

NEITHER MORROW NOR MCCOY SEATED BY NATIONAL BODY

Action by Democratic Committee
at Chicago Held in Abeyance
Pending Ratification.

CHAIRMAN IS UP STUMP

Starkweather Faced With Seeing
Delegate Named He Opposes
or of Displeasing Committee.

Word has been received from Chicago that neither Newton McCoy nor Dr. J. W. Morrow has been seated as national committeeman from Oregon by the executive committee of the Democratic national committee. Although Dr. Morrow attended the meetings of the national committee he was not seated, that action being held in abeyance pending the ratification of his election by a meeting of the Oregon Democratic state central committee regularly called.

When McCoy left for Chicago to contest the seat of Dr. Morrow, after he had been elected national committeeman by Harvey C. Starkweather, state chairman, Mrs. Alexander Thompson and Colonel Robert Miller, composing a segment of the executive committee of the state central committee, Chairman Starkweather wired the national headquarters at Chicago telling them that McCoy was the real and only national committeeman from this state, that he had been elected by the unanimous vote of the executive committee, which had full power to act, that the meeting of the state central committee which elected Dr. Morrow had been unlawfully called and that, therefore, Dr. Morrow had been unlawfully elected.

DECIDES TO WAIT

Upon receipt of this message, and others which supplemented it, the national committee decided that it would not be wise to formally seat Dr. Morrow when there was any question as to the regularity of his election, and accordingly put the whole matter on the shelf pending the ratification of Dr. Morrow's election by a regularly called meeting of the state committee.

This action of the national committee passes the buck squarely back to Chairman Starkweather. Apparently the question in the minds of the national committee concerned the regularity of the meeting of the state committee, it having been called by Dr. Morrow after Starkweather had refused to do so. Now the national leaders have wired Starkweather requesting him to have the state central committee called together to meet with the national committee heads when they visit Portland June 30 and July 1.

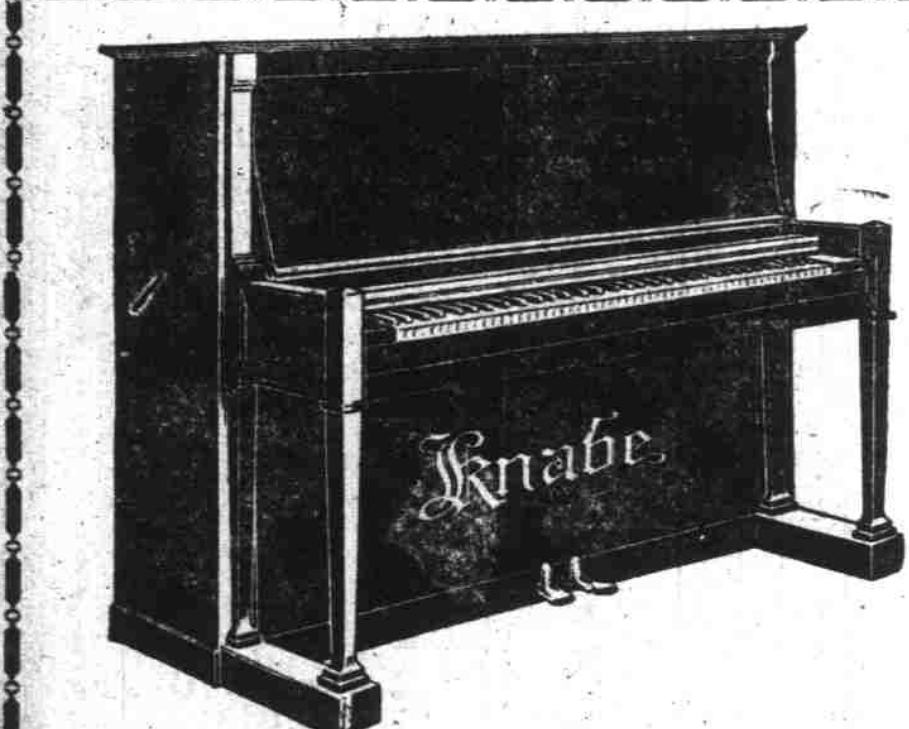
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If he calls the committee, as requested, it is reported that some 26 out of the 35 counties organized will vote for Morrow, which will not be to his liking. If he does not call the meeting it will not be to the liking of the national chairman, and other big leaders who are to be here on the last day of June and the first of July, a condition which would not be to the liking of Mr. Starkweather any more than the other contingency. Consequently, Chairman Starkweather seems to be between the devil and the deep sea, figuratively speaking, of course, with Newton McCoy out on a limb and Dr. Morrow bolstered up with the political pabulum of hope deferred.

Former Corvallis Man Is Promoted

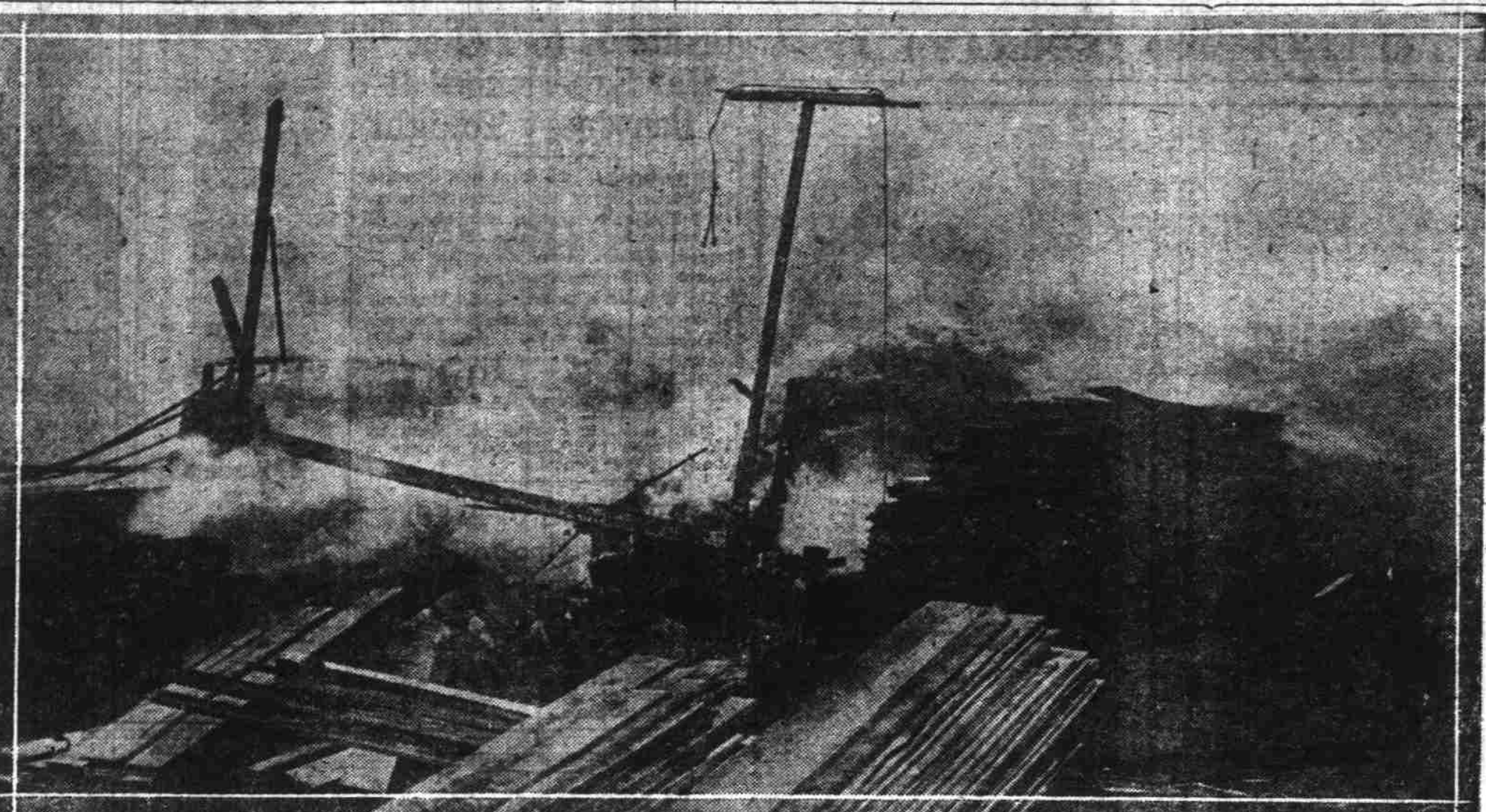
Corvallis, May 31.—Charles A. Murphy, former city editor of the Gazette-Times, has been promoted from captain to major, according to a cablegram received by Mrs. Murphy. He is now stationed in Paris. The promotion was recommended before the armistice was signed but was held up when hostilities ceased. Major Murphy was captain of Company D, later Company K, O. N. I., before being called to the colors. Mrs. Murphy and two children will leave Sunday for a visit her parents in Kansas City.

A school to teach the arts, sciences and agriculture is planned for Iquitos by the Peruvian government.



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LUMBER PLANTS SUFFER \$40,000 FIRE LOSS



Disastrous fire practically destroys plants of Oregon Box & Manufacturing company and old Norby shingle mill at foot of Macadam street. Total loss estimated at \$40,000, with at least \$30,000 of amount covered by insurance. Blaze is presumed to have started in the boiler room of the box manufacturing plant.

FACTORY AND MILL BURN; LOSS \$40,000

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The hardest fight was encountered in the dry kiln, as the walls were packed with sawdust. Several homes and woodsheds about a block away from the main fire were ignited by sparks, but slight damage was done.

LIVE WIRES OVERHEAD

One of the most dangerous feats of the fire fighting was working directly under the 10,000 volt feed wire of the Southern Pacific company, whose main line runs through the box mill yard. The trestle was damaged and all wires were burned down, but A. T. Mercier, superintendent of the Portland division of the Southern Pacific railroad, ordered all repair crews to the scene, with the result that repairs were made and service restored at 8 p. m.

ONE HORSE LOST

The Fulton Fuel company lost six wagons, according to H. A. Pflaum, who estimated the damage at \$600. One horse also was burned to death. Four were rescued.

WIND SAVES DISTRICT

Had the wind been from the south instead of the north, it is probable that the entire South Portland manufacturing area would have been wiped out, it is said.

The fire also consumed a house belonging to Motorcycle Officer V. C. Rippen and Joel Coe. They purchased the place Friday and were preparing to move in Saturday night. Mrs. S. L. McMahon, former owner, moved out Saturday morning. Rippen estimated his loss at \$800, with \$600 insurance.

Commenting on the conflagration, Fire Marshal Grenfell said: "If we could ever invent a way to get rid of these sparks around a mill, we could cut down the fire loss 50 per cent. If mills had to pay an insurance rate in proportion to their loss, they couldn't exist. The average life of a sawmill is 10 years. I think insurance companies

ought to refuse to write a mill where the sprinkling system is not installed. I am expecting more bad mill fires here at any time, as too much debris is allowed to accumulate about these places."

About 65 men were employed in the box factory, many of whom will be thrown out of work. The company has a cut-up plant at the foot of Hamilton avenue, where some of their orders may be taken care of.

A picture hanging over a fine at 7123 Thirty-seventh street northeast caught on Monday to answer a charge of attempting to turn in a false fire alarm. The youngster was seen, according to the statement of Fire Marshal Grenfell, in the act of breaking the glass on an alarm at East Eighth and Alder streets while the disastrous South Portland fire was burning Saturday afternoon.

TWO PLATOON SYSTEM PROVES ITS WORTH AT FIRST TEST

Marking the first real test of the two-platoon system for firemen the fire at the Oregon Box Manufacturing company Saturday afternoon showed that the system worked very well. Within little more than an hour after the first call for fire apparatus had been turned in, a complete relief was on the ground ready to be put to whatever work was required of them. Acting Mayor C. A. Bigelow, who arrived shortly after the third or emergency call sounded, was highly pleased with the way the men responded.

"This," he said, "was the first real test of the system, and it certainly worked fine. We have now a complete reserve force on hand, and part of the men can be spared to take trucks back to the firehouses for more fire hose."

SIREN CALL SOUNDS
With the aid of the large siren stationed at the Portland Railway, Light & Power company's plant on the east side, the third call for apparatus, which brings out all but the bare reserve that must be kept for fires elsewhere, sounds all over the city and the off platoon knows that it is wanted. Men rush to their homes and get into their fire clothes and come out on streetcars or any way they can get out.

"As fast as they arrive they are put to fighting the fire if needed. If we already have plenty of men on that work, the reserve men are sent back to the fire houses with trucks to bring out hose and other equipment."

Fire Chief Dowell and Battalion Chief Grenfell, who were on duty, also were

strong in their commendation of the system.

THIRD CALL RARE

This was the first time for nearly a year that the third call has been sounded, the last occasions being in June, 1918, when there were three large fires, all in lumber mills. The two-platoon system went into effect last September.

The Smith Shingle mill burned down on June 9, 1918, and was so serious that a fourth call was sent in, bringing out all the fire apparatus. The Rice-Kendall mill at Lents burned in the same month and required the third call. The other alarm requiring the third call in that month was the Kautz planing mill.

Majority in Polk Expected to Vote For All Measures

Dallas, May 31.—Polk county can be depended on to give a substantial majority for all the road and reconstruction measures at the special election Tuesday. The proposition to bond the county for \$250,000 for hard surfacing highways within the county is expected to carry at least a three to one majority.

Educational Board Chosen

Dallas, May 31.—County Superintendent Fred S. Crowley has announced the appointment of the following citizens of Polk county to constitute the county educational board for a term of four years, commencing June 1: C. L. Hawley, McCoy, Thomas W. Brunk, Eola, J. J. Thurston, Suver, and C. C. Gardner, Bridgeport.

New Postmasters Named

Dallas, May 31.—Two new postmasters have recently been appointed in Polk county. Kenneth Williams at Airlee, and A. R. Cadie at Rickreall. Both are to fill vacancies caused by resignations. Williams served in the navy.

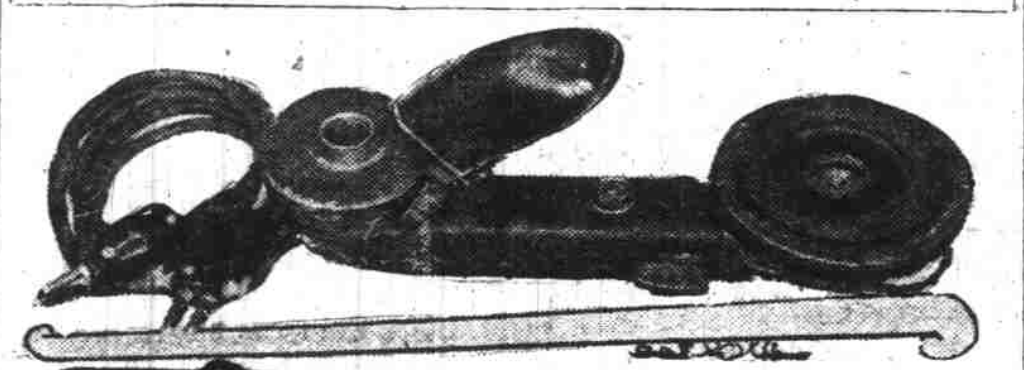
Chautauqua Dates Set

Dallas, May 31.—The dates for Dallas' seventh annual Chautauqua have been set for July 15 to 21, inclusive. Among the attractions this year will be W. J. Bryan and Private Peat.

Rose Festival Song Rehearsed Tuesday

Walter Jenkins, the Y. M. C. A. community song leader, will lead the sing-

HUN INSTRUMENT PUZZLE



Upper—Strange telephonic-telegraphic instrument brought from German dugout by Pacific Telephone company man. Lower—Tree climbing hook found in same dugout.

"How does the bloomin' thing work?" The expert electricians of the Pacific Telephone company have been fussing with a strange telephonic-telegraphic contraption which Carl D. Rolph, a member of the organization, captured in a German dugout in the Argonne forest and brought back to Portland.

The instrument is intended for combined use as a telephone, receiver and transmitter and for the telegraphing of messages. But just how the connections are made for conveying dots and dashes and the human voice puzzles the men who are more familiar with the American instruments.

"After the big dash in the Argonne forest," said Manager Fred Spoerl of the telephone company, "Mr. Rolph, who prior to the war was switchboard man at our main office, was detailed to locate wire tappers and telephone or telegraph nests. In one of the German dugouts he found this instrument, which to say the least is unique, as much as our own telephone experts do not know how to operate it."

"Mr. Rolph also found in this same dugout climbers used by line men which were evidently used for climbing trees and would not be adapted as ours are for climbing poles. Mr. Rolph was one of over 50 Portland telephone employees who went over with the 41th battalion with Captain W. C. Barbour, our former district plant inspector, in charge."

BARS UP AGAINST MEXICANS; TEXAS EXECUTIVE FIRM

Comment Aroused in Washington
By Refusal of Governor Hobby
To Grant Carranzistas Favor.

MEXICAN TURMOIL GROWING

Magic Name of Villa Arouses
Activities of Bandits; Presidential Contest Coming Soon.

Laredo, Texas, May 31.—(U. P.)—An exodus of Americans and wealthy Mexicans from northern Mexico was under way tonight.

Spurred by fear of widespread depredations throughout Chihuahua, Sonora and Vera Cruz, following reports of minor troubles during the past two days, scores of refugees came into Laredo on the Mexican National railway lines today. Parties of Americans from Vera Cruz, Mexico City and Tampico arrived.

By Jay Jerome Williams

Washington, May 31.—Dispatches from the Mexican border received here today indicate that the action of Governor Hobby of Texas in "standing pat" on his refusal to permit the transportation of Carranzistas troops across the soil of his state, for operations against Felipe Angeles and Villa in northern Mexico, frustrated the state department's plans to render Carranza all the material assistance available.

The department approved the sanction given its request by the governors of Arizona and New Mexico, but is apparently at a loss to understand what brought about the refusal of Governor Hobby. There is no escaping the fact that much unfavorable comment was forthcoming when the department's intentions were made known, and this is doubtless the reason why the original

order, which provided for the transportation of 2000 Carranzista soldiers was rescinded.

ACTION STARTS COMMENT

Observers of Mexican affairs are wondering what actuated the state department in tentatively according to the request of the Carranza military authorities, especially in view of Carranza's attitude of late toward the United States.

His dealings with this government and other foreign governments and large foreign interests in Mexico have not been calculated to invest him with the implicit confidence that would be felt in a friend. His renunciation of the Monroe doctrine is another act which would hardly add to his favor as far as the American people are concerned.

VILLA GRABS AMMUNITION

That trouble is brewing along the border is an admitted fact in official circles and the Angeles-Villa combination may prove to be the spark that will set the bonfire raging. The state department today was unable to confirm that Villa had gained possession of the rifles and ammunition sent to the Carranza garrison in Chihuahua, but evidently Villa is well qualified to look out for himself at present or his activity would not be so well advertised.

The redoubtable Pencho may be the thorn in Angeles' presidential pretensions, though, because of his reported assassination in the Columbus massacre.

cre. If it were finally proven that Villa took part in the raid, any combination that included him would not find favor with the United States government. But if Angeles were to produce documentary proof that Villa had no hand in the raid, matters would be considerably altered, and evidence to this fact is said now to be in the hands of Angeles, although its trustworthiness has not been demonstrated.

BANDITS AGAIN ACTIVE

Latest reports from the interior of Mexico show that American citizens are again being mistreated by bandits proclaiming Villa as their leader. The magic of his name may account for its use by wandering bands, although this again calls for proof to the contrary. The Mexican situation is such that there will be considerable interest in watching the forthcoming presidential contest. Carranza has said he would not be a candidate to succeed himself. With half the country in revolt, however, he might proclaim the inability of obtaining a national vote and thereby confine himself in office.

Limb Causes Broken Leg

Dallas, May 31.—Arld Bruckstrand, driver for the Phoenix Lumber company which operates a small camp and saw mill a few miles west of this city, is at the Dallas hospital with a broken hip, sustained as the result of being knocked from his wagon by the limb of a tree which he was passing.



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—There are 100,000,000 human beings in the United States. Less than 15,000,000 think enough of their teeth to visit the dentist with any degree of regularity. Few of those who visit the dentist regularly do so because they sincerely believe that good teeth conduce to longevity. Many people visit the dentist as a matter of pride and only have those teeth fixed that show.

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