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## THE NEW ROAD LAW FOR NASH.

On Saturday, May 13th, there will be elections in North Whitakers, South Whitakers, Red Oak, Griffins, Coopers, Castalia, Ferrells, Jacksons, Baileys and Dry Wells townships, when the voters of these townships will vote on the proposition whether or not they will issue bonds for public road improvement. These elections are held solely to determine this question. The matter of levying the tax for working the roads under the taxation system does not enter into the question and regardless of the result of the bond elections, the voters are evidently aware of the fact that they will have to pay the road tax in either event. If they are not so informed, it is because of the fact that they have not read The Graphic.

As has been before stated in The Graphic, the act of the Legislature makes it mandatory on the Board of County Commissioners to levy a road tax in each of the above named townships at their regular meeting in June, next, and at each annual June meeting thereafter. Hence, those voters who think, by defeating the bond issue proposition they will thereby stay the action of the Board of County Commissioners in levying any road tax, are sadly mistaken.

Wherever the simple "taxation system" has been adopted for this great work of road improvement there has been signal failure, as the amount realized, (as will be the case in all the above-named townships) will not be sufficient to secure the team, machinery, road superintendent, etc., to build a single mile of road. It has been demonstrated in Nashville, Mannings, and other townships, and it will be the same in all others that attempt it. It has also been demonstrated that, where any township or county has voted bonds in a sufficient amount, good results have been accomplished, the work has been prosecuted and, in most instances, the tax rate providing for the payment of interest and to create a sinking fund, has been considerably less than the "simple taxation system." This is true as to the Nashville and Rocky Mount Road districts and the same conditions prevail in other counties throughout the State.

A close study of the road law reveals much food for thought; there being matters clear and easily understood, while a vast portion of same are very complex as to defining their purposes and interest. Some of these have been brought to light by Ex-Judge Austin, who discusses some features of the law at length, and his article, which appears elsewhere in The Graphic will, no doubt, cause the voters to "wake up and take notice."

In view of the deductions made by Judge Austin, it is indeed a perplexing problem for any one, even Senator Thomas or the framers of the road law for Nash, to advise any voter what is best to do on Saturday May 13th. There are possibly not ten voters in Nash county who are familiar with the act on the

certainty that the ends sought by the people can be secured, without their having to "pay dear for the whistle."

It is true the special act was read to a committee of men from the various townships before it was sent to Raleigh, but during that brief recital it was almost impossible for all present to give that thought the importance of the measure demanded. They have seen no copy of the measure since it has become a law, hence they are yet in the dark, save the enlightenment given by Judge Austin. The brief synopsis published some time ago by The Graphic was compiled hurriedly, hence it did not enlarge on some matters called to The Graphic's attention by Judge Austin's letter which was handed in Tuesday morning.

In view of the fact that this entire question is so important to the best interests of all the townships above-named, and we desire that the people be given all the light possible, The Graphic will publish the full text of the law next Thursday in order that the voters may read and reflect.

With the light we have before us, The Graphic believes the best course to pursue on the part of the voters would be, go to the polls on Saturday, May 13th, vote for the bond issue, (since the tax will be levied on June 1st) and on the first Monday in June let every one of the affected townships send a large delegation of intelligent men from the townships to Nashville, when and where there may be a thorough understanding of the situation, and, if there is danger in the actual issuance of the bonds by the Board of County Commissioners, the Board have it within their power to protect the interests of the people, and whatever hardships are possible to befall the tax-payers by reason of certain sections of the law, can be remedied by the legislature at the next session. Should this be necessary, the progressive citizens of the townships effected could in some manner keep up their roads from Dec. 1st, 1911 when the new law becomes effective, until the relief can be obtained.

## Things To Be Considered.

Mr. Editor:

I am a great advocate of road improvement and progress along all lines, there is no one who would rejoice more than I to see good roads all over our country. I would not do or say anything to retard progress. The election in the various townships on the 13th of May is a very important one for the people of the various townships and should be considered carefully by all.

Before anyone can vote intelligently upon any question they must be able to understand what they are doing. How many voters in Nash county have had an opportunity to examine the bill under which this election is called? I have not had an opportunity to examine the bill as it passed the General Assembly, but have just seen a copy of the bill as drafted and submitted. I am not conversant with the changes, but am informed that the changes were few and of small importance. Upon examination I find that under the bill those townships already have a road tax upon them, whether the bonds carry or not. The townships that carry the bond election will have in addition to the special road tax, for the purpose of paying the interest on the bonds, and after fifteen years still another for the purpose of creating a sinking fund with which to pay the bonds at maturity.

Section 10 of the act reads as follows:

"Sec. 10. That the board of county commissioners for the county of Nash, in order to provide for the proper construction, improvement and maintenance of the public roads and bridges (to cost less than fifty dollars), of the several road districts herein created, and to pay the interest and create a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of any bond which may be hereinafter issued, at their regular meeting in June, one thousand, nine hundred and eleven, and at each June meeting annually thereafter, shall levy a special tax on all property subject to taxation under the law, within each said district, of not less than ten cents or more than thirty cents on the hundred dollars of property, and not less than thirty cents nor more than ninety cents on the poll, the constitutional question to be observed at all times. Said taxes shall be collected as all other taxes are collected; shall be kept separate on the tax books of each township in the county, to be set aside as a special road fund for the respective road districts in which the same is levied and collected; shall be used in

and maintenance of the said public roads and of such bridges in each said township not costing in excess of fifty dollars; and shall be used further for the purchase of such material, implements, teams, wagons and outfits as may be necessary for the proper carrying on of the work in each said road district, and for the payment of the interest on, and providing a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of such bonds as may be issued by the board of commissioners in each said district, and for the employment of all such labor as may be necessary. Provided, however, that the money raised under this section shall, as far as possible, be used for the permanent improvement of the roads in the several districts hereby created, and the payment of the interest on such bonds as may hereafter be issued."

You will notice the act makes it mandatory upon the board of commissioners to levy this tax at the regular meeting in June, they "shall" levy a special tax on all the property, &c. The first several sections of the act relates to the special tax which shall be levied by the board of commissioners.

Section 18 provides "that the board of county commissioners, of Nash county, are hereby authorized and are directed to issue bonds for the different townships in Nash county in amounts as follows," naming them, "for the purpose of grading, building and improving the public roads of said townships, provided, a majority of the qualified voters of each township shall authorize the same, in an election to be held as hereinafter provided. Said bonds shall not bear a greater rate of interest than six per cent per annum, payable thirty years after date thereof, the same not to be sold at less than par and to be of the denomination of one hundred dollars (\$100), each on multiples thereof, interest to be due and payable semi-annually, on the first day of January and July of each year, and to be so expressed in the face of each bond. The bonds authorized by this act shall be issued separately for each township, and specify in the face of same for what township issued, each bond shall be numbered and have attached thereto sixty coupons, each coupon to represent the interest that becomes due semi-annually on each of said bonds. The said bonds and coupons shall express upon their face that they are payable out of the taxes to be levied on the taxable property and polls of the respective township for which they are issued only, in order to pay the interest on any bonds under or by the provisions of this act. The county commissioners of Nash county shall on the first Monday after the election at which a bond issue in the respective townships, or any one of them, has been voted, and annually thereafter, levy a sufficient tax on the taxable poll and property of the respective townships, to be collected by the sheriff or tax collector of Nash county as other taxes are collected, and when collected shall be kept separate and used only for the payment of the interest on said bonds of the township same is collected. Fifteen years after date of said bonds it shall be lawful for and the duty of the Board of Commissioners of Nash county to levy, annually, on the taxable property and poll of each township a sufficient tax to create a sinking fund for the purpose of paying off and discharging the principal of said bonds when they shall become due."

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Section 30 of the act provides: "That nothing herein shall be construed to mean that any money raised from the sale of said bonds voted by any township shall be used or expended upon or in behalf of any other township than that one voting same, and the tax collected to meet the interest and provide the sinking fund for the township for which same are collected."

The remainder of the act provides for the election, etc.

The act is very long and in many places vague and ambiguous, while it provides for a Board of Commissioners for each township, their power is very limited and are liable to have much trouble and embarrassment. They are authorized to contract for machinery, teams, etc., but the treasurer is not allowed to pay any order for "an amount greater than one hundred dollars (\$100), until the same shall have first been presented to the Board of Commissioners of Nash county for its approval, and shall have been approved by it."

vided in each township or road district, the Board of Commissioners of Nash county shall direct the treasurer of Nash county to pay a reasonable attorney's fee for the labor done and services given in drawing this act, the amount thereof to be fixed by the Board of Commissioners to be apportioned equally among the road districts above named." The road commissioners of the various districts have no voice in fixing the attorney's fee but it is left with the county commissioners. The same is true as to leasing the sinking fund; the county commissioners are the ones to make the loans.

Section 26 reads as follows: "The Board of Commissioners of Nash county shall deliver to the treasurer of Nash county, to be held to the use and for the credit of the respective townships or road districts, voting bonds as aforesaid, the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds so voted by the respective townships or road districts, after deducting from said proceeds of sale the actual expenses of preparing, printing and lithographing the same and negotiating the sale of said bonds, which last item shall include attorney's fee to be fixed by the Board of Commissioners of Nash county for each road district."

Section 29 provides: "That the road commissioners of the several townships hereinbefore named shall have power and authority to make such rules and regulations as they may deem expedient and necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of this act as relates to their respective townships not inconsistent with or superior in authority to the provisions of this act. They shall have authority to employ in all matters wherein they deem it necessary, and pay such counsel out of the funds that may come into their hands."

Mr. Editor, I have pointed out the above features of the bill simply for the information of the voters of the various townships. I have had the impression that the provisions of the bill were quite different until I examined it. Thinking there might be some who do not know the provisions of the bill, I thought it might be well to give the information, that they might not act blindly; it is not my purpose to try to influence anyone in casting his ballot. It is up to every voter to act as to him seems right.

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