

NORRIS CREDITORS FIND SLIM SOLACE

Lieutenant Commander of Boston Did Not Know Status of Governor's Protege.

"LIKEABLE CHAP," SAY MEN

Past of ex-Convict Resembles Life of Richard Harding Davis Hero. Naval Militiamen Show Surprise at Revelations.

Though J. W. Norris, paroled convict, protégé of Governor West, and that official's personal and salaried representative in the Portland division of the Oregon Naval Militia, has gone back to the State Penitentiary, he has left a trail of debts behind him that half a dozen agencies were busy yesterday in trying to clean up.

It now appears that "Captain" Norris, who is said to have carried personal cards with that title and the addition "U. S. Boston" took absolutely no one into his confidence as to his criminal record while on duty here, and the revelation fell like a bombshell upon many prominent persons who met the guest of honor of fortune while residing here.

Most visibly grieved is Lieutenant-Commander Gustav J. Blomberg, whom members of the organization threaten to place under charges of having acquiesced in Norris' orgies aboard the cruiser. Mr. Blomberg asserts that he knew nothing of Norris' record and had no control over him.

Further Action Hinted. "I will say further," continued Mr. Blomberg, "that this matter is before the Naval Board, not in connection with any charges against me, and probably will be settled there. If it is not, I shall do a little stirring-up on my own account."

The Naval Board will take up the case Monday and will make a thorough investigation. If the board has been returned to Salem, no action will be taken against him.

Though the militiamen generally are shocked at the revelation of Norris' past career, both officers and men are inclined to show more sympathy than resentment. "He was a winning sort of fellow," they say.

Fast Recoverer. Norris carried credentials which purport to show that as a boy in the Navy he was a member of the Greeley rescue expedition in the Arctic, and that he served honorably 20 years in the Navy. He also asserts that he has two medals for distinguished bravery and that he carried five men off the field in the Boxer troubles in China.

Criminal prosecution here, on the charge of passing bad checks, was averted, it is said, only through the fact that the case was taken before Deputy District Attorney Mitchell, who is a petty officer in the Naval Militia.

Norris' bills, had checks and borrowings mounting to several hundred dollars, and several officers of the Naval Militia admitted in confidence that they had advanced him small sums. Before going back to the Penitentiary, Norris assigned the pay due him for his service on the Boston, to cover his debts as far as possible.

Bridge Bids Up Monday. One Company's Estimate \$22,000 Lower Than Modjeski's Figure.

Bids for the superstructure of the Broadway bridge were tabulated yesterday by W. E. Angier, representative of Ralph Modjeski, and a report will be submitted to the bridge committee of the Executive Board tomorrow morning.

From the tabulation it appears that the Pennsylvania Steel Company, of Steelton, Pa., is the lowest bidder and will receive the contract. This company bid on various types of bascule bridges and on all types had the lowest bids by several thousand dollars.

Mr. Angier says the bids were lower than expected. "The estimate of Mr. Modjeski," said Mr. Angier, "was \$22,000 for the type of bridge which the Pennsylvania company will build for \$190,522. It has been said that the company will lose money on such a contract. I do not know, but it would seem to me that the concern knows what it can build the bridge for. The Pennsylvania Steel Company is one of the largest bridge-building concerns in the world."

The type of bascule will be decided by Ralph Modjeski, consulting engineer. The plans of the three competitors will be submitted to him at once.

Testing Advertising. Pianos and similar articles last for generations. A piano is bought but once in a lifetime. Therefore, an up-to-date music-house is compelled to find new buyers continually.

Reduced price sale commences Monday, and a coupon will be printed in the various papers, good for \$40. This will be accepted as a first payment on any piano in the Graves Music House at 111 Fourth street. This is more than 10 per cent of the average price of a new piano. In addition to saving this \$40 by use of the coupon, a premium is offered for cash, on a basis of \$2 for \$1; that is, for every \$1 paid in cash a receipt for \$2 is given.

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ELK CANDIDATE COMING

THOMAS B. MILLS, OF SUPERIOR, WIS., AFTER HIGHEST POST.

Prominent Lodgeman, Art Connoisseur and Federal Official to Arrive This Week.

Included in the party of Elk grand lodge officers to visit Portland this week will be Thomas B. Mills, of Superior, Wis., chairman of the board of grand lodge trustees, and a candidate for the office of grand exalted ruler to succeed John P. Sullivan, of New Orleans, the incumbent.

Mr. Mills is as prominent in the affairs of his home state as he is in the ranks of Elkdom. He is one of the leading business men of Superior and has been quite active in politics, serving several terms in the State Legislature and filling the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for two years. At present he is Collector of Customs at Superior.

He has been an Elk for many years, serving his home lodge as exalted ruler and in other capacities. He has always been prominent in the affairs of the grand lodge, for many years being a member of the committee on grievances, which, under the old constitution, was the supreme court of Elkdom. He won distinction for his fairness and common sense. Four years ago, at Philadelphia, he was elected a member of the board of grand lodge trustees.



Thomas B. Mills, of Superior, Wis., Candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, Who Will Be in Portland This Week.

He has been the auditing member of the board and has carefully directed the finances—so carefully that he became known as the "watchdog of the treasury."

Mr. Mills is unmarried. He has won a competency through hard work and shrewd business methods, and devotes much of his time and means to charity. He is a lover of art. On his last visit to Portland someone mentioned casually the Art Institute. He inquired where it was, then deserted the club-rooms, where a celebration was in progress, and spent half a day in studying the exhibits at art headquarters.

Another phase of Mr. Mills' nature is revealed in his activity as a member of the Humane Society and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in both of which he has held office.

The candidacy of Mr. Mills is gaining many supporters. Although the Portland Elks will remain neutral in case a contest develops at the convention here next July, he has many friends here who will be pleased if he is elected.

Death by Gas Foiled. Artificial-Limb Dealer Found in Room Before Fumes End Life.

Preceding his act with a farewell letter to his lawyer in Seattle, which it will be real import has been misunderstood might have prevented attempted suicide, G. H. McDannel, a dealer in ar-

OREGON HOTELMEN AIM TO CO-OPERATE

Annual Convention Will Take Place in Portland for Two Days Next Week.

MORE MEMBERS WANTED

Plan to Build Up State-Wide Membership Is Afoot and to Perfect System of Better Hotel Service in State.

Methods of securing co-operation among the hotelmen of the state to promote an increase of tourist travel to Oregon and to insure proper entertainment to tourists while in the state, will be the chief topic of discussion at the first annual convention of the Oregon State Hotel Association which will be held at Portland in the convention hall of the Commercial Club, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5 and 6.

Plans were laid, at the meeting of the hotelmen of the state for reorganization last month, to build up the association to include all the proprietors of hotels in Oregon. The convention that will begin Tuesday will be the first step in the campaign to build up a statewide membership and to perfect a co-operative system for the betterment of hotel service throughout the state.

Invitations have been extended to hotel proprietors in every town of importance in Oregon, whether they are at present members of the association or not, and at the convention all delegates will be given an opportunity to enter the organization.

Special rates on the railroads have been granted to the delegates and arrangements have been made for their entertainment at the leading hotels of the state.

Among the entertainment features that have been provided by the Portland members is an auto trip over the city Wednesday afternoon, followed in the evening with a dinner at the Imperial Hotel. M. C. Dickinson, of the Oregon Hotel, will preside as toastmaster. Addresses will be given on "The Hotel as a Factor in the Development of the Community," E. B. Piper; "Attracting Immigration to Oregon" by D. O. Lively; "The Development of Resort Hotels" by Dr. Walter M. Pierce; "The Hotel and the Newspaper—Their Relation" by John F. Carroll, and "The Work of the Hotel Association in Washington" by H. M. Johnson, of Spokane, president of the Washington State Hotel Association.

Following the address of welcome by H. Beckwith, president of the Portland Commercial Club, at the opening of the convention, the response, and the annual address by the president of the Hotel Association, Phil Metchum, Jr., the morning session will be devoted to routine business.

Topics of Speeches Varied. The following addresses will be given in the afternoon: "Co-operation of Railways" by William McMurray, general manager, Oregon Railway & Navigation Company; "Benefits of Organization" by J. H. Johnson, president Washington State Hotel Association; "A Hotel Man's Rights Under Law" by William C. Bratton; "Value of Publicity" by C. C. Chapman, Portland Commercial Club; "Oregon Tourist Business" by Dorsey B. Smith, tourist and travel bureau; "Hotels and Good Roads" by M. C. Dickinson, Oregon Hotel; "Development of Travel" by W. E. Coman, general passenger agent, Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway; "A Hotelman's View" by Peter Koshaling, The Dalles Hotel.

Reports of committees and election of officers, Wednesday morning will be followed by a programme of addresses including "California and Oregon—A Comparison" by E. D. Jorgensen, Hotel Lennox; "Practical Hotel Management" by L. Q. Swetland, Perkins Hotel; "System and Economics" by G. J. Kaufman, Portland Hotel; "Inland Hotel Rates" by Charles Savage, Marion Hotel, Salem; "Entertaining Guests" by Dan Moore, Seaside, Or.; "Our Local Troubles" by William Brown, Pendleton Hotel; "The Auto Tourist Business" by E. V. M. Gronwald, Hotel McCallahan, Roseburg.

The meeting place for 1912 will be selected Wednesday afternoon and five-minute discussions by members of the association on trade topics beneficial to business will be held.

Press Club Frolic Near Plans Complete for Big Show at Hellig, Monday, December 11.

Preparations for the Portland Press Club's second annual frolic, at the Hellig Theater, Monday night, December 11, are going on rapidly. In addition to the gala performance of Winchell Smith's famous comedy, "The Fortune Hunter," by Cohan and Harris' admirable company, including Fred Nible and Josephine Cohan, the club's entertainment committee has extra "stunts" in mind with which to round out the evening. They are well prepared to say what the extra "stunts" will be.

The committee, of which Lute Pease is chairman, has put the finishing touches on the Press Club year book and souvenir programme. They declare that it will far eclipse last year's publication.

The distribution of tickets to members of the club will begin Monday. Tickets will be available for members and they have been urged to make known the number they want at once, as a big demand is expected.

Superior coal \$5.50. Edlefsen's yard.

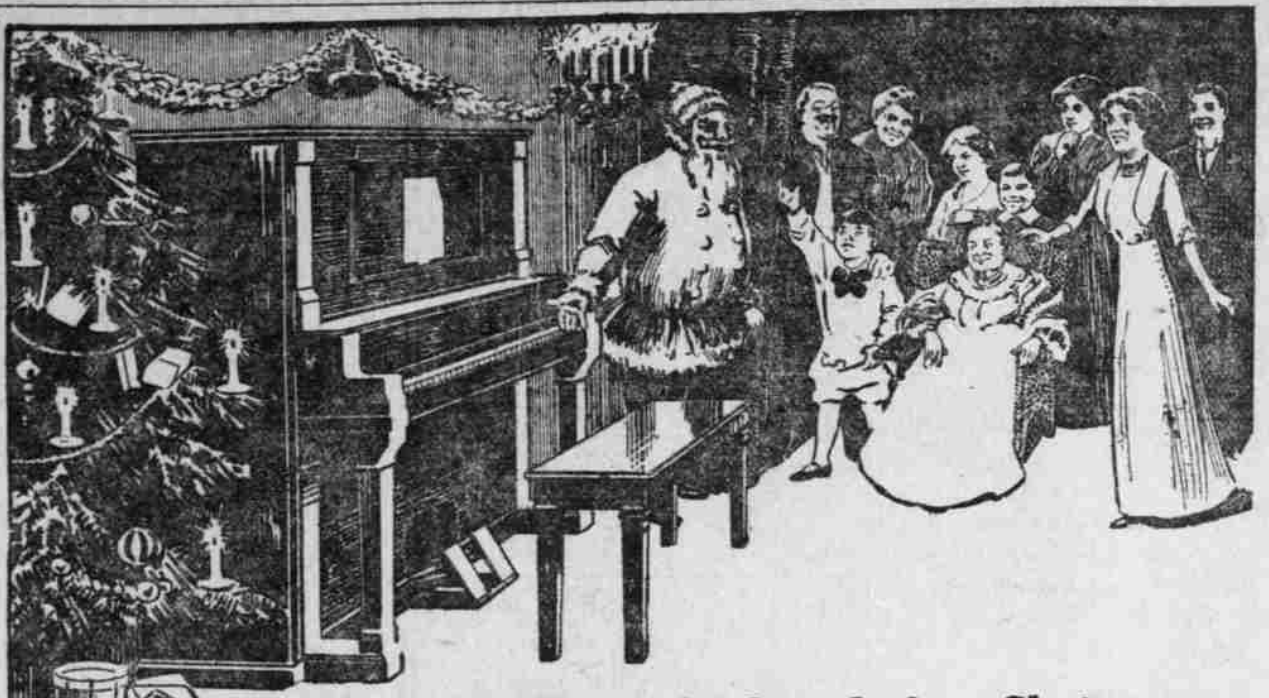
Mayor for Park Bonds. Rushlight Says He Will Favor \$2,000,000 Issue.

Mayor Rushlight will support the proposed \$2,000,000 bond issue for park purposes recommended Friday by the Park Board. The Mayor held a conference yesterday with Park Superintendent Nible and Josephine Cohan, the club's entertainment committee has extra "stunts" in mind with which to round out the evening.

"All cities require parks," said the Mayor, "and no city can get too many. I believe Portland should extend her park holdings in many parts of the city and I believe there is no better time than the present to acquire the necessary ground. There is a clamor for parks in nearly every part of the city, and I think good property may be bought now at reasonable prices."

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Empty the old store before opening the new one is the order

The blue pencil has lessened the price of every piano and player piano left unsold in our present store. We are determined to make this a cellar-to-roof clearance during the few remaining days.

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