

# PRIVATE AS AGAINST PUBLIC OWNERSHIP ISSUE IS AT STAKE

This Is Statement of Richard W. Montague in Impartial Discussion of Measure.

## CIVIC LEAGUE IN SESSION

Program Given Over to Consideration of Measures to Be Voted on by People Next Tuesday.

The issue involved in the tidal land measure is that of private against public ownership of the foreshore, said Richard W. Montague, in an impartial discussion of the measure before the Oregon Civic League luncheon in the Hotel Multnomah yesterday.

The program of the league was given to discussion of measures submitted for vote at the election next Tuesday. It was insisted by Isaac Swett, chairman of the meeting, that statements must be from an unprejudiced viewpoint.

Charles E. Warner, discussing the amendments which provide classification of property for taxation purposes, suggested that these add to the power of state officials and that a disposition either to increase or lessen power of officials might enter into the vote.

**Water Code Discussed.**  
A. H. Harris feared that the passage of the measure for the consolidation of the desert land board and the state land board, also making the state highway engineer elective, might seriously disturb if not nullify the operation of the water code. Vote on the measure should be preceded by study of the code, he said.

Municipal Judge John H. Stevenson expressed belief that the nonpartisan Judiciary bill will entirely prevent the political nomination or election of judges.

J. Hunt Hendrickson said that passage of the \$1500 home tax exemption measure would probably transfer the tax now assessed on \$125,000,000 of Oregon property to land and increase the tax on unused and little used land.

**Lessening State Boards.**  
Hamilton Johnstone said that the principle of lessening state boards and commissioners by consolidation is

good, but gave attention to the argument that the measure to consolidate the state corporation and insurance departments will not result in economy or efficiency. Mr. Johnstone also said that the measure requiring a two-thirds vote to amend or repeal tax laws would give control of tax laws to one more than one-third of the voters. He also discussed the tax code commission bill.

Dr. George Rebec explained the proportional representation measure; A. Newell, the county officers four year term bill; Elmer Rowland, the measure increasing compensation of legislators from \$2 to \$5 a day while the legislature is in session; Miss Ruth Catlin, the measure abolishing the state senate, and Miss Henrietta Elliot, the primary delegate election bill, which, it is said, will both increase election cost and restore the oldtime political convention. Mr. Montague's discussion of the water front measures is as follows:

**Tidal Land Issue Discussed.**  
The federal government, which with us is the source of land titles, owns and conveys to individuals the upland extending only to ordinary high water mark on navigable streams. The land between high and low watermark is called foreshore—is owned by the state. The state also owns the bed of navigable streams below low watermark, subject to the right of navigation in the public. Most navigable streams in places a considerable extent of foreshore and wide stretches of shoal water through which run the narrow and deep channels where larger craft must navigate. When the channel is offshore, convenience of shipping requires that wharves should be built from the upland to the channel, and in practice the narrow and deep water, thus extending the bank or upland clear out to the channel, is regarded as an advantage to navigation. The land thus made, affording the sole access to navigable water, is often very valuable.

**Granted by State.**  
The state of Oregon, having these rights, in 1862 passed statutes, now known as sections 5201, 5202, Lord's Oregon Laws, granting to upland owners in incorporated cities the right to wharf out to deep water. Many lawyers hold that the same right obtains at common law, independent of statute, and outside of incorporated cities. In 1872, 1874 and 1876 the state granted to the upland owners along the Willamette and certain other rivers, not including the Columbia, the foreshore; that is to say, land from high to low water mark. The measures now proposed are two:

First, a constitutional amendment, declaring that the beds of navigable rivers at bankfull stage—that is, from high water down—are subject to public use for commerce and navigation, and improvements in aid thereof, declaring the right of the state therein to be inalienable, authorizing the construction of municipal docks, except where docks have already been built (under sections 5201 and 5202, above mentioned), and providing for the making of leases of such lands for terms not exceeding 25 years.

**Law Is Cited.**  
Second, a law authorizing cities and towns to construct and maintain mu-

# GERMAN PAPER INDORSES C. J. SMITH DEMOCRAT IS TERMED SAFE AND ABLE

**Deutsche Zeitung.**  
Dr. C. J. Smith, der Kandidat der demokratischen Partei für Gouverneur, ist ein Geschäftsmann durch und durch und sollte er erwählt werden, würde der Gouverneurs-Posten in die geeignete Hände gelangen. Die erworbenen Kenntnisse als Verwaltungsbeamter, die er sich während seiner Amtstätigkeit als Bürgermeister von Bendleton während zwei Termine erworben hat, berechtigt uns zur Annahme, daß das Amt des Gouverneurs von einem der tüchtigsten Beamten verwaltet werden wird.

Dr. C. J. Smith, Democratic candidate for governor, is a business man through and through; and if he is elected, the office of governor will be in well equipped hands. The official experience which Dr. Smith obtained during his administration as mayor of Bendleton gives us the right to assume that the governor's office would, in his hands, be most ably managed.

Dr. Smith, whose views are well known, will, without doubt, fulfill all expectations which are placed in this able man, and the voters can rest easy in placing the governor's office in his hands, as he will never permit unnecessary taxation to burden the public. On the contrary, he will reduce taxation by discontinuing unnecessary commissions.

## English Clubs Are Barring Germans

**Action Taken to Avoid Possibility of Situations of Embarrassment; Members Asked Not to Offer Hospitality.**  
London, Oct. 31.—The governing committee of the City Carlton club has issued a circular to its members intimating that "it would be an act of delicacy and avoid the possibility of situations of embarrassment, if those members who are of German or Austro-Hungarian origin, whether naturalized or not, should not frequent the club." Members are at the same time requested to "refrain from offering hospitality in the club to persons of such origin." Similar action is being taken by other well known clubs. One of the South London golf clubs has added the clause, "In no circumstances will they be allowed on the club premises or course."

Specifically that the railroad companies, whose interests are hostile to free navigation, acquire the desirable wharf rights, and thus obstruct commercial development necessary for the public advantage. Against the measure it is urged that public enterprise and initiative are not equal to the task of necessary development; nor the public administrative machinery adequate to its operation. Specifically that the long standing policy of the state to permit to private individuals these rights has created values which it is unfair to withdraw, even though, as the proponents of the act point out, they have lain unused for the whole period.

A trap to electrocute insects, which may be used in connection with an electric light fixture, has been invented in Germany.

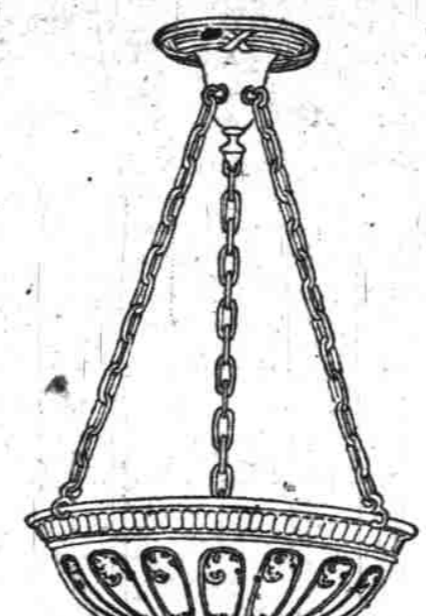
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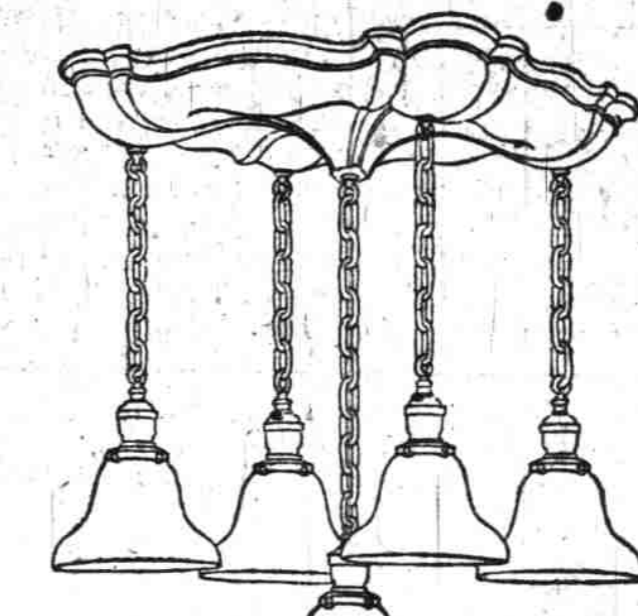
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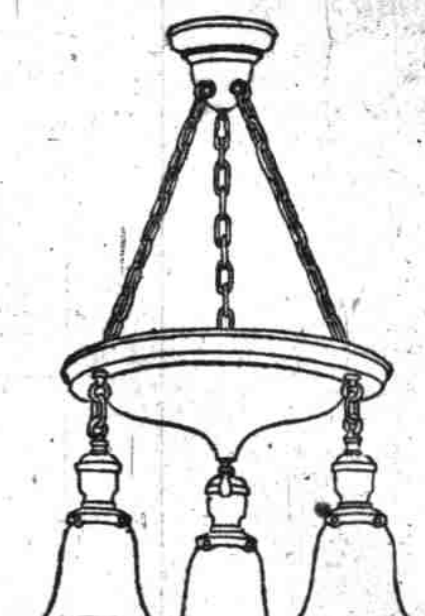
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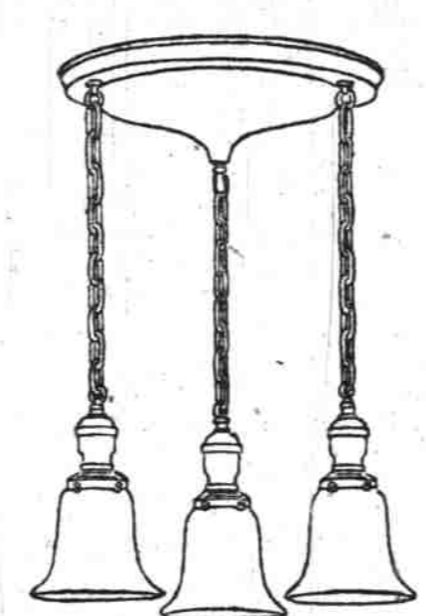
14-in. white bowl, \$4



18-inch Sheffield Plate and Amber Glass, \$5.00



12-inch plate, \$2.75



12-inch plate \$2.25



15-inch plate, \$3.50



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# A CALL TO THE RED CROSS COLORS

HUMANITY IN SUFFERING

NEUTRALITY IN WAR

Official Station for the American Red Cross for Receiving Subscriptions and Supplies Has Been Opened in Portland at the Lipman, Wolfe & Co. Store.

—LIPMAN, WOLFE & CO.

## NOTE

—This is an official station of the American Red Cross authorized by the society. The fact is stated here because the American Red Cross is protected by an act of Congress, and stations may not be opened except by permission.

## Money, of Course, Is Preferred

—Contributions and subscriptions, however small or large, received at our Red Cross station. Twenty-five cents will give an hour of a nurse's care. Even 10 cents will buy enough ether or chloroform to provide a painless operation.

—Cheques should be made payable to American Red Cross.

## Supplies

—The Red Cross asks us to state that "supplies" does not mean old clothing, and that only new garments and only those new garments approved by the Red Cross can be received.

—Garments such as pajamas, nightshirts, convalescent robes, nightingales, knitted woolen socks and knitted caps. These can be made at home.

## Our Delivery Wagons

Will accept such supplies on their routes or will call within our delivery limits in response to phone messages.

## A Letter From Governor West

Lipman, Wolfe & Co., Portland, Or.

Gentlemen: Having had my attention called to your efforts to aid the work of the American Red Cross Society I wish to commend the good work you are doing and assure you of the hearty cooperation of our office.

(Signed) OSWALD WEST, Governor.

October 28, 1914.

War with Mexico averted

Income tax law passed

President Wilson wrote:

"I want to say how sincerely I hope for the re-election of Senator Chamberlain."

Currency law passed

Anti-trust law passed

Peace treaties negotiated

Flegel for Congress stands for President Wilson



Geo. E. Chamberlain For U. S. Senator



War's Worst Enemy America's Best Friend



A. F. Flegel For Congress

The President has earned a vote of confidence from the people.

The only way he can get such an endorsement is by voting for Chamberlain for Senator and Flegel for Congress