on the profile map for a few hours and would have an estimate within a few days.

Plans Must Be Definite.
City Attorney Wimberly stated that if the plans and specifications were not specific and definite enough no matter how crude the city could not make a contract as in order for the agreement to be valid and binding the city must know exactly what it was getting for the amount of money which it was expending. If the matter is left to the judgment of one man it would be no contract and would be thrown out by the courts.

Mr. Hicks then stated that if the city desired a cheaper railroad that he could specify it. If the committee authorized him and his assistants to prepare plans in conformity with the desires of the Kendalls, he was willing to do so, but would not do it without authority.

He was then asked by Mr. Shambrook if he would recommend a cheaper road. He said that he could not answer that question, as he was not familiar with what the city really wanted, whether it desired a railroad substantially built and free from maintenance expense

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BUSINESS MEN BACK PARTY NOMINEE

Opinions of Roseburg Citizens
Favorable to Hughes.

ACTION OF T. R. MEETS WITH APPROVAL

Many Who Opposed Teddy Before the
Republican Convention Are Now
Numbered Among His Most
Ardent Supporters.

That the prominent men of Roseburg are strong for Hughes as president is plainly evident from the remarks which they are making since his nomination by the republican convention. Not only are they well satisfied with the selection of the candidate, but the platform adopted and the statement made by Mr. Hughes have struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the local republicans. Since the convention Roosevelt too has become much more popular. Before the convention men dared not express their fears that he might again break up the party, but since the outcome it is evident the feel that he is a great man. His actions have won for him a great many friends in this city, and men who are now sorry that he was not the nominee. That he held the key to the situation is conceded by all and his action in withdrawal meets the approval of all. That Hughes will meet with good vote in this city is plainly evident from the following expressions made to The News representative when asked the question: "What do you think of Hughes for president?"

A. S. Huey—"He will make a fine race. He is an old head at the game."

Nathan Fullerton—"He is good as elected."

James Watson—"Hughes is certainly a good man."

Geo. Quine—"He suits me."

B. W. Bates—"The outcome of the convention is fine. It's great."

Attorney B. L. Eddy—"Mr. Hughes, if he lives, will be president."

W. H. Richardson—"The outcome of the convention was perfect. My father wore whiskers, and he was a good man."

W. S. Hamilton—"Hughes is certainly a fine man."

John H. White—"Hughes will certainly win out. I do not mean easily, but handily."

John Alexander, of Glide—"I think that Hughes is a winner and will carry easily. I know of a number of democrats who are for Hughes and good times."

G. W. Young—"He has my support, and I believe the party has picked a winner."

S. L. Dillard—"Hughes is all right. There is no question but that he will be elected."

W. F. Harris—"There is nothing to it. It's a republican landslide." Roland Agee—"Hughes is a fine man. I see nothing to hinder him from being elected."

J. H. Clark—"Hughes is all right. He's a dandy."

R. C. Hartman—"He is a fine man. Nothing can stop him from being elected."

CITIZENS WATCH R. R. PROCEDURE

The public watches with interest the negotiations pending since yesterday between the city council and Mr. Kendall as to the proposed railroad to Rock creek and the saw mill. There is a difference over the specifications for the railroad. Mr. Hicks, the city engineer has prepared specifications for what he considers a substantial road, but which he states is hardly up to the ordinary branch line work. Mr. Kendall objects that

these specifications require too large an expenditure, and he takes the position that the city should require nothing more than that the road shall be sufficient to carry the traffic offered, and that he and his associates should be the judges of its sufficiency. This raises a question which must be settled, and The News hopes that an agreement may be reached.

The understanding has been that the city should have the railroad as an asset to show for its investment of three hundred thousand dollars. Naturally the city should have something to say as to what kind of a road it is to get. If Mr. Hicks has made any unreasonable requirements doubtless the city authorities will waive them when shown to exist. On the other hand, Mr. Kendall should meet Roseburg in a like spirit, and if any of his requirements can be shown to be unreasonable he should waive them. A spirit of fairness ought to govern. We want the road and the mill. We are willing to pay well for them, but it takes two to make a contract. We hope that the session of the council this evening will show the way out of all difficulties and that both parties to the contract will feel protected.

We feel that we are facing a turning point in our history. Let our representatives meet Mr. Kendall in the spirit of equity, but let nothing be done that will dissipate the large bond issue to be made without adequate return. Let no excessive burden be placed upon ourselves or those to come after us, without reasonable prospect of an equivalent. Others are now looking toward Roseburg with the view of large investment, and on the whole, our city government is about to make history. Let it proceed wisely and with caution. A fair and equitable contract will protect the city and Mr. Kendall and ought to stand the test of the courts.

DEMOCRATS POUR INTO ST. LOUIS

Progressive Leaders Are In-
vited to Join Democracy.

WANT LABOR PLANK IN PLATFORM

Unprecedented Booms Are Being
Rapidly Fettered by The
Leaders—Marshall Sure
to Be Nominated.

ST. LOUIS, June 13.—Chairman McCombs wired Brainbridge Colby, of New York, an invitation to join the democratic party. The action was based upon the repudiation of Roosevelt by Colby, who placed the column before the progressive convention at Chicago in his nominating speech. Gompers has arrived prepared to demand that the resolutions committee incorporate labor planks in the democratic platform.

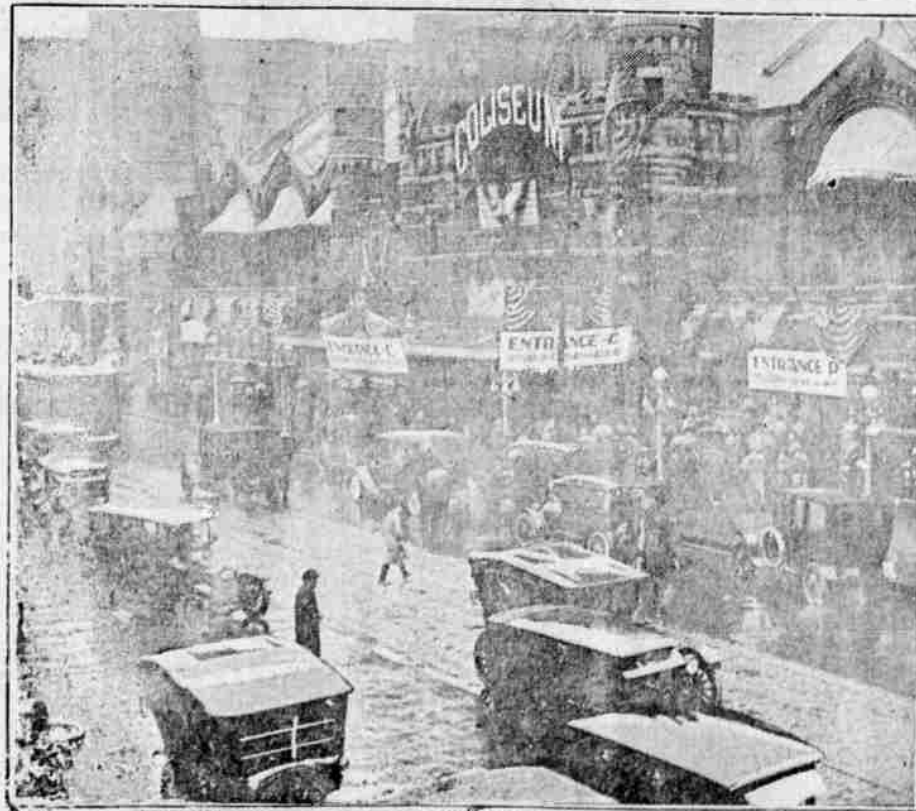
Delegates All There.

The democratic hosts poured into St. Louis today, and before night, more than a thousand delegates are expected to be here. The gentle work of puncturing vice-presidential booms proceeded neatly today, and Marshall will be renominated the leaders say. Although Secretary Baker, Roger Sullivan and Governor Major are candidates, they may never reach the floor of the convention. Several Kentucky delegates enroute to the convention were injured this morning when their train was wrecked near Owensboro. Mayor Buschmeyer, of Louisville, was badly bruised, but Governor Stanley and former Governor McCready were uninjured.

Wilson Makes Predictions.

WEST POINT, June 13.—"The world is going to know that when America speaks, she means what she says," the president told the graduating class at the military academy today. He promised in behalf of uphold the Monroe Doctrine. He also promised that when the time comes for America to be ready to join the other nations, to see "that the kind of justice prevails everywhere, that we believe."

DELEGATES ARRIVING AT COLISEUM FOR G. O. P. CONVENTION



This picture, just received from Chicago, shows the Coliseum as it looks during the Republican convention. Delegates are seen entering the flag-draped building.