

ital as alive? It enables them to defraud the city, which is entitled to 55 per cent of *net* profits. It enables them to oppress employes by exhibiting lower bookkeeping profits than they really make and thereupon to plead inability to pay better wages. City accountants who approve this kind of bookkeeping, unless the ordinances expressly require it, would serve the public more appropriately in jail than in the City Hall.



Women in Politics.

Men who oppose equal suffrage on the ground that woman's place is at home rather than at the ballot box, take the position, perhaps unwittingly, that ballot-box questions bear no relation to home questions. Women who oppose equal suffrage on the same ground take the position, perhaps without thinking, that home questions are in no way related to ballot-box questions. That was not the view of the thinking women of California. In a 60-word circular letter to the women of that State, the California Women's League for Home Rule in Taxation expressed the truth about the home very clearly, saying: "Vote for the Home Rule in Taxation amendment, the 8th on the ballot. It enables any county, city, town or district to adopt any system of taxation. Every authority recognizes that our existing system is unjust and unrighteous. The homes bear the burden of taxation, and through this measure will get such relief as the people by their votes adopt." What committee of men issued a better campaign circular this year? It is not an appeal to the emotions or to prejudice. It is an appeal to thoughtful voters and to those mistaken voters who would "protect the home from the polluting influence of the ballot."



Carrie Neal Erickson of Seattle.

Among the leading men of the Pacific coast, Oliver T. Erickson, of the City Council of Seattle, whose name is worthily familiar to Singletaxers everywhere, is one who can suffer no such sorrow as the death of his wife without the sympathy of all who know him personally and of thousands whom he has never seen. Mrs. Erickson was tirelessly active and intelligently interested in all that concerned their common life, from home and fireside to the forum and the polls. They were married in Massachusetts twenty-three years ago. After living eleven years in Minneapolis, they made their home in Seattle, where Mrs. Erickson died on Thanksgiving day. To her life Mr. Erickson pays this modest tribute in a letter to a friend:

"Through all the years we have lived together she has been an ardent Singletaxer. The faithful in this movement from far and near were welcome guests in her home. Besides Henry George and his wife, many of the old time Singletaxers have broken bread at her table. About a year ago, visiting in British Columbia, she enjoyed the satisfaction of being in a land where the cause for which she had labored was taking root. A lover of good and beautiful things, the best of books were her companions and flowers an endless source of joy; and though the sunshine she spread in her home has vanished, it can only have sunk below our horizon to glow in other realms."



THE REASON BEHIND REVOLUTIONS.

There is that in human nature which waits and endures. It has come down along the toil-roads of ten thousand years—it is wonderful Patience, and immense Obedience to Those Who Rule. These long abide by the Social Order, even while that which is, trembles on the edges of death. Wise men, trying to better things, depend upon this reservoir of Conservatism, which perhaps gives them time in which to work out some truly great result. Evil and selfish men yet more depend upon it to enable them to put new burdens on the millions.

Everywhere and in all ages this great fact warns, appalls and still gives hope—the vast but not limitless endurance of our brothers and our sisters. Because of this, narrow-minded statesmen make war—for soldiers will answer the call, and nations will give their mouthfuls of bread to meet new taxes. But some day the man on whom the weight falls will stop, will question, will make an end; not in passion, but because he has appealed to that which really rules the world of men—the Sense of Justice of the Average Man—and has received a decision against war.



The lesson of history is that all human endurance, all human conventions and close-knit systems, may at last wear down to the bone, and then suddenly collapse. One need not remark, "There was the French Revolution." Sometime, if the strong wisdom of those who study these things be not heeded, there may come a breaking up of all the old boundaries on such a scale as to make the Reign of Terror seem but an idle masque in an Italian garden.

The reason behind every revolution is ever the