PORTLAND, OREGON, MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 8, 1902.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

GAMBLERS USING THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM TO KNOCK OUT PORTLAND'S NEW CITY CHARTER

Emissaries Are Working Throughout the State to Secure Support of Five Per Cent. of the Voters.

They Mean to Block All Relief for City Until 1905-The Mayor, Chief of Police and a Sporting Man Give Their Views of the Situation-Neat Scheme.

I am not to be quoted as saying that the big gamblers of Portland will use their money and influence in attempt ing to hold up the new charter that was carried at the election last June. That gambling should be regulated by fines paid into the city treasury I do believe is the correct manher in which to control the proposition. It is human nature to speculate, whether by dealing in futurities, or by winning or losing at the fard table. Men will gamble so long as this world stands, and it is the simple question whether or not the City of Portland shall receive revenue from the traffic "I am firm in my opinion that it is better to have open doors where all operations are in sight, than to perplex the police with secret assignment houses. Whether the new charter becomes operative in January or February makes very little difference with the gambling situation. The Board of Control embodied therein will find the same rubbars problem that has confronted municipalities since the days of their incipiency."

HENRY GRIFFIN,

That the gambling fraternity is casting | said; out lines to defeat the new charter is a certainty. That money in large sums is being contributed to create an initiative and referendum to be presented to the Legislature in January is an assured fact. Throughout the state it is said that agents are already active in presenting petitions, which, if signed by a sufficient percentage of the population will cause Portland's new charter to come up for a vote at the general election in 1905. Should 5 per cent of the voters of the State of Oregon protest against the new charter the lagislature could, not act until an election is held, three years

WORKING IN MARSHFIELD. The following telegram was received

from Marshfield today: working in the interests of Portland gamblers. I believe he seeks to gain signers to a petition which will hold up the new charter and make it inoperative. Five per cent of the voting population is all that is required to turn it down. Gamblers here are very much interested in the matter, as it carries a precedent.
"NEYBERG."

Must Produce State-

ments at Once.

Have Had Ample Time---Markle

Tries Clever Scheme but Is

Counted Against.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 8.-Justice Gray.

president of the coal strike settlement

commission, this morning declared that

the operators had been given ample time

in which to submit their statements of

wages, and that the same must be forth-

coming at once. He said that if they

were incomplete the commission would

The matter of hearing testimony on the

miners' side of the controversy was taken

up where it had been discontinued on

Gallagher, formerly an employe of the

Markle Company, was recalled to the stand. To the great surprise of all, not

ask for further data.

Saturday.

COAL OPERATORS

"I have heard for a week past that efforts are being made to defeat the new measure, but I do not believe that any

ng concerning the threatened holdup,

thing will come of it. Why should per-sons in other parts of the state wish to affairs of this city? I do not believe that it is possible for the advote, which would be necessary to delay Crief of Police McLauchian was equally

ecisive in his opinion that nothing could be done by the gambling fraternity to defeat the charter. He said that the sec-tion creating the Board of Control was excellent, and that it would greatly facilitate the work of his department. He said that everything he could do to stall any effort adverse to the new instrument

THE HATED SECTION The section in the new charter that

causes all the consternation among the gamblers is the following: Gaming and Lottery Houses, Obscene Amusements-Mayor and Executive

Section 194. Whenever the Mayor or

HONOLULU, Dec. 8.-Christianity is

"If the gamblers are active, which they are, it is for the purpose of advancing Board to Suppress their own interests, and whether those in the Executive Board ascertains or receives

was his duty, therefore to be present ordered the festimony to proceed. The most important point brought out by Gallagher was that cars were being made considerably larger, but that the miners got no extra pay for the increased BUDDHA VS. CHRIST.

having a backset in the Island of Maul. A Japanese church and school were dedicated six weeks ago under Christian auspices and today the Buddhists laid claim to both and successfully maintained their At Walelulu since the completion of a

Buddhist temple a large and hitherto thriving Christian Japanese school has been well-nigh broken up. The Japanese Buddhists are fighting the Christians with their own weapons, that of schools and kindergartens.

WANT THE CHINESE.

HONOLULU, Dec. 8 .- The Builders' and Traders' Exchange, large employers of white and Hawalian labor, favor restricted Chinese emigration, and will work with the Merdhants' Association and have endorsed a memorial of the Merchants' Association to a senatorial committee setting forth their desires,

NEW STEEL TRUST.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 8 .- Seventy-five million dollars is the sum that will represent the capital stock of the new Union

into the financial world about January 1. CHEYENNE FIRE.

one of the Markie Company's lawyers. CHEVENNE Dec. 8 The Cheyenne was present. Justice Gray held that Opera House, the finest in the city, was Markle hnew that testimony was being destroyed by fire this morning, the loss presented against him, and said that it being \$100,000.

'FRISCO POLICE BEING CLEANSED

Wholesale Vice and Corruption Charged and Many Officers Will Soon Be Prosecuted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Wholesale charges of vice and corruption have been handed out regarding the police department and as a result investigation is being made. Many officers of the San Francisco department will be discharged and it is probable that many may be prosecuted. It is claimed they have been levying tribute upon fallen women, accepting bribes for nonperformance of duty and in many other ways so conducting themselves as to render a general house-cleaning necessary. The fight here has been on for some time but not even those who started it suspected the cess pools of corruption that have been thrown open

Ultimatum Has Been Sent to Castro.

room or premises within such

or sale of lottery tickets

thereof is being kept or used as a common

Executive Board to authorize and direct the Chief of Police or any officer of the

force to enter such house, room or prem

ises and forthwith arrest all persons

therein found offending against any law and to seize all instruments of gaming.

ottery tickets and lottery policies, and

As matters stand today, say the authorities, it is well up to the friends of good government to circulate through

the state the fact sent Fornand has a

proposed code of laws that will regulate

vice in all its forms, and that will put hands of the chief executive a

power to eliminate evil wherever it

a game of chance, or if the

Germany and Britain Must Have Money One Way or Another. Castro Is Helpless.

LONDON, Dec. 8 .- In the House of Commons today Baffour announced that the British government had delivered its ultimatum to President Castro and the Venezuelan authorities. Should the reply be unsatisfactory, he declared, he would urge upon Britain and Germany that measures be taken at once to enforce the

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- There is much anxiety here regarding the reception that will be given the British and German ditimatum which is known to have been forwarded to Venezuela but has not yet been received. There is a feeling here that Castro will, when he finds he is forced to the wall, recede from his untenable position and give in to the in-

However, should it prove that Venezuela is stubborn and will resist, it is admitted that the position of the American government will be extremely deli-cate. While it is understood that nothing will be done toward interference un-less there is plain effort on the part of Germany and Great Britain to break the letter of the Monroe Doctrine, there is no doubt that a strong United States fleet will be dispatched at on Venezuelan waters to watch process and be on hand to prevent anything that should appear to be in violation of the doctrine that has been upheld by America for a

RATHER SURPRISED. The announcement that ultimatums had been sent Venezuela came rather as a surprise here. It was rather understood that concessions had been made that would tide over the differences and ren-

der an open breach improbable. The acknowledged policy of the German and British nations is to seize customs houses and retain possession until the sum total of their claims against Vene-zuela had been collected. If this plan is followed out strictly there is no danger of the United States being drawn into the controversy, but if there is anything that savors of a war for conquest and retention of territory there will be plenty of protest on the part of the American government and its people.

CASTRO HELPLESS. That President Castro and his country | high wind,

JAMES G. DARDEN COMES TO GRIEF ONCE AGAIN

Has a Record in Portland and It Was Brought A Former Portland Man Is Now Being Sued for Against Him in Politics Quite Recently.



CHICAGO, Dec. 8 .- James G. Darden, formerly a resident of Portland, Ore., who was recently compelled to withdraw from the Democratic con-gressional race in this city's Ninth district because of alleged crookedness In his past record while in the West, has again sprung into prominence here by reason of the suit his wife has filed for divorce. She alleges that her

many Portland people as a pseudo busi-ness man who was for some time located the Ninth District of Chicago, where ha mother in-law of Darden made restitu-

ALTHOUGH DEAD

The House Praises Its

Former Speaker.

Body of Leading American States-

man Is Being Taken to Portland,

Me., for Burial.

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.-The body of

Reed arrived at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

and was taken to the First Parish Church. The funeral is at 2 o'clock to-

morrow. Governor Hill and visitors from all over the state will be in attendance.

BOSTON, Dec. 8 .- A special train car-

rying the remains of Thomas B. Reed to Portland, Me., passed through this city this morning. Mr. Reed, formerly Speaker of the House of Representatives,

dled early Sunday morning at Washing-

Representatives honored its former mem-ber this morning when it passed without

opposition resolutions introduced by Congressman Sherman of New York in praise

of Thomas B. Reed, former speaker of that body. The resolutions, which will

be, sgread on the minutes of the House of Representatives, follow: "Resolved, That Thomas B. Reed, who

died in Washington, D. C., on December

services terminated with the Fifty-fifth Congress. Within this chamber the

scenes of his life's greatest activity are laid. Here he rendered services to his

country that placed him in the front rank of American statesmanship. Here

he exhibited those characteristics which

compelled respect and won admiration.

His forceful ability, intrinsic worth and general strength of character here brought him popular fame and Congres-

stonal leadership. In him depths and breadth of intellect, coupled with full rounded development, had produced a giant who towered above his fellows and

impressed them with his power and wis-dom. A distinguished statesman, lofty

patriot, cultured scholar, inclaive writer,

unique orator, unmatched debater, mas-

ter of logic, wit and satire, the most

served for 22 years as a member of the

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 - The House of

are helpless before the strong front of Germany and King Edward and under the guns of foreign cruisers is certain. His own people are not sufficiently well ce-mented together to guarantee anything like effective resistance to foreign en-croachments and the only thing that will prevent Venezuela being wiped off the map when faced by two such strong pow-ers will be the feeling on the part of the United States allowing European nations to interfere on the American continent. There is a fear, also, that the rebels in Venezuela, encouraged by the attitude of the Kaiser and England and while Castro has other things to occupy his mind than chasing guerillas, will multiply tapidly and regain the ground they recently lost.

MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

GHICAGO, Dec. 8 .- The police today closed their investigation of the anonymous letter scandal in this city, and now declare they have the most positive evidence that the letters were written by a prominent such ty woman. It has taken many days to probe the matter to the bottom, but there is not the least doubt that the thing has been cleared up. The letters mailed were of the most obscene possible character, and from several ources the matter was brought to the attention of the police. Unless some of those to whom these missives were di-rected will prefer charges and cause warrants to be issued, there will be nothing further done and the name of the writer will not be made public.

TRUE LOVER IS ILL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 .- Cornellus Vanderbilt, it was announced this afternoon, is seriously ill from typhoid fever, and has been confined to his bed for a week. His wife, formerly Miss Wilson, whom he gave up his fortune, is consturity at his bedside. He has been employed as a mechanical engineer for some time anst.

BAD COLLISION.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—Several persons were more or less seriously injured yes-House of Representatives and was for six years of this time speaker. His terday afternoon in a collision between trolley cars operating between this city

NOTED MAN DEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 8 .- Harry McCalmont. world famous in yachting circles, a major in the British militia during the Boer war and a member of Parliament, died

FIRE IN DENVER.

DENVER, Dec. 8 .- A fire which originated in the planing mill of McPhee & Mc-Ginnity yesterday resulted in a loss of \$120,000. The flames were fanned by a

when a section of his past record, dug up in this city, and exported for political was thrown into the battle against him and he was compelled to WHO IS MRS. DARDEN? Who is Mrs. Darden who is now suing for a divorce? This question will be one of the first to suggest itself to Portland-

ers who knew the gay secretary of the alleged commission firm of D. C. Mc-Kercher & Co., for when he was here he vas a married man, or at least appeared to be. However, the Chicago dispatch says the woman who is now suing to be separated from her husband, has been but six months a bride. ity more than six months ago, and took his wife with him

This point is not plain to the casual Darden flatly denied the charges entered against him in the Chleago political contest, but nevertheless withdrew his name from the race. In a special dispatch to The Journal at that time he declared he had been made a victim of the

"city hall gang." Following is the af-fidavit that was produced by those who opposed him and which proved so effectn clearing the Congressional roadway

THE AFFIDAVIT

State of Oregon. County of Multnomah: D. C. McKercher, being first duly sworn, depose and say that during the ore part of the year 1895. I was engaged the commission business in the City of Portland, State of Oregon, with Mrs.
J. G. Darden, wife of J. G. Darden, under
the firm name of D. C. McKercher & Co.
That on the 18th day of May, 1895, I harging him with smbezzlement, he havbelonging to said 20th day of May, 1895, I made complaint against J. G. Darden, charging with forgery, he having indorsed a check made payable to the firm of D. C. ment received the amount of money due Both of these complaints and the subsequent proceedings had thereon were Justice's Court for Portland Disct, Multnomah County, State of Ore

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 .- The whole-

sale plumbers' supply house of Barker & Kinney was burned today, and the loss

s estimated at \$60,000. The insurance is

half that amount. Other losses by the

fire are: Herman Wellsch, trunk manu-ntacturer, 4,000. Occidental Supply Company, liquors,

Loss on building, owned by Bothin Realty Company, \$30,000 to \$50,000.

AFTER EVIDENCE.

Sheriff J. W. Sewell and Coroner C. L.

Large, of Forest Grove, yesterday ex-burned the body of Gue She at the Lone

Fir cemetery and obtained the buflet that killed him. The Chinaman was mur-

dered two years ago. A man named Aitken was convicted of the crime and sentenced to imprisonment for life. The

man has been successful in securing a new second trial, and the bullet will be

HOLMES SWORN IN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Oliver Wendell

supreme-court this morning. Attorney.

tine. Florida, to be absent two weeks

n account of ill health. He was accom-

used as evidence in the trial.

Divorce in the Chicago Courts.

was opposed by James Hamilton Lewis, ; tion of the amount of money that he had and other politicians. Darden was looked upon as certain of being chosen, obtained. Thereafter the wife and the wife's mother, through their represents press the criminal prosecution further in consideration of their entreaties, and not desiring to bring disgrace on the wife and her mother, they being of most ex-cellent family, I consented to not further press the presecution and consented to

> D. C. M'KERCHER, Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of October, 1902. S. BULLOCK,

Darden dismissed.

have both of the said charges against

Notary Public for Oregon

THERE WERE OTHERS. Fletcher Dobyns, of Chicago, who was astrumental in looking up the record of the nominee, said; "This Portland affair is only an incident in Darden's car-reer. We can show that he is probably the most colossal adventurer that ever appeared in American politics as an aspirant for a high and honorable office."

"All the charges are corrupt misrepresentations or rank perjuries," said Mr.

Darden, in reply, "In 1893 the Oregon Packing Company, of which I was presby the panic. My headquarters were then, and had been for some time, in Chicago—at 5808 Washington avenue. On one of my frequent visits to Portland, I was induced by McKercher to go into partnership with him in a scheme to ship I put up \$2,500. up nothing but promises. In 1895, while I was in Baltimore attending to other interests. I was telegraphed by my book-keeper-that McKercher was drawing all our funds from the bank and appropriating them to his own use. I telegraphe the bookkeeper to draw out whateve

HIS MIND UNSETTLED. Well, McKercher knew that I make things hot for him, and tried to play the first card by having me arrested as soon as I stepped off the train. I was released on my own recognizance, and when I went before the court next day to demand a hearing, the charge wis dis-missed, because McKercher's doctor telephoned that his patient's mind was so unseatled that he could not appear against me. The sum that my book-keeper had been able to save for me was about \$5. The \$2,500 I lost for good. Nowife had nothing to do with the matter

famous of the world's parliamentarians, WANTED HIS this great representative eltizen of the American Republic has now gone into BERTHA BROWN In his honor the House adjourned at

In Trying to Get Her George Washington Is Stabbed.

George Washington Johnson wanted his Bertha Brown, and in trying to get her he received a knife wound in the abdomen. The case was on trial before Judge Frazier today and sparkled with features of love and love's deceit.

Mr. Johnson and Bertha lived happily in San Francisco. He sent Bertha to Portland last September, and she took

up her residence at First and Couch streets. Washington French conducted the house and when George Washington came to claim his lady love, he alleges that French stabbed him. Mr. French puts in a denial and says that he took Mr. Johnson for a burglar, as he came so late at night. As brought out in cour today, Mr. Johnson and Bertha are united again, and so far as their troubles are concerned, there is nothing doing,

A GRAND JURY CASE.

Alvin Baxter and Robert Herman, the two young men who held up and at-tempted to rob Joseph Parrish, a mail carrier, near Springwater, last Tuesday. were examined by United States Commissioner Sladen this afternoon and bound over to the grand jury. They are held in default of \$3,500 bail each.

THE CZAR BEING CLOSELY GUARDED

The Recent Attempt to Assassinate the Russian Leader Has Led to a General Defensive Plan.

VIENNA, Dec. 8.—Newspapers today give details of the attempt to assaidnate the czar, which was made by four supposed students. They gained his private grounds, presumably by the treachery of servants. They presented the wanted to hand the czar a petition. One carried a high explosive bomb and all were armed with revolvers and finites. The police today identified all as members of the Kleff Secret Society of Anarchists. Papers indicating a big plot to assassinate the czar and ministers have been found. The czar's guard has been meressed tenfold. The palace is now surrounded by an unbroken circle of troops.