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## A Road Tax Without

### Bonds or Debt.

In many counties the people are willing to vote a good roads tax but they do not want to create a bonded debt, or any debt, and to permit the people in any county to vote a road tax without debt or bonds there was passed at the special session of 1917 an act that allows any county to vote an annual tax in any sum not exceeding 20 cents on the one hundred dollars, to be used in building new roads and repairing old ones.

Already several counties have voted this tax and will collect it this year.

The tax can be voted either at a special election or the regular Nov. Election. Counties that want this tax can vote it by a majority vote at the next November election and have the benefit of it on the roads next year, as the Fiscal Court can borrow next spring 80 per cent of the amount the tax will raise and begin work on the roads early in the year, paying the borrowed money out of the tax collected in that year when collected; and under this act no debt can be created in any year that cannot be paid out of the tax collected in that year. The books must be balanced at the end of the year and there is no debt to be carried over. The money raised by this tax need not be used on inter-county-seat roads or State roads, but on any road or bridge the Fiscal Court wants built or repaired.

The tax voted may be 5, 10, 15 or 20 cents on the one hundred dollars, and it may be voted for one year or any number of years not more than ten.

All counties that want good roads without bonds or debt and cannot raise money enough under the present 50 cents tax to keep the roads in repair should vote this tax. Vote the 20 cents tax at the coming November election and begin your road work next spring. R.

## The State S. S. Convention

The Fifty-second Annual State Convention of the Sunday Schools of Kentucky will be held in Maysville, Oct. 16th to 18th.

Every Sunday School in the State is entitled to send three delegates.

A very attractive program has been prepared, which will contain something of interest for all who have any part in the Sunday Schools. The general theme will be "Christian Education for All."

Special rates for board for delegates can be secured at \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day. For reservations write to Prof. C. S. Dale, Maysville, Ky.

## To the Pen

At Winchester, Tom Alford, eighteen years old, was last week sent to the penitentiary for twenty-one years for the killing of Soerman Jewell sometime last summer.

Tom Alford is a son of George Alford, formerly of Clay City.

## Improve Your Lawns

The appearance of lawns and vacant lots may be greatly improved, and their production profitably increased, by planting ornamental or fruit trees, and in the next few weeks is the time to set out these trees. The ground is dry and time is not so rushed as in the spring.

H. T. Hillenmeyer & Sons, the old reliable Lexington nurserymen, have their fall catalogue ready and will gladly send a copy to all who request it. Their trees grow better in this climate than stock from southern or northern nurseries.

See their Fall Announcement in the Times, and send them an order.

## Newspaper Man Passes Away.

Mr. H. T. Schwab died of cancer at Morehead last week. Mr. Schwab was with the Morehead Mountaineer until it burned out some months ago, and at one time was connected with the Clay City Times.

He is survived by a wife and three children. He was thirty-two years old, and is well remembered here by those who knew him.

## Frost Again

Light frosts visited us Monday and Tuesday nights, again. No damage was done, but it reminded us that winter is just over the hill, and that we must get things ready for it.

The cool weather is good to ripen the corn, which has kept growing very late in the season on account of the good rains.

## Yarn is Coming

We learn that the Red Cross Supply House has notified the Chapter here that yarn would be sent soon, as it was enroute to the supply house.

There are 240 members in Powell county, and it is urged that everyone become a member, as funds are badly needed to pay for supplies for the soldiers.

## A Correction.

In setting up the Slade correspondence last week—the last item of it—we made the types to read "The first was 95 barrel well." This was wrong. Our correspondent wrote it—"a 5 barrel well." We mistook the a for a figure 9, hence the error.

## New Railroad Scales.

The railroad company is excavating preparatory to putting in new scales at the depot. The next improvement of the railroad for Clay City will be that new \$7,500 depot—we hope.

## New Fall Goods.

Hardwick & Company, Stanton merchants, have their fall ad in this issue. Read what they have to say and go buy your fall and winter goods. This firm handles up-to-date goods at fair prices.

## In Aviation Corps.

Bryce Kincaid, a former book-keeper for Brodhead Garrett Company, has joined the Government aviation corps and is now located at some point in Texas.

## A Perplexing Proposition.

The new method of assessment seems hard for most people to comprehend, and we have been asked to publish a synopsis of the law. The law seems to be very complex, and about all that we can gather from it is that the Commission at Frankfort makes the assessment, and it becomes the duty of the assessor to apportion it. This, of course, is pretty hard to do equitably, but it must be done. Farmers items of assessment have wonderfully increased, while the manufacturer's articles have greatly decreased. The farmer must now pay tax on chickens, turkeys, geese, bees and everything you can think of. The manufacturer pays on none of his raw products.

## County Helps.

The Fiscal Court Tuesday, allowed the Clay City and Furnace road directors \$113.12, this being the amount spent by them for vitrified clay tile culverts on the road out of this city up Hardwick's creek. The Court unanimously expressed itself in favor of making such allowances in every instance where the people go down into their pockets and make such stable improvements as has been done on the Hardwick's creek road. This sounds good and fair and means roads for Powell county.

## Make Another Trip.

Mr. T. J. Kirk and family, and Mr. John Kirk and family, took another trip in their auto, Sunday, visiting Mt. Sterling, Sharpsburg, Bethel, Shereburn, Flemingsburg, Poplar Plains, Hillsboro, Owingsville, and back through Mt. Sterling to home; making a pleasant run across a good portion of several counties—a 160 mile trip, one of the kind they frequently take, thanks to the blessing of the motor car.

## Educational Rally.

Our people should keep in mind the big educational rally to be held in this city Oct. 13th. This should be one of the big days of the year, and should be made one of the most profitable. Nothing should interest us so much as education, save Christianity. So let every person in the county come out and help to make this meeting a success.

## Public Sale

W. P. Wise, former merchant and postmaster at Union Hall, who recently purchased a nice Bluegrass farm near Winchester, will have a public sale of personal property at Union Hall, Wednesday, October 10th. See hand bills for particulars.

## Oct. Term of Fiscal Court

The Powell Fiscal Court convened at Stanton Tuesday for the Fall term. The regular routine of business is being gone over, and the usual claims allowed. The road situation will likely be threshed out fully at this session.

## Schools Reopen.

Schools in this portion of the county, including the city school reopened Monday after being closed down two weeks on account of diphtheria among the children.

## STANTON.

(By P. O. Derthick.)

Among these items are some written for last week, but crowded out then.

Mrs. Nora Spurlock visited this week at Bowen.

Robt. Blackburn is home with his family this week.

J. D. Atkinson visited his son Virgil at Bowen Sunday.

Ruth Maple of Irvine is visiting this week in Stanton.

Elijah Boyd of South Fork was here on business Tuesday.

A. T. Stewart has sold his fine horse to Marion Atkinson.

W. R. Catron of Kiddville was here Tuesday on business.

Rev. J. T. Adams is holding a meeting at Mountain Springs this week.

Henry Williams, of Clark county, visited his father, J. W. Williams the past week.

Prof. Giffen visited the schools this past week at Beattyville, St. Helens and Campton.

Mrs. A. T. Knox, of Rosslyn, one day last week was visiting Mrs. Margaret Vance.

Sherman Robbins and daughter, Miss Julia, were home over Sunday from Zachariah.

Burnham Skidmore of Rosslyn was here this past week mingling with his many friends.

T. C. Centers has bought a very fine saddle horse from his brother, Dr. Centers in Wolfe county.

Ada Johnson and Bertha Willoughby are visiting their uncle, Hugh Johnson, in Clark county.

George Lyle of Furnace passed thro' Stanton last week on his way to buy goods for his large store.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Piersall of Winchester were up last week to visit their sister, Mrs. Henry Tipton.

Dr. Johnson was called to Nada twice the past week, once to see Mrs. Mans Hall and next to see Mrs. Day.

Mrs. Ide Boone and Mrs. Lou Faulkner returned Tuesday from a visit to Mrs. Walter Thacker, at Bowen.

James Mott McDaniel and Judge Gourley, of Beattyville, were here on legal business this past week.

Robert Baker, who is working in the oil fields in the South Fork country, was home with his family, Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Law of Lexington, is visiting her brother and sister, Wm. Hardwick and Mrs. Sarah Blackburn.

Misses Marie Pettit and Abbie Rogers, of Clay City, were here one day last week visiting Miss Bird Blount.

Dr. J. E. Lemming made a pleasure trip up into Ohio this past week, visiting at Hamilton and Dayton.

Elias Shackelford and Mae Russell, of Middletown, O., visited with their uncle, Tom Centers, this past week.

Mrs. Anna Sewell and baby returned to their home at Jackson, Saturday, after several days visit with home folks.

## Steel Companies must

### Quit Stealing.

Last week the daily press carried dispatches from Washington to the effect that the Government had cut the price of steel in half. The price is the same to the consumer as to the Government. If the Government is as slow putting this law into effect as it is some other laws it has made, the steel cooperations will soon be too rich to care.

Mrs. Emma Kash, who has been visiting with her sisters, was called home by telegram Tuesday. We have not learned particulars.

Richard Crowe was at Bowen over Sunday where he and Bro. Pugh closed their revival meeting, having had a fine meeting.

T. C. Johnson, of Tallega, was here last week looking at his farm where Nelson Blount lives, and took dinner with the family.

J. H. Hardwick, of Winchester, was here this past week looking after his business and visiting his mother, Mrs. Bettie Hardwick.

C. E. Johnson, who is working for John Ashley at Winchester, visited with his children and home folks over Sunday on Hatchers creek.

E. G. Cowgill spent Thursday night with his wife's home folks the past week. Mrs. Cowgill returned to her home in Lexington, Saturday.

Eben Ewen has diphtheria. Dr. Johnson says there is less danger taking it if children go to school than if they stay home and play on the streets.

Rev. J. K. Giffen left Tuesday night for Pittsburg, Pa., to be gone a week. He goes to attend a Board Meeting of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Bettie Johnson attended the Missionary Meeting of the United Presbyterian Church, at Hamilton, Ohio, last week, going as delegate from the society here.

Mrs. Mollie Crawford and her daughter Martel, of Jackson, are visiting home folks this week. Mr. Crawford was here over Sunday, returning to Jackson Monday.

Mrs. Spencer and son, Mrs. Coldiron, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord, C. C. Boller and Doc Dehart and wife visited at the home of Nelson Blount, across the river last Sunday.

Romulus Jackson had the misfortune to have one of his heifers struck by a passenger train one day this past week, breaking one of its hind legs so that it had to be killed.

Jack Treadway hurt his back quite badly one day last week by lifting on some heavy logs. As Jack has not been in town for several days he must be laid up in the house.

Rev. Willis Craft, of Clay City, teacher in Stanton College, will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday night. This will be Mr. Craft's first sermon in Stanton, and let us all go out to hear him.

The canning factory is running full blast and large runs of tomatoes are put up, something along 3,600 cans a day. If frost holds off a few days longer the factory will have a large output this year.

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