Number of Amendments Will Be Submitted at Next June Election.

REVERT POWER TO PEOPLE

Right of Referendum on Single Items, Recall of Officials, and New Powers to Cities Are Some of Provisions.

A movement to initiate a number of amendments to the Oregon constitution has been started, and an organization is forming to boom them for the next June campaign, when they will be submitted to the electors of the state. . The amendments will be initiated by petition of at least 8 per cent of the number of voters who cast their ballots for Supreme Judge in the June election last year.

The first amendment on the list would give the people power to call the refer-endum on single items in an appropriation bill; at present, the referendum can be called only on a bill as a whole. The same amendment provides that the elec-tors of any town or county or electoral district in the state, for which the Legislature passes an act, can demand the referendum on the act. The latter half of this amendment would give the people power to control salaries of county, dis-trict and city officers, and would take away from legislators their dictatorial powers over laws relating to their localities. The Legislature is accustomed to lawmakers from the affected districts. This legislative courtesy has given large one-man power to legislators, over char-ters and salaries of state and city officers.

Feature of Economy.

On the single-item part of the amendment, the pamphlet says: The referendum petition now filed against the appropriation bill for the current expenses of the Insune Asylum, Penitentiary, Beform, Deaf Muts and Blind Schools, University, Agricultural College and Normal Schools, principally because of objection to the appropriations for so many normal schools, proves the seed for this amendment. In this case, ap-propriations for about \$800,000, which are necessary and to which no one objects, are held up for the election because they are included in a bill with other appropriations of about \$200,000, to which many people do This causes inconvenience and the see of much money by the state in the pay

We have not provided for extending the eto power of the Governor to single items appropriation bills, because it seems un-seesaary when the voters can protect them-sives as they can if this amendment is adoptrease the one-man power in our Govern-

The imperative mandate or recall amendment would give the people of the state or of any electoral district power to discharge a delinquent officer. On petition of at least 25 per cent of the electors who voted in the election of the officer, he must resign, or if he refuses he can hold the place only by being re-elected at a special election, and other aspirants can compete for the place.

Discharge Officials at Will.

Under the present law, a public officer cannot be discharged unless he has comthere is not a farmer or a business man in the state who would hire a laborer on such terms. Every public officer should hold his position only while his serv-ices are satisfactory to the people, just as any other hired man holds his job while he pleases his employer. It often happens that Sheriffs say they cannot or will not enforce the law. Every year some Assessors say they cannot possibly make a fair assessment on taxable property that will make the burden propor-tionately as heavy for the millionaire and the great corporation as it is for the small farmer and the owner of a small home. If one-fourth of the voters could bring such officers face to face with a public discharge for incompetency, the officers would do their work right, or we should get men who could and would."

It is not ten years eince the Legislature of Oregon refused to organize for an entire season. Such an event would have been impossible if the question at lesus between the contending factions could have been forced before the people of any legislative district for their judgment at a special election for a new Representative or Senator.

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The good sense and spirit of fairness of the people may be relied on to protect any officer who is doing his duty from being called to face a special election. But it will he exceedingly dangerons for any officer to he exceedingly dangerous for any officer to say that he is unable to enforce the law, or that it is against his policy to do so. The laws are the people's policy and the officer's only duty is to enforce them. If this amendment is adopted, the official grafter can be discharged as soon as the people are morally certain of his guilt, and all the whitewash his fellow-grafters in and out of office can make will not save him.

Charier Power for Cities.

The amendment giving cities and towns power to make and amend their char-ters, independently of the Legislature, subject only to the limitations of the constitution and the general laws, is a copy of that on the same subject, approved by the Legislatures of 1991 and

The usual method of making city charters in the past has been, in this state, for a few men to agree on the charter they wanted for the city. Then it was introduced in the legislative Assembly by one of their county members. It was referred to a committee constiting of the members from his county, reported favorably, of course, and enacted by unanimous consent of the Legislature. No other member ever sees or caree anything about it.

The only exception in Oregon to this method is the charter under which Portland is governed, and which seems to be the most satmfactory the city ever had. This was drafted by a committee of citizens and approved by the people at an election, after which it was enanted by the Legislature. But the action of the Legislature is a needless formality. Of what interest are the local laws of Portland to farmane of Klamath County, or the char-ter or ordinances of Lakeview to the fisher-men of the Columbia River? This amendment is another step toward home rule in home ar-fairs. If it is enacted it will not only relieve the Legislature of a great deal of useless labor, but it will place the power to make the city laws in the hands of the people who

For Minority Representation.

The proportional representation amend-ment would permit the enactment of laws allowing minority parties representation in law-making bodies. The argument for

Its adoption says:

If a political party has two-fifths of the people's votes, it should elect two-fifths of the members of a Legislature of City Council, if that body is to be fairly representative of all the people. Even if the people wished in make such a law, the Constitution now prevents them from doing so. It is done in Japen, parts of the firstish Empire, Switzerland and Belgium, and If this amendment is

the majority is ready.

As the constitution now stands, it is practically impossible to curtail the large emoluments of the State Printer. "If this amendment is adopted, the state printing may be done by any plan which is satisfactory to the people, and changes can be made by statute law until the best method is discovered."

The constitution now forbids the Legislature to establish state institutions elsewhere than at Salem, but the Legisla-

where than at Salem, but the Legisla-ture has failed to observe the constitu-tion in this respect, and has set up in-stitutions in various parts of the state, conspicuously normal schools. The amendment would allow such institutions only when ratified by the people. Under it a branch of the asylum or of any other state institution could be established anywhere in the state. If the people should vote in its favor. Such questions cannot now be submitted to the people in this

Simplify Convention Methods.

The amendment relating to constitutional conventions would simplify the method of proposing constitutional amendments by she Legislature. Such amendments must now be approved by two successive Legislatures and then be ratified by the people. The new method would require approval of the amendment by only one Legislature. before it should be submitted to the

It would provide further that any legislative assembly act, calling for a constitutional convention shall be approved by the Legislature before the convention shall convene. This amend-ment is proposed to restrain the Legislature which might apportion delegates to the convention in a manner not in harmony with public sentiment. In the Legislature last Winter a bill was under consideration for a convention giving the appointment of a large part of the delegates to the Supreme Court, and making a big appropriation for the convention. These two features of the bill raised a loud protest all over the state, and on their account the bill was defeated.

A bill will be initiated for a law to prohibit use of passes and reduced-fare tickets by public officers and mem-bers of their families. Toe bill proposes to make it unlawful both for offcers to receive such favors and for transportation or telephone or telegraph or any franchise companies to offer them to such persons. And the law is to apply to salaried and unsalaried public officers alike.

Whenever a salaried officer shall refor with the following statement: "Since taking my present office or position I have not, nor has any member of my family, received or used any free or reduced-rate pass, ticket, trans-

portation or service from the owner or operator of any public-service business or corporation nor any rates of service whatever, that are not equally granted to every citizen. Unsalaried public officers are to file the same statement four times a year. All public utility corporations are to be required to file with the Secretary

of State a complete list of persons to whom the privileges are extended. LETTER-CARRIERS - DEPART

Delegates Behold Beauties of Columbia Before Starting Home.

The letter-carriers of the United States have finished their work in biennial convention, and practically have concluded the period of their play. Yesterday was spent by the majority of those yet in the city in taking a trip up the Columbia River on the steamer Telephone to Cas-cade Locks and return. The start was made early in the morning, and the re

BURN OIL IN FEDERAL BUILDING

Postmaster John W. Minto has let a Brown Company for the installation of cost the Govern ent \$2720 and is to be completed and ready for use by Sep-

A contract has also been let to W. G. Powers, an electrical engineer, for putting in 120 stationary electric lights mail clerks in their work of distributing and sorting the mail. This contract will cost the Government \$725. The workmen are now at work on both contracts and it is expected that all month and in use.

turning party reached the city a short time after 6 o'clock in the evening. All of the men who made the trip were greatly pleased with the scenery along the river, and are gratified at the efforts of the entertainment committee in providing

on the Chicago special left last night over the Southern Pacific for their return home. The trip will be made by way of home. The trip will be made by Los Angeles and the Southern Those yet remaining in the city will leave this evening by the O. R. & N. and the Oregon Short Line for their Eastern

EXCURSION RATES EAST

Pacific will seil round-trip tickets to East-ern points at very low rates. Tickets will-be good for stopovers, going and return-ing, with final limis of 20 days from date For full particulars call on or address F. R. Johnson, F. & P. A. Canadian Pacific Ry., 142 Third street, Portland, Or.

MILWAUKIE COUNTRY CLUB

Eastern and Seattle races. Take Bell-wood and Oregon City cars, First and Alder.

Qut-of-town patrons with a limited stay in the city will find that I have provided special facilities for their benefit. Uniform excellence of

clothes and tailoring always prevails. I have always made a special feature of this-My ability to accommodate patrons who are in town for a few days only.

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WASHINGTON ST:

OF MENS

The Meier & Frank Store's Monday Store News

Greatest Lace Bargains in Town

18-inch Allover Venise and Point de Gaze Laces and 45-inch figured nets, in white and cream; suitable for waists and gowns; values \$1.89 up to \$4.50 yard, on sale for the very low price of, yard 45-inch Black Dress Nets-plain Point d'Esprits and Chantillys;

values up to \$2.75 yard, on sale at this very low price, yard..... Point Gaze and Irish Crochet Galoons and Appliques, very beautiful styles; values up to \$3.00 yard, on sale for, yard.....

New round thread Valencienne, and Mechlin Edges and Insertions; cream and ecru; 10-cent values on sale for the very low price of, yd... Same as above, values 20e yard; on sale for this low price, yard...

September Sale of Fine Portieres

\$2.75 Tapestry Portieres, floral patterns, fringed top and bottom; \$1.98 Double-faced Tapestry Portieres, two-tone effects, heavy fringe \$3,38 top and bottom, 3 yards long, 50 inches wide, \$4.50 values.... Mercerized Portieres, light and dark colorings, floral designs, \$4.98 heavy fringe top and bottom, \$6.75 values for this low price. . Mercerized and Tapestry Portieres, two-tone and floral effects, \$5.89 3 yards long, 50 inches wide, \$7.50 values at the low price of. Remnants of Silkoline, Cretonne, Swiss, Denim, Burlaps Half-Price and Tapestries; all lengths on sale at.....

Thousands of New Suits 34-Length Coats, Jackets, Etons Wonderful Value at \$12.50 Ea.



New Fall and Winter Suits keep coming in lots of 100-The cloak chief arrived home Friday, and with him came over 500 of the very prettiest Suits New York has produced this season-Long coat suits, jacket suits, etons and tightfitting suits in green, wine, purple, brown, navy, black, grays and invisible plaids - Mannish mixtures, serges, tweeds, broadcloths and cheviots -Skirts are in circular or pleated effects. The largest and most attractive suit showing in the city-Prices range from \$15.00 to \$125.00 each—Second Floor

New 34-Length Coats

Immense variety of new 1-length coats in fancy tweeds, checks, plaids, broadcloths, coverts and kersey in semi-fitting empire back, boxcoats and tight-

fitting coats-All the season's leading fashions and materials at prices ranging from \$10 to \$55 each-No trouble to show you-2d Floor

200 New Raincoats



Another great special sale of new Raincoats for Monday shoppers-200 of this season's latest and best garments at a remarkably low price-A class of raincoat you are asked to pay \$18 for at other stores can be bought here today for \$12.50-Full length, tans and oxfords, collarless, leg-o'-mutton sleeves; finished with turn-back cuffs-Box-pleated back, belt and buttontrimmed - Well made and finished throughout-The greatest bargain of its kind ever offered-Mail orders will be promptly and carefully filled

New Silk Waists \$6-\$18

Beautiful new line of popular-priced Silk Waists for evening and street wear-Plain and fancy styles in plaids, checks,

stripes, white, light blue, pink, tan and black-Also lace waists with short or full length sleeves-Prices from \$6 to \$18-Handsome new Lingerie Waists for dress and evening wear just received-2d Floor

\$1.00 3-pt. Nickel Tenpots 79¢ \$1.25 5-pt. Niekel Coffee Pot 99¢ \$1.50 Food Chopper, No. 2 \$1.22 Mrs. Potts' Irons, \$1.25 val. set 94¢ 16-in. Feather Duster, each ... 32c 12-in. Feather Duster, each. / .. 218 12-qt. Galvanized Pails, each... 19¢ No. 2, Galvanized Iron Tubs... 60¢ No. 3 Galvanized Iron Tubs....72¢ \$3.50 Wringer, guaranteed. \$2.80 \$1.00 Willow Clothes Basket ... 826 \$1.10 Cop. Bottom Wash Boilen 87¢

No. 2 B. & H. Nickel Lamp, white dome shade, complete \$1.47 Nickel Toothbrush Holder 12¢ Nickel Tumbler Holder 21¢ Cook is Steel Knives, 10-in 73¢ Christy Bread Knives, set 40¢

SILVERWARE

Rogers "1847" Berry Spoon...94¢ Rogers "1847" Butter-Knives 39¢ Rogers "1847" Sugar Shells .. 39¢ Rogers "1847" Gravy Ladle \$1.04 Forbes Silver Hair Receivers \$1.05 Forbes Bon-Bon Dishes, each \$1.43 Forbes Syrup Jugs, each....\$2.63 Forbes Butter Dishes, each \$2.39 Forbes 4-pc. Tea Sets, set ... \$9.95 \$3 Cut Glass Jelly Dishes. \$2.39 Cut Glass Sugar & Creamer \$8.42 \$7.50 Nickel Coffee Machine \$5.49 \$7.50 Nickel Chafing Dishes \$5.49 Brass and Gilt Candlesticks 82¢

HANDKERCHIEFS Women's plain hemstitched pure

linen Handkerchiefs in 1/8. and 16-inch hems; the quality other stores ask you to pay 50c for; our price, ea 29c Women's fine hemstitched embroidered, all-linen, Handkerchiefs, splendid assortment of and 25c values, each 14c patterns; regular 20c Women's Swiss hemstitched and scalloped edge embroidered Handkerchiefs, large variety of patterns; regular 35c and 40c values, today at the low 23c price of, each......

GOODS - BASEMENT New Blankets at Interesting Prices

The Great Advance in the Cost of Wool Has Made No Difference in the Selling Prices

11-4 natural gray Blankets, extra value, pair, \$3.50. Best values in the city. Third Floor. 10-4 white wool Blankets, pink and blue borders; regular \$5.00 values for the low price of, pair \$4.27 Silkoline covered Comforters, full size; best patterns and colorings, filled with lanated cotton; great values at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 each. Third Floor.

Beautiful Showing of New Fall Millinery



S - maze of bewildering styles! Hats that are ranty tascinating-Rich hats, delicate hats-Hats that are so marvelously produced that they border on the ridiculous when viewing them-Set them on the head properly and you grow enthusiastic-The colorings and effects are superb-We can't commence to tell you about the display-There are hats for everyone-The extent of the showing must be seen to be appreciated-Most of the hats show a decided crown, the shades running to peacock and kingfisher blues, soft shades of gray,

known as elephant gray, olive green, old rose, fruit reds, copper, mulberry and plum-Gunboat Hats, Derby Hats, Pilgrim Fathers, College Widow, Kitty Barry Sailors, Fantana, Georgette Sailors, White Kid Polos, Etc.

500 New "Gage" Hats

250 New "Burgesser" Hats 300 New "Bendel" Hats 150 New "Lichtenstein" Hats

Every new model produced by the above well-known makers. The nobbiest creations in the greatest assortment. Come in today and let us show you the grandest array of new up-to-date headgear ever seen in the city. The hats are here to be shown and no trouble to show you. Second Floor. 1000 new felt Roosevelt Hats, new Tourist Caps, new School Hats for misses and children; new Novelty Hats and Caps for little children. Very cheap at the prices asked.

Wash Goods Bargains Worth Buying

5000 yards of Galatea Cloth, plain colored and fancy patterns in

Plain and Dotted Cotton Crepes, large assortment of colors; greatest llc value ever offered at this extraordinarily low price, yard 36-inch Percales and Shirtings-splendid value at this low price, yard ... 12¢

2500 yards of Silk Ginghams in Scotch plaids; very beautiful colorings; best 50c grade on sale for this very low price, yard

35c and 40c Ribbons for 21c the Yard

5000 yards of 5-inch satin taffeta and all pure silk taffeta Ribbons, in all the leading shades-light blue, cardinal, pink, Nile, reseda, brown, black, white, cream, navy and old rose. Best 35c and 40c values on sale today at the extraordinarily low price of, yard

Art Department Specials---Second Floor

Pillow Covers, stamped on linen for Berlin embroidery; best 65c values. . 49c Laundry Bags, made of art denims, in green, red and blue, 50c values for 27¢