

THE WEATHER.  
Tonight and Tuesday, occasional rain and possibly high southerly winds.

# 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 attempting 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 manner in which to control it. It is human nature to speculate, whether by dealing in futures, or by winning or losing at the card 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 assignments. Whether the new charter becomes operative in January or February makes very little difference with the gambling situation. The Board of Control sympathized therein will not see any problem that has confronted municipalities since the days of their incipency."

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#### GRAY WARNS THE COAL OPERATORS

### Must Produce Statements at Once.

Have Had Ample Time—Markle Tries Clever Scheme but Is Counted Against.

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## JAMES G. DARDEEN COMES TO GRIEF ONCE AGAIN

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



JAMES G. DARDEEN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—James G. Darden, formerly a resident of Portland, Ore., who was recently compelled to withdraw from the Democratic congressional 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 husband has been guilty of adultery. The couple have only been married six months.

James G. Darden, mentioned in the above dispatch, will be remembered by many Portland people as a pseudo business man who was for some time located here. His most recent act of prominence was an effort to become the Democratic candidate for Congressional honors from the Ninth District of Chicago, where he

was opposed by James Hamilton Lewis, and other politicians. Darden was looked upon as certain of being chosen, when a section of his past record, dug up in this city, and exported for political purposes, was thrown into the battle against him and he was compelled to withdraw.

#### WHO IS MRS. DARDEEN?

Who is Mrs. Darden who is now suing for a divorce? This question will be one of the first to suggest itself to Portlanders who knew the gay secretary of the alleged commission firm of D. C. McKeecher & Co., for whom he was here by 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. Darden left this city more than six months ago, and took his wife with him.

This point is not plain to the casual reader. Darden flatly denied the charges entered against him in the Chicago political contest, but nevertheless withdrew his name from the race. In a special dispatch to The Journal at a time he declared he had been made a victim of the "city hall gang." Following is the affidavit that was produced by those who opposed him and which proved so effective in clearing the Congressional roadway of his presence:

#### THE AFFIDAVIT.

State of Oregon, County of Multnomah: I, D. C. McKeecher, being first duly sworn, depose and say that during the fore part of the year 1895, I was engaged in 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. McKeecher & Co. That on the 14th day of May, 1895, I made complaint against J. G. Darden, charging him with embezzlement, he having collected money belonging to said firm and appropriating it to his own use. On the 20th day of May, 1895, I made complaint against J. G. Darden, charging him with forgery, he having indorsed a check made payable to the firm of D. C. McKeecher & Co., and on such indorsement received the amount of money due on check and appropriated it to his own use. Both of these complaints and the subsequent proceedings had thereon were in the Justice's Court for Portland District, Multnomah County, State of Oregon.

After the filing of the complaints, and before the hearing thereon, the wife and mother-in-law of Darden made restitution of the amount of money that he had obtained. Thereafter the wife and the wife's mother, through their representative, implored and beseeched me not to 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 excellent family, I consented to not further press the prosecution and consented to have both of the said charges against Darden dismissed.

D. C. MCKEECHER, Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of October, 1902.

S. BULLOCK, Notary Public for Oregon.

#### THERE WERE OTHERS.

Fletcher Dobyns, of Chicago, who was instrumental in looking up the record of the nominee, said: "This Portland affair is only an incident in Darden's career. 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 president, went under, forced out of business by the failure of my headquarters here, then, and had been for some time, in Chicago—at 5806 Washington avenue. On one of my frequent visits to Portland, I was induced by McKeecher to go into partnership with him in a scheme to ship flour to China. I put up \$2,500. He put up nothing but promises. In 1895, while I was in Baltimore attending to other interests, I was telegraphed by my book-keeper that McKeecher was drawing all our funds from the bank and appropriating them to his own use. I telegraphed the book-keeper to draw out whatever remained of my money and hold it until I could get back.

#### HIS MIND UNSETTLED.

Wells McKeecher knew that I could 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 was dismissed, because McKeecher's doctor telephoned that his patient's mind was so unsettled that he could not appear against me. The sum that my book-keeper had been with him for no less than \$2,500 I lost for good. No body talked about restitution, and my wife had nothing to do with the matter except as my representative."

#### WANTED HIS BERTHA BROWN

### In Trying to Get Her George Washington Is Stabbed.

George Washington Johnson wanted his Bertha Brown, and in trying to get her he received it "kuffs" wound in the abdomen. The case was on trial before Judge French at a hearing, the charge was dismissed, because McKeecher's doctor telephoned that his patient's mind was so unsettled that he could not appear against me. The sum that my book-keeper had been with him for no less than \$2,500 I lost for good. No body talked about restitution, and my wife had nothing to do with the matter except as my representative."

#### A GRAND JURY CASE.

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

#### HOLMES SWORN IN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Oliver Wendell Holmes was sworn in as a member of the Senate today. Attorney-General Knox has gone to Saint Augustine, Florida, to be absent two weeks on account of ill health. He was accompanied by Doctor McGowan.

## 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 assassinate the czar, which was made by four supposed students. They gained his private grounds, presumably by the treachery of servants. They pretended they wanted to hand the czar a petition. One carried a high explosive bomb and all were armed with revolvers and knives. The police today identified all as members of the Kieff Secret Society of Anarchists. Papers indicating a big plot to assassinate the czar and ministers have been found. The czar's guard has been increased tenfold. The palace is now surrounded by an unbroken circle of troops.

#### REED HONORED ALTHOUGH DEAD

### The House Praises Its Former Speaker.

Body of Leading American Statesman 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 tomorrow. Governor Hill and visitors from all over the state will be in attendance.

#### MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The police today closed the 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 society 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 sources the matter was brought to the attention of the police. Unless some of those to whom these missives were directed 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.—Cornelius 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, for whom he gave up his fortune, is constantly at his bedside. He has been employed as a mechanical engineer for some time past.

#### BAD COLLISION.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—Several persons were more or less seriously injured yesterday afternoon in a collision between trolley cars operating between this city and Tacoma.

#### NOTED MAN DEAD.

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

#### FIRE IN DENVER.

DENVER, Dec. 8.—A fire which originated in the planing mill of McPhee & McGinnity yesterday resulted in a loss of \$100,000. The flames were fanned by a high wind.

#### 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 render an open breach improbable.

#### CASTRO HELPLESS.

That President Castro and his country 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 cemented together to guarantee anything like effective resistance to foreign encroachments and the only thing that will prevent Venezuela being wiped off the map when faced by two such strong powers will be the feeling on the part of the United States allowing European nations to interfere on the American continent.

#### VENEZUELA MUST PAY OR BATTLE

### Ultimatum Has Been Sent to Castro.

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

LONDON, Dec. 8.—In the House of Commons today Balfour 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 claims.