

WALLA WALLA BOOM FOR KIRKMAN IS ON

Candidacy for Lieutenant-Governor Mentioned.

HIGH INTEREST NOTED

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SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Representative W. H. Kirkman, who for a new member of the house took an unusually active part in last session's legislative work, is likely to be the candidate of republicans in the country south of Snake river for lieutenant-governor.

A boom for him has been launched in his home town of Walla Walla and as Kirkman belongs to a pioneer family that has extensive interest throughout southeastern Washington the movement has gained considerable impetus.

The suggestion of his candidacy is new to the west side, but he has property interests in Seattle and W. G. Potts, ex-state senator, is a cousin of his, and the suggestion may have shadow active work in his behalf here.

Faction Leadership Recalled. There was once a time when Kirkman was a leader of the republican faction known as the "boxers" and later on he became an ardent Roosevelt supporter when that meant a political fight.

In Western Washington there is the active candidacy of Captain W. J. Coyle of Seattle, for the office and the possibility that Dr. E. H. Carlson, president of the state senate, might be induced to get into the race.

There has been talk of Senator E. L. French's running and some republican leaders have favored the chances of Representative P. L. Allen of Seattle, State Representative W. W. Connor of Seattle also has talked of seeking the nomination but he has not yet committed himself.

The office thus far has attracted more gossip from politicians than the fact that avowed candidates were scarce rather than that any effort was being made by men in the field to land the nomination. But if Kirkman decides to start he will give the contest a new zest, for he is a pretty active fighter for anything he wants either for himself or his friends.

Colonel Roland H. Hartley of Everett, who has been an avowed gubernatorial candidate since the close of the last campaign, has been invited to invade Spokane soon and have a heart-to-heart talk with Senator Coman.

Hartley would wish to transfer that all the other candidates get out of the way and let him do all the running, and he intends to try to reclaim Coman to his way of thinking. It may be that Coman's advance notice is to be interpreted as an intimation that Hartley that the trip would be wasted.

While the east side trip is being held in abeyance Colonel Hartley has been spending considerable time in getting over western Washington. From his home in Everett he has kept in touch with party workers throughout the state, but he has no intention, his supporters say, of opening headquarters and starting in on organization before the spring is well advanced.

Hart's Campaign Not Neglected. Governor Louis E. Hart is a while ago that he proposed making his administration his campaign platform and did not intend to get into an active fight before July. Therefore his trip to Washington has not caused any of the republican politicians to believe that he is neglecting his own campaign interests.

In fact, Hart and his campaign in Washington in favor of republican legislation has served his gubernatorial candidacy as well as work at home would have done, although the trip is purely an official visit.

West side candidates for the republican nomination in congressional districts are John A. Gellatly of Wenatchee, who may carry out a plan to enter the gubernatorial contest, will not hurt them much in their home districts. What he will do in the northern tier of east side counties is a matter upon which politicians have speculated freely but have not agreed.

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At a largely attended meeting of the Portland Association of Credit men last night, thrift work, promoted by the Y. M. C. A., was enthusiastically indorsed and the membership voted to inaugurate a weekly luncheon meeting to be held every Friday at the Hotel Benson.

S. L. Eddy, president of the association, presided. Mrs. C. F. Allen, who spent 25 years in Armenia, eloquently described the situation there and urged the necessity of prompt aid for the starving population in the near east.

W. B. Layton gave a brief outline of the so-called assumed name law, passed by the 1919 legislature and relating to registry of firms. Miss Hofer rendered violin and vocal solos and there was orchestra music.

Newspaper Control Advocated.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Control and distribution of print paper for one year after the proclamation of peace would be placed with the department of commerce under a bill introduced today by Representative Christopher, republican, South Dakota.

NEW BILLS AT THE THEATERS

Alcazar. T MUST have been the sight of the theater filled to the last cranny that inspired the Alcazar stock company to deliver one of the finest bouquets of the theatrical year to its audience last night. Certainly few productions at the local house can rival their presentation of "The Firefly," which began a week's run with last night's performance.

Three acts of comic opera follow in the wake of "The Firefly." The lines are by Otto Hauerbach and the music by Rudolph Friml, and the story has been familiar since dynamic Mimi Hajas rode the vehicle to triumph on Broadway, New York.

"The Firefly" is a dashing little Italian girl of New York, whose song and smile captivate a young New Yorker engaged to marry a society girl. Mischief and sentiment combine when Mimi Wilber, as the temperamental little street singer, "The Firefly," enters the domain of Mrs. Olesby Van Dare, leader of the elite. The seats of the mighty tremble with a mighty trembling at the smile of Mimi of the liquid voice and flashing eyes.

Bewitching is Eva Olivetti as Suetette, petite French maid and friend to Mimi. Conny is Edward Sedan as Pietro, valet to John Thurston. Haughty, but with a sentimental weakness, is May Wallace as Mrs. Olesby Van Dare. As the charming sister, Sybil Van Dare, and Geraldine Van Dare, as played by Maxine Kiff and Peggy Martin.

The role of a bachelor, progressing in years but following the spirit of the age, falls to George Natanson. As John Thurston, uncle of Jack Travers, he is engaged to Geraldine Van Dare. George Natanson captivates with his assured gallantry. No less conspicuous is Lee Daly, as Jenkins, confidential secretary, about whom emanates confusion and laughter. The part of Jack Travers is handled by Randolph Thomas, taken from the ranks of the Portland Opera association, whose pleasing voice and attitude of sincerity combine to make him a welcome addition to the company.

A big, lovable man is the big basso, Detmar Poppin, in "The Firefly." As Herr Franz, a choirmaster, Poppin strikes the chords of sentiment ever so lightly but with telling effect. As Correlli, Nina's guardian, Alvin A. Baird is picturesque and repelling.

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The Gelli troupe, billed as a French family, will prove startling and sensational and give everyone a thrill. Their tumbling is full of surprises and novel feats. There are three men, a dainty woman and a small chap who bounces around like a rubber ball. Their act alone is worth the price of admission.

Irene Trevette, a maid with alluring personality and exceptional vivacity sings some French, Spanish and English songs. Her voice is true and pleasing and she is a beauty.

Just outside the "Metropolitan Cabaret" Rouch and McCurdy stop to argue and give a little burlesque entertainment in a village "50 miles from Prune Center." They are delightful, funny "hayseeds" and their offering creates roars of merriment.

Three pretty girls, who know how to sing and how to dress, are Patton Yantis and Rooney who admit that they came from "Harmony Land." Their singing was so sweet and they were so lovely that they got several encores yesterday.

Whirling a lariat and balancing one's self at the top of an unsung ladder may be easy for Frank Shields, but it certainly looks difficult and if attempted would mean the downfall of the ordinary mortal. Frank, however, keeps his balance with grace and gives a dandy programme of jokes and cleverness.

Music and pictures. "Wild Waves and Women" complete this all around excellent bill.

Mrs. Frances M. Harvey Ill. Mrs. Frances M. Harvey, pioneer resident of Portland, is reported dangerously ill at her home, 1563 Stanton street. She was taken ill about ten days ago. Mrs. Harvey crossed the plains with her parents to Oregon in 1844, the family being among the earliest in this section.

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TWO HURT IN BATTLE

THREE ARRESTS FOR MEELE IN ST. HELENS.

Volley of Shots Reported to Have Followed Skirmish Over Loss of Wine and Argument.

ST. HELENS, Or., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Alex Stephano and Mike Rossi tonight were in the Columbia jail, Edward Franklin was arrested in Portland and will be brought to St. Helens tomorrow, and George Chambers was at his home in West St. Helens with a badly battered head, occasioned by a free-for-all fight Sunday night at Houlton or West St. Helens.

The altercation started in Kelly's pool room when Stephano and Rossi made remarks as to some one stealing their wine and a watch. One of the Chambers men resented this and the Italians were put out on the street where the men followed and the Italians were worsted. They retreated to their camp and brought reinforcements, said to have been Franklin, who had a .22-caliber rifle and who began shooting, witnesses said.

The men who had been doing the fighting crawled under the sidewalk and to places of safety and George Chambers, hearing the commotion, came from the pool hall and was attacked by the Italians. He knocked Rossi down and beat his head badly with a stone and a watch. One of the Chambers men was badly hurt.

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SERVICE WORK DEBATED Vancouver May Discontinue Activity Carried On During War.

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There is some opposition to making another drive here, as the returned soldiers in the American Legion have a good working organization to plan their own social activities and seek employment for those out of work.

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