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SPECIAL LAW FOR ROAD BONDS.

An act to Authorize the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County to Issue Bonds in the Sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars to Build, Macadamize and Improve the Public Roads of Said County.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of building, grading, macadamizing and otherwise improving the public roads of Gaston County, the board of commissioners of said County is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to issue bonds of the county to an amount not exceeding Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.) in denominations not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) bearing interest from the date thereof, and not exceeding the rate of four per centum per annum, with interest coupons attached, payable semi-annually, at such time and places as may be directed by said board of county commissioners; such bonds to be of such form and tenor, and transferable in such way, and the principal thereof payable at such time or times, not exceeding thirty years from the date thereof, and at such place or places as the said Board of County Commissioners may determine: Provided, that none of the bonds authorized by this act shall be disposed of either by sale, exchange, hypothecation or otherwise for a less price than their face value.

SEC. 2. Such bonds and coupons shall be numbered and shall be signed by the Chairman of said Board of Commissioners and countersigned and attested by the Treasurer of said County and shall bear the corporate seal of said County.

SEC. 3. A record shall be kept by the said Board of Commissioners in a separate book for that purpose of all bonds sold, and to whom, the amount and date of sale, and the issuing of each bond and its number.

SEC. 4. In order to pay the interest on said bonds, create a sinking fund for taking up said bonds at maturity, and supporting the changing or convict force, and establishing, altering, and maintaining the public road and highways of said County in good condition, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, or other authorities vested with levying taxes for said County, shall annually compute and levy at the time of levying other county taxes a sufficient special tax on all polls, all real estate and personal property and all other subjects of taxation, which said Commissioners or other authorities now or hereafter may be allowed to levy taxes upon for any purpose whatever, always observing the constitutional equation between the tax on property and the tax on polls: Provided, there shall not be at any time levied in the county of Gaston for the purpose of road improvement and including all expenditures made necessary by this act, a tax greater than twenty five (25) cents upon the hundred dollars of property, and seventy (75) cents on each poll.

SEC. 5. That said taxes, when collected, shall be kept separate and apart from all other taxes and shall be used only for the purposes for which it was collected.

SEC. 6. That it shall be the duty of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston to annually invest any and all moneys arising from the special tax for sinking fund in the purchase of any of said bonds at a price deemed advantageous to said County by said Board of Commissioners, and to be agreed upon between them and the owners thereof. But in case said County bonds can not be purchased, the said Commissioners shall invest said sinking fund upon approved security and upon terms advantageous to said County.

SEC. 7. That any money of said sinking fund so loaned shall have the legal rate of interest in North Carolina, and any interest from said fund shall be annually invested in the same way.

SEC. 8. That the money arising from the sale of said bonds shall be used to purchase improved road working machinery, to survey, to lay out, grade, macadamize, improve and maintain the public roads of said county by contract or otherwise and in guarding and maintaining such convict force as may from time to time be assigned to work on said roads.

SEC. 9. That the bonds herein provided for shall be deposited in some safe deposit com-

pany or bank to be designated by said Board of Commissioners, and only drawn out on the joint order of the said Board of Commissioners, and the treasurer of said county, the proceeds of which shall be applied to the purposes as herein provided for.

SEC. 10. For the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the voter of Gaston county upon the question of issuing such bonds and improving the roads as provided for in this act, an election shall be held at all the voting precincts in said county of Gaston on the first Tuesday in May in the year one thousand nine hundred and five (1905,) it being the second day of the said month of May. At said election all voters in Gaston County, qualified to vote at said election may vote a written or printed ticket. Those who favor the purposes of this act shall vote a ticket with the words "For Road Improvements" written or printed thereon, and those who oppose the purposes of this act shall vote a ticket with the words "Against Road Improvements," written or printed thereon. And if a majority of the voters of Gaston County qualified to vote at said election shall vote "For Road Improvements," then the bonds provided for in this act shall be issued and sold according to the provisions herein contained. The said election shall be held in the manner provided by law for the election of members of the General Assembly, except as is otherwise or differently provided in this act. There shall be a new registration of said voters of said county for said election, and the registration books for said new registration shall be opened from the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and five (1905,) at twelve o'clock noon, and shall be closed on the 29th day of April, one thousand nine hundred and five (1905,) at sunset. The registrars and judges of election of each precinct shall meet at their respective precincts on Saturday the 29th day of April, one thousand nine hundred and five (1905) at nine o'clock a. m., and shall hear any complaint for refusing of registration and also all challenges which may be made against any person admitted to registration. But no name shall be erased from the registration list without notice to said person and a hearing, and said hearing may be had on said date, or at any day after the registration books shall have closed, to and including the day of election. The registrars and judges of election shall be appointed by

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Gaston at such time or times as said Board of Commissioners shall designate and appoint in the year nineteen hundred and six (1906) in the years nineteen hundred and seven (1907), nineteen hundred and eight (1908), and nineteen hundred and nine (1909): Provided that if at any such election a majority of the voters of said county qualified to vote in any such election shall vote "For Road Improvements," then no further election shall be held on said question but the Board of Commissioners of said county of Gaston shall proceed to issue and sell bonds of said county to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) in the manner and for the purposes specified here in before. There shall be a new registration for each and every election. Such elections shall be held in the manner provided by law for the election of members of the General Assembly except as is otherwise or differently provided in this act. The Board of Commissioners of Gaston county shall, at least forty days before any such election appoint one registrar and two judges of election for each precinct and a list of the persons so appointed shall be published for two weeks next succeeding this appointment in some newspaper published in said county. The registrar of each precinct shall be furnished with a registration book by said Board of Commissioners and it shall be his duty, between the hours of nine (9) o'clock a. m., and six (6) o'clock p. m., and sun set on each day (Sunday excepted) for twenty (20) days preceding the day for closing the registration books as herein after provided; to keep open said registration books for the registration of any electors residing within such precinct and entitled to registration. The said registration books shall be closed for registration at sun set on the second Saturday before each such election. On each Saturday during the period of registration the registrar shall attend with his registration book at the polling place in his precinct on the Saturday preceding the election from the hour of nine (9) o'clock a. m. to the hour of three (3) o'clock p. m., when and where the said books shall be open to inspection of the electors of the precincts and any of said electors shall be allowed to object to the name of any person appearing on said books: Provided, nothing herein contained shall prohibit any elector from challenging or objecting to the name of any person registering or offering to register at any other time than that above specified. Challenges or objections shall be heard and disposed of in the manner specified in the general election law of this state. At the close of the election in each precinct the votes shall be counted and returned, over the signatures of the registrar and judges of election, or a majority of them to the Board of Commissioners for the county of Gaston. Abstracts or blanks for this purpose shall be furnished by said Board of Commissioners and the registrar or one judge of election shall be chosen as a messenger to transmit the said returns. Said returns shall be executed in triplicate, and one copy shall be transmitted as aforesaid to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, one copy to the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County, and one

copy shall be retained by the registrar. On the Monday next succeeding the election, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston shall meet as a canvassing Board and shall receive the said returns of election, shall canvass and judicially pass upon the same, and shall declare the result of the election. If a majority of the voters of Gaston County, qualified to vote at such election shall have voted "For Road Improvements," then the bonds provided for in this act shall be issued and sold according to the provisions hereinbefore set forth.

SEC. 13. That, when the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston shall have issued and sold the bonds provided for in this act, said Board of Commissioners, shall thereafter levy no tax under the provisions of chapter five hundred and eighty-one (581), of the Public Laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (1889), and no fee labor on the roads of said county shall thereafter be required any person under the provisions of sections four, five, six or seven of said act or any other act.

SEC. 14. Immediately after the passage of this act the Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of the same to the Registrar of Deeds of Gaston County.

SEC. 15. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this 27th day of February, A. D., 1905.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

Raleigh, February 22nd, 1905.

I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached seven (7) sheets to be a true copy from the records of this office.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and added my official seal, done in office at Raleigh, this 22nd day of February in the year of our Lord 1905.

J. BRYAN GRIMES, Sec. of State.

Menigitis vs. Diphtheria.

The severe cerebro-spinal meningitis epidemic that cost 50 lives last spring and summer led to the recent discovery by Dr. Arthur J. Wolf, city bacteriologist, of his treatment for the disease by inoculating sufferers from meningitis with diphtheria antitoxin, causing the diphtheria germs to attack the meningitis germs and drive them from the body. In speaking of his theory, Dr. Wolf says: "The meningitis epidemic broke out early in April of last year. We had been having a good deal of diphtheria last spring and winter and I had been making many of the usual tests for the bacillus of diphtheria. I had noticed when the meningitis epidemic was well under way that diphtheria almost entirely disappeared. Along about August 1, when the epidemic died out diphtheria again appeared. This led me to think that the two diseases might war on each other and that the cure for meningitis might be found in the bacillus of diphtheria. Since then I have been carrying on experiments and have found my deduction quite borne out."

Dr. Wolf made public his discovery in December and one or two physicians have tried the treatment on meningitis sufferers since. Two of these patients seem to be recovering.

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For Housebreaking and Larceny.

Yorkville Register, Feb. 29th. A negro named Henry McEwee was committed to jail yesterday on the charge of housebreaking and larceny and with one leg pretty badly shot up. The negro had been breaking into the houses of some of his neighbors—at least his neighbors think he is the man—and a warrant was sworn out for his arrest. Magistrate Comer issued the warrant and his constable, Mr. Peters, being unable to serve it because of sickness at his home, Mr. John M. Davidson was deputized to make the arrest. Mr. Davidson had reason to expect trouble and he took some help along. The negro was found in a house at Sharon, and when he came out he had his hand in his hip pocket. The constables thought he was preparing to shoot, and one of them shot first, putting a charge of shot in his leg. After being shot, McEwee attempted to run and was finally held up at a wire fence, one of the bars passing through his lips. He is pretty sore, but otherwise is getting along very nicely.

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