

NAVAL MILITIA MEN
MAY DISBAND TODAY

Governor Would End Shepherd
Affair Immediately, Is
Latest Rumor.

ACT FORFEITS CRUISER

State Board Not Entirely Opposed
to Executive's Plan and Vouch-
ers Probably Will Be Cut Off
Before End of Week.

SALEM, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—
Governor West will issue orders to-
morrow or Friday disbanding the Ore-
gon Naval Militia according to infor-
mation which leaked out here today.
The executive would make no definite
statement as to what his plans are in
this regard, but it is certain that the
move will be taken before the end of
the week.

Disbanding of the Militia probably
will mean the automatic under the
terms of agreement with the Govern-
ment the cruiser Boston will be re-
turned to the Government Navy-yard
at Bremerton. The agreement between
the state and Governor West, it is un-
derstood, contemplates the boat will
immediately be returned in event the Militia
disbands.

Tomorrow a conference will be held
between Governor West and Adjutant-
General Finzer relative to the matter,
and it is more than probable that fol-
lowing the conference, which will be
held at the executive offices here, Gov-
ernor West will arrange for the issuance
of the orders and the present
Oregon Naval Militia will be done away
with.

Shepherd Incident Cause.
The incident yesterday, when George
S. Shepherd, claiming his right as Cap-
tain under the court decision, at-
tempted to take charge of the cruiser Bos-
ton against the wishes of Commander
Simpson, is the actuating cause of the
Governor's decision to take speedy ac-
tion in the matter.

Last month the Governor issued an
ultimatum that he would give the Na-
val Militia 30 days in which to justify
its existence. When Shepherd won his
recent victory in the court and was
declared the proper Captain of the
Naval Militia the result was none too
pleasing to the executive, and he de-
clared at the time that this would be
but one more reason for the Militia to
show cause why it should exist at the
expense of the state.

When Shepherd displayed his desire
to take immediate charge of the Boston,
it was "the last straw" which resulted
in a dissolution of the company. This
is positive information coming
from an authoritative source.

Governor's Opinion Sharp.
Governor West has expressed himself
previously as being of the opinion that
the Naval Militia is a body affording
mainly to some an opportunity to wear
brass buttons and a uniform.

"Bickerings and quarrels among
the members of the militia are becom-
ing unbearable," Governor West is
quoted as saying. "The constant tur-
moil and strife among different factions
is resulting a state of things which
should be stopped."
It is understood that other members
of the State Board are not opposed to
the Governor's attitude, and in event a
fight is made, steps will be taken to
cut off the vouchers of the Naval
Militia and no more of the claims
against the state created by the Naval
Militia will be audited or paid.

In fact it is probable that nearly the
entire of the Militia will be disbanded
and the next day or two will completely
shut off the Naval Militia from further
contracting debts.

NAVAL BOARD MEETS TODAY

Court - Commissioned Captain Is
Sensitive in Uniform.

The Oregon Naval Board will meet in
Adjutant-General Finzer's office today.
It will endeavor to unravel the tangled
condition of affairs in the Oregon Na-
val Militia.

What to do with George S. Shepherd
is the question. Circuit Judge Brad-
shaw has decided he is legally captain
of the Naval Militia. But his presence
is not pleasing to Governor West, and
in order to be rid of him as an officer
of the Naval organization, it was
rumored yesterday the Governor would
disband the Naval Militia today, and
reorganize it.

This might result in adding another
twist to the tangled skein, as Shep-
herd now holds his office not by elec-
tion, according to the court decision,
but by virtue of his appointment to
the captaincy of the Oregon Naval Re-
serve. The latter organization was dis-
banded, and the Oregon Naval Militia
organized. If a third organization is
to be brought about, Shepherd still
might be captain.

Shepherd Sensitive in Uniform.
Shepherd and Mr. Finzer held a con-
ference in the latter's office yesterday
morning. Shepherd was asked after-
wards what he would do if the Gov-
ernor disbanded the Naval Militia.
"I don't know," he said. "I will
not do to tell my plans too far in ad-
vance. But if he does there will be
something doing."

Shepherd did not go near the cruiser
Boston yesterday. He is a trifle au-
tish about being seen in public at-
tire in his uniform.

"You see, I've worn it only a few
times," he explained, "and the first
time I ever put it on, except during
drill at the Armory, was when I wore
it over to the Boston yesterday."
"I told a friend of mine months ago
that I'd be in command of the cruiser
Boston before I quit this fight, if I
wasn't in command more than five
minutes. I've made good on that. I
went all over the vessel. I had started
ashore when I suddenly remembered
I hadn't walked the bridge. So I went
back and walked the bridge."
"What about Governor West? He's
Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Mil-
itia as the President is of the Navy,
and of course, I am subject to his or-
ders. When he acts, then I shall con-
sider what to do next. Being the legal
captain it would be proper for me
to anticipate any of his plans."

Cruise Details Unsettled.
"Will I go with the boys on the
cruise Monday morning? I don't know.
I haven't yet made up my mind. If
the Governor disbanded the organization
there will not be any cruise. If he
doesn't disband it I shall make the
selections Friday of the men who are
to go."
The plans are for the 150 members
of the Naval Militia to sail on the
cruiser Maryland early Monday morn-
ing for San Francisco, Los Angeles
and return.

Adjutant-General Finzer said yester-
day that probably a new election of a
captain will be held in 30 days and
that the notice of the election will be
posted this week.

"I have never taken the attitude
of opposing a legal order," said Gen-
eral Finzer, "and I shall not oppose

this one which Mr. Shepherd has se-
cured. If the court says he is captain
of the Naval Militia, there is nothing
to do but recognize the order. All I
desire is that whatever is done shall
be regular.

Naval Board May Decide.
"The commissioning of an officer
does not give the right to assume
command," continued General Finzer.
"Whether the order of the court places
a man in command, irrespective of any
other order, I do not know. I have
asked the Adjutant-General for an
opinion, but have not yet received one."
"Ordinarily a captain would not as-
sume command until assigned to duty
by his commander. He would first re-
port either to the Governor or to me."
"The entire matter will be threshed out
before the Naval Board at its meeting
tomorrow."

The Naval Board is composed of Har-
vey Beckwith, A. J. Capron, John Mc-
Nulty, Dr. E. E. Straw, of Marshfield,
and Lieutenant-Commander Gunderson,
of Astoria.

BUNGO ARTIST CAUGHT

D. C. HARRIS EN ROUTE TO
PORTLAND CONFESSES.

Man Represents Himself as Chicago
Investor in Mining Properties.
Forges Check Also.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 12.—(Special.)
—Representing himself to be a wealthy
Chicagoan who had come to invest in
Oregon mining properties, D. C. Harris,
confessed bunco artist, was today ar-
rested near Willbur, on charges of forgery,
preferred by Theodore Wallace, of
Josephine County, and D. H. McCall, of
Portland.

According to the prosecuting wit-
nesses, Harris arrived at Wolf Creek 10
days ago and later informed Samuel
Endicott, mining promoter, that he de-
sired to invest in a mine. Endicott
opened negotiations for the purchase
of a copper deposit on the estate of Mc-
Call's sister, with the result that Mc-
Call arrived here last night. This
morning Endicott, McCall and Harris
held a conference and after agreeing
upon a price of \$30,000, Harris sent a
telegram to San Francisco in which he
asked a bank of that city to remit him
\$40,000 by wire. When the hour of
making the transfer arrived Harris
was nowhere to be found, and it later
developed that he had left town.

Other than securing considerable
money of Wallace through a worthless
check, Harris touched McCall for a
railroad ticket from Wolf Creek to
Roseburg. It is also asserted he stole
an overcoat from Wallace. Who
brought here tonight, Harris admitted
he was a bunco man and said he was
en route to Portland.

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GRESHAM FIGHTING VICE

COUNCIL INTENDS TO PROVIDE
MORAL AND QUIET TOWN.

Claim Is Made That Portland's
Rough Element Is Being Forced
to Seek Safety Elsewhere.

GRESHAM, Or., June 12.—(Special.)
—Portland's latest crusade against vice
has an answering echo here in an
action taken last night by the City
Council. On motion of Councilman
Clair an ordinance was authorized
closing all public dances held Saturday
nights at 12 o'clock. This action was
deemed necessary because of the pres-
ence of a rough element, supposed to
have arrived from Portland, which
nearly precipitated a riot early Sunday
morning.

Chief Slover's recent clean-up order
has had the effect of sending some of
the undesirable here and there is much
outspoken criticism over the efforts of
Portland to unload its lawbreakers
upon the surrounding towns.

The action taken by the Gresham
town Council will be followed by more
drastic measures if it becomes neces-
sary. It is probable that extra police
will be found necessary to cope with
the situation if it gets worse.

HOME LABOR IS DEMANDED

Salem Workmen Take Action on
Foreigners on City Contract.

SALEM, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—
Laboring men of Salem at a mass meet-
ing urged the enforcement of a charter
amendment enacted at the last city
election requiring that those who se-
cure contracts from the city shall hire
resident laborers in preference to
others. The resolutions provide in part
as follows:

Resolved, by us as resident laboring men
of the city of Salem, That we demand
the enforcement of the amendment to the city
charter adopted at the last city election,
providing that preference be given to bona
fide citizens in public work, such as con-
struction of streets, sewers, sidewalks and
cross walks, or public buildings