

CHANGE PLACED IN CONSTITUTION

Manner of Amending Organic Law to be Voted on by People.

SEEK SHORTER METHOD

Power of Legislature to be Curtailed by Proposed Amendment—Will Allow Alterations to be Made at One Session.

One of the important constitutional amendments proposed for adoption at the coming general election is that relating to the manner in which the constitution may be amended.

It is now desired by some to change the constitution in this respect, so that a proposed amendment need be approved by but one session of the Legislature, and may be adopted by a majority of all the voters voting upon that measure.

Present Constitutional Provision. In order that the effect of the proposed amendment may be understood, the article which is to be amended is here set forth in full, together with the amendment which will be voted upon in June.

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Text of Proposed Amendment. The measure which will be voted upon in June proposes to combine the two sections of this article and make them read as follows:

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To be Voted on Separately. When two or more amendments shall be submitted in the manner aforesaid, the voters of this state, at the same election, shall be so submitted that each amendment shall be voted upon separately, and no amendment shall be called to amend or propose amendments to this constitution, or to propose new constitution, unless the law providing such amendments to be approved by the people on a referendum vote as a regular general election. This article shall not be construed to impair the right of the people to amend this constitution by vote upon an initiative petition therefor.

WILL SELECT A NEW RABBI

Representatives of Temple Beth Israel Go East Tomorrow. Joseph Simon and D. Solis Cohen, representing the committee selected to select a successor to Dr. Stephen S. Cohen of Temple Beth Israel, will leave for the East tomorrow morning to make investigations which will probably lead to the calling of some prominent rabbi to the pulpit of Portland's leading synagogue.

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Dr. Ben Ezra Stiles Ely, Jr., began his pastorate at Calvary Presbyterian Church yesterday, succeeding Rev. W. S. Gilbert, who resigned to accept a charge in Astoria several months ago.

After referring, by way of introduction, to the various interpretations which have been given to the language of the text, the speaker showed that, by a fair and natural exegesis, the "rock" must be taken as meaning Peter himself.

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BENEFIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CHINESE SUFFERERS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Rev. Chan Sing Kai and Family, who will appear at Taylor-street M. E. Church tonight. Rev. Chan Sing Kai, a prominent local Chinese missionary, and family will give a benefit entertainment for relief of the homeless women and children of the burned Chinese quarter of San Francisco.

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FAITH THE GREAT ESSENTIAL TO RIGHT LIVING. Rev. E. S. Muckley Preaches on Aids to Right Living.

Rev. E. S. Muckley, pastor of the First Christian Church, preached yesterday morning on "The Moorings of Faith." He dealt with practical conditions as found at the present day, and told of the universal need of a steady purpose, founded on faith, to serve as a stimulus to righteous and useful living.

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CONFERENCE YEAR CLOSES

Final Services Held in First English and Memorial Churches. Rev. S. A. Stewart closed his year's work yesterday at the First English Church of the Evangelical Association, East Sixth and Market streets.

FAREWELL AMERICAN TOUR 1905-1906. MME SARAH BERNHARDT. WORLD'S GREATEST ARTISTE. PORTLAND, OREGON.

THE ARMORY. PORTLAND, OREGON. TO GUARD AGAINST TICKET SPECULATION. REGULAR SALE OF SEATS WILL OPEN AT SAME PLACE TUESDAY, MAY 8, 9 A. M.

SPECIAL SALE OF ORIENTAL RUGS. Beginning today, we offer a discount on our entire stock of Oriental Rugs. New Rugs will arrive soon, and we want to dispose of all Rugs now on hand at the earliest possible date.

Imperial Hotel Co. Seventh and Washington Streets, Portland, Oregon. European Plan \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 per Day.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

Table with columns for Station, Temperature, Wind, and other weather data for various locations including Baker City, Astoria, and Portland.

WEATHER FORECAST. The area of high pressure which has controlled the weather in the North Pacific States during the last several days continues central this evening off the mouth of the Columbia River.