

Sisters of Eve

WHAT DOES MERE MAN KNOW ABOUT SUCH THINGS?

By Lawler



Limit Placed By Charter—Method of Levying and General Procedure Set Forth.

There has been considerable discussion as to the rate of taxes which may be levied, and the manner of levying them under the proposed commission form of government to be voted on next Monday. In order that the voters may be fully informed on this subject, we reprint from the charter submitted the following sections, which relate to the matter of taxes and taxation:

Section 64. The commission shall not levy a total tax in excess of ten mills upon the dollar of taxable property for general purposes and five mills upon the dollar in addition thereto for the purpose of paying bonded indebtedness of the city and interest thereon. This limitation for meeting bonded indebtedness shall not be construed to in any way impair the obligation of any contract of the City of Salem arising out of any charter provision or ordinance of the city under which any bonded indebtedness of the city may have been incurred and such obligations, and hereby confirmed and the faith and credit of the City of Salem is pledged under the terms of this Charter to the payment of all such bonded indebtedness. The Commission shall exhaust all of the funds arising out of the said five mill bond tax before resorting to any authority which it may have by virtue of any charter provision or ordinance in the nature of a contractual relation with the holders of any bonds

in order to raise money to meet any such bonded indebtedness of the city. The annual budget of the city shall be prepared as follows: A statement shall be published by the Commission annually which shall show in itemized form an estimate of the amounts of money proposed to be raised for each city department, officer's salary, office expenses, employee's salary or groups of employees, where the same are of the same class, each building for construction, operation or repairs; for all road, street, bridge, sewer or other similar class of public work and for construction, maintenance and operation of each public utility and any other miscellaneous items which may be necessary. Said statement shall contain a showing of the probable revenue of the city from all sources and of the unappropriated balances on hand at the first of the month preceding the time of the publication hereunder, with a showing of what funds will be needed to the end of the fiscal year in reduction of said balances. The foregoing statement together with a notice of the time and place at which the same may be publicly discussed with the Commission shall be published at least once prior to the time appointed for such proposed meeting, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem. Said publication shall be made not less than five days prior to such meeting. The Commission shall meet at the time and place designated in said notice and any taxpayer shall have a right to be heard either in writing or verbally in favor of or against any proposed tax levy or any item thereof. When such hearing has been held or if no such taxpayer shall appear to discuss the proposed levy the Commission shall proceed to declare by ordinance the amount of taxes to be levied upon the basis of the as-

essment rolls then in force but the Commission shall not levy a greater tax for any purpose than is necessary to raise the amounts of money published in said statement and the taxes so levied shall be certified by the City Recorder to the proper official of Marion county, who shall enter the said tax in the proper column upon the county tax roll and the same shall be collected by the officer collecting the county tax and shall be turned over to the City Treasurer promptly after collection. A preliminary estimate containing all of the items and details required to be published by the Commission shall be prepared and submitted by the City Manager to the Commission not less than 30 days in advance of the meeting of the Commission at which the tax levy for the year are to be made. The Commission shall be responsible for the statement to be published and the expense of publication shall be paid out of advertising funds. If at any time this Charter shall be amended to authorize a tax for any special purpose or a bond issue or the payment thereof or if any bonds shall be issued in any other manner, any tax necessary to provide a sinking fund to redeem such issue and the interest thereon shall be included in the above maximum of taxation of ten mills, and it shall be deemed and construed that such levy of tax and the amount provided in such bonding ordinance or amendment, as the case may be, shall be included within the above ten mills, and that the total tax levy for general purposes shall never be greater than ten mills as above described and the Commission shall deduct said amount from the above ten mill limit in the annual tax levy. Provided, however, that the total limit of taxation may be increased above ten mills for the purpose

of paying off any bonded indebtedness or the interest thereon or any special tax or appropriation voted by the people by Charter amendment or otherwise if the ballot title of the act authorizing such indebtedness or making such appropriation and a levy therefor, shall contain the following words: "and to increase the present limit of taxation from — mills to — mills on one dollar of taxable property. In the first blank shall be inserted the maximum limit of taxation at the time such measure is proposed and in the second blank shall be inserted the maximum limit of taxation if such measure shall carry. If such ballot title does not contain the words above described the levy authorized in such ordinance or amendment shall be deemed to be a part of the total limit of taxation at the time such measure is voted upon and said total limit of taxation shall not be deemed to be increased by the passage of such measure.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY.
Portland, Ore., Dec. 4.—Fred Tronson, who recently shot and killed Emma Ulrich, because she spurned his attentions and refused to marry him, pleaded not guilty to a charge of second degree murder in the circuit court here today. His trial was set for next Monday.

J. A. French, ex-circuit judge of Wash county, Tuesday entered a plea of not guilty to charges in an indictment charging him with forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses. It is claimed he received injuries in an accident years ago which resulted in periods of mental disorder. He will make good his shortage, estimated at about \$1200.

THE MANICURE GIRL

(By Wm. F. Kirke.)

"Sister Mayne had all the folks up set up to the house last night, George," said the Manicure Lady. "Mother was on the verge of tears, and the old gent was so put out that I thought he was going to have the apoplexy, and you know how hard fast goes with them 'hot-necked drinking gents. Wilfred and I felt about as bad, too."

"What was the matter?" asked the Head Barber.

"Oh, Mayne has took it into her head that she wants to go and be one of them nurses over in Europe," replied the Manicure Lady. "Goodness knows it is a kind of a nut notion on her part, too, because she ain't never had a bit of training for that kind of work, and it would take her a year or two to get ready, but she had a girl friend that left for there last month, and she was bound and determined to go."

"Father told her that she was getting as soft in the head as Wilfred, which didn't please poor brother none, and mother told her how she had read about more than one nurse being shot, but Mayne said she thought it would be a noble thing to be like Florence Nightingale. I don't know who she was, unless she sang for a living, or something."

"When it comes to the last minute she won't go," said the Head Barber. "There is a lot of girls that likes to imagine they are heroines until the time comes to make good."

"No, I guess she ain't going," said the Manicure Lady. "But do you know, George, sometimes I wish I was a nurse, so I could volunteer and go over there to help out the poor wounded soldiers."

Think of how comforting it must be to one of them brave lads, after he has had a leg or a arm shot off, to have a kind hearted nurse at his side to comfort him. I dreamed last night that I was in a hospital over there, talking to a young officer, who had had his arm shot off."

"It's a good thing for him you wasn't there," said the Head Barber, "if you would have talked his other arm off."

"It's a grand calling, just the same," said the Manicure Lady, "but in the least disturbed by this ungalant speech. I think the girls which goes over there deserves a lot of credit, and besides, maybe some of them will get a chance to marry some of those real young officers."

"I heard them officers didn't get much pay," said the practical George. "Some of them that strut along like lords don't get over about 60 cents a day in our money. A nurse that can make \$25 a week besides her board would be foolish to marry that kind of a lunk head."

"But it would be kind of romantic to nurse a handsome officer," insisted the Manicure Lady. "Especially if he was young and dashing. That's the kind of nursing I would want to do."

"Then you wouldn't do," said the Head Barber. "Mister Kitchener fixed that kind of nurses. He asked all that wanted to nurse only officers to stand aside, and when they did, he kept all the rest and fired them. No use talking, you can't put anything over on that Mister Kitchener. He didn't shove himself, I would call him the greater man in England."

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THE ROUND-UP

Crosswell has been squaring up, all through 1914, and has only a \$1700 budget for the coming year, being almost out of debt.

Hood River county schools have shown an increase of 118 pupils in the past year, according to a census just completed by County Superintendent Thompson.

A committee of the Hillsboro commercial club is framing up a plan whereby it is hoped to bring together the vacant lot and the busy little school gardener to their mutual advantage.

Condon Times: Wheat still goes up and is being sold around \$1.06 a bushel. With grain at this price, land at \$20 an acre seems to be a bargain. There is no reason why wheat land should not have a ready sale at that price.

Contributing to the Belgian relief fund that is being raised at Corvallis, the O. A. C. student body has turned in \$100, raised by selling megaphones and refreshments at the Oregon O. A. C. football game, and by an entertainment a few days later. Corvallis' total to date is nearly \$300.

The Washington county court has fixed the amount of land that can be bonded over its rock roads at 1000 pounds for vehicles with tires 4 inches or less and 5000 pounds for any vehicle. This order holds good until May 1.

Hairbreadth Harry—Saves Belinda From the Briny Deep

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