Lydia Sayer Hasbrouck Says: “No Taxation Without the Vote!”

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“Woman’s Rights.”—Mrs. Dr. Lydia Sayer Hasbrouck, who lives in Wallkill, New York, won’t pay taxes because she can’t vote. Last month she was notified by the highway overseer of the town to appear on a certain day with a shovel in hand, to work out her highway tax. She appeared on the appointed day with her fire shovel, and went to work, but only for five days, when her tax was for ten and a half. She was thereupon arrested upon complaint of the overseer. He complained that she “gave Lydia Sayer Hasbrouck, who resides in said district and is assessed to work ten and a half days upon the highways therein, notice to appear on the 9th day of September with a good shovel, on the road near the house of A. G. Townley, to do such work, and that she said Lydia Sayer Hasbrouck did so appear with a small fire shovel, whereupon the said defendant furnished the said Hasbrouck with a good shovel, and directed her to assist in filling the wagons that were on the ground, but that the said Hasbrouck did not work faithfully, remaining idle a considerable portion of the time each load was filling, standing leaning on her shovel, talking and calling the attention of other workmen from their work at other times sitting during the whole time of filling the wagon, sometimes with one hand tossing pebbles into the wagon, and at others reading a paper.”