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EDITORIAL

The finance committee of the Portland charter commission has bounced its brains about the tax limit proposition and has raised the limit, as they say in the poker game. So in that game of city politics all the astute municipal financiers have brought forth is more power to tax, more power to take for public purposes from the many and transfer to the few. The limit in the Portland game heretofore has been 2 1/2 mills for city purposes and 2 1/2 for interest. That made 5 mills. Under the proposed charter the limit for city purposes is to be 7 mills and 2 1/2 for interest. At present in making a levy and appropriation the council is bound not to exceed the estimate made by the city revenue officer. Under the new charter they are not bound to any estimate. This is a clear gain for officialism and for the transfer of millions from the pockets of the gullible voter to the pockets of their very smooth lords and masters in city politics, the lawyers and bankers. The bonding clause contains two inconsistent propositions for refunding the city debt at four percent. The bonds shall be sold "only" to the highest bidder "but preference in the sale and allotment shall be given bidders residing in the city of Portland and subscribing for the smallest amount." That's in the interest of the "widdys and kids" of the poor, because the banker "only" can offer the highest bid, and as they can "only" be sold to the highest bidder nobody will get any of them but the Portland bankers. As this report is made by a committee of bankers they will of course correct this manifest inconsistency and make clear their intention of letting the common herd have a chance to become stockholders in their own community at a fair and flat price. Selling bonds to the highest bidder is an old game that is a fraud on the face of it, because if the bonds are really worth a premium to everybody they are bearing too high a rate of interest. If they are only worth a premium to a select class of people it is a suspicious monopoly that should be destroyed. If it would seem that in so plain a matter as owning the debt of the community it would be better to have the largest number possible interested, who would then be interested in good government, than to have the sale of city securities controlled by one man, even though it were so good a man as W. M. Ladd. As a matter of fact, the wisdom of the average banker has not been a protection against high taxes and bad financing. Bad financing means big indebtedness and high rates of interest and the more rapid transfer of public wealth to the hands of our financial lords and masters, for in reality we have in this country the three estates as in England, the Commons (the politicians) the Lords Temporal (the lawyers) and the Lords Spiritual (the financiers.) These are the ruling powers in public affairs and it is only on rare occasions that the plain people get a whack at anything but to step up to the captain's deck and pay the bills.

goods. From the manner in which he broke rock when he came to Salem, it can be inferred that those regularly fed at his table were used to coarse diet. Coulter was formerly pastor of the United Brethren church, a religious society that is wide awake and up-to-date on some matters connected with human interests. So when the young man turned loose his gospel maxim he raised a storm of criticism and the official board of the church as such as says his calling is more to plow corn than to preach Christ. Coulter went so far as to define the Kingdom as a spiritual kingdom that had something to do with character, and that has made the clerk of the church huffy, as he had an idea that the Kingdom of Christ was something like the Republican party under Mark Hanna. Coulter refuses to retreat, and says he preached the same sermon in the Howard street Methodist church at "Prisco" and it went down like fried trout, bones and all. His sermon was on the text, "In my father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you." He says we are God's house. The heavenly mansion is our character. Christ went away from the outer man to prepare an inner character, in which he and God are represented as one and "where I am there ye may be also." Heaven he would have them understand was not in any particular quarter section of the celestial map, nor was it in an old Jew town with golden streets, nor in a barn. Christ went to prepare a place in spirit. Now hear Coulter: "To us the unreal is real; the real is unreal. Heaven we are told is the abode of Christ, but Christ lives in us and said, 'I go to prepare a place for you,' and like Thomas wavers, 'Where, Lord, where?' And he says, 'I am the Way, the Truth, the Life.' Where did Jesus go? Why to Heaven. Where is heaven? He said, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is within you, and is your character. Where did he go? He went into the inner life. Where is he now? Preparing a place for our manhood to be with him forever, Paul says: 'Ye are God's house.'" This kind of doctrine presented by an eloquent orator must have been a terrible jolt for those who have been a terrible jolt for those who have all their lives been fed on the bread of materialism, with a heaven laid off like the city of Salt Lake with a Temple and reserved seats for the saints of the earth and a boiling lake of pitch, or at least hot asphalt for the sinners to tread through sternity. Coulter is a young man and has a hard road to travel because the materialistic conception of heaven and a brass band dress-parade christianity is the popular brand, and will be a long time being weeded out. The gold-crown and free-music heaven, with the doctrine of reward for being good in the shape of tangible enjoyments, is almost as strong a drawing card with many modern denominations as with Mohammedism, and if Bro. Coulter expects to earn a big salary at the hands of such a church he will have to reorganize his ideas of heaven.

The way things have to be explained to them, the Journal judges that some of its exchanges are cited by men born in Missouri, or in the dark of the moon.

His most Christian majesty King Edward of England is scarcely out of mourning but is solacing himself with some very gay people to make up for the wear and tear on his conscience for operating the Spanish concentrator on the Boer women and children in South Africa. At a dinner party on board Tony Drexel's yacht he recently met Lady Meux, the Countess of Essex, the stunning Mrs. George Keppel, Lily Langtry's fast daughter, and Mrs. Geo. Cornwallis West. After the King bade Mrs. West an affectionate adieu, she managed to slip and fell head foremost into the water. She was pulled out by one of the King's coppers and steered, Lord Athlone, and of course had to

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