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NEW KANSAS ROAD LAW IN

METHOD OF WORK.

Township Board Is in Charge of the

adopted by the recent l-gislature was sons for which such labor was the one changing the method of working payment of road tax. Such receipt country roads. It took effect by pub- shall be received by the county treaslication last week. The scope and urer in payment of road taxes charged purport of the law seems to be that against the lands or persons described and all road district boundaries are townships where the same may be obliterated. The entire control and paid in labor, as hereinbefore providsupervision of sil roads in a township ed, which remain unpaid on the 15th are placed in the township board, day of September shall be returned to whose members may, if they choose, the county clerk who shall charge the appoint not to exceed four road overseers at a salary of two dollars a day lots or personal property on the counto assist the board in the necessary ty tax roll for the current year. work upon the highways.

No change has been made regardoverseers as formerly. All taxes assessed for road purposes are to be the levy adopts a resolution that the came shall be paid in work.

The law will necessarily disturb the give cause for complaint, but doubtis in full as follows:

Section 1. The township board, said contract. consisting of the township trustee, clerk and treasurer of each municipal township of this state, shall be and ity to divide their respective townthe same are hereby made commis- ships into not more than four road respective townships; and all roads number and boundaries of the same shall be under the direct control of not to exceed four in number, and the township commissioners of roads shall appoint one road overseet for and fighways except incorporated each district; all road overseers shall cities of more than 600 inhabitants make full itemized and swown reports and they are hereby authorized to ap- to the commissioners of roads and point one or more roadoverseers as highways on the last Monday of April necessity may require, who shall and October in each year, reporting serve for a term of two years unless all work done by them, days worked, discharged for cause by said commis- giving dates of same, of moneys colsioners of roads and highways, and lected by them, how expended, and shall receive a salary of two dollare all information said commissioners or per day for each day's actual service roads and highways may require; and for as many days each year as said for failure to make said report or any commissioners may direct.

chall be paid in cash and collected as Mon not authorized by the board. provided for in relation to other taxes; Section 6. No road overseer in for in this act, adopt a resolution that and maintain a bridge or culvert at bereinafter provided.

been determined, as hereinbafore pro- shall be so construed as to prevent vided, that said tax may be paid in the requiring of each male resident labor, the county clerk shall, on or between the ages of twenty-one and before the first day of January next forty-five years from performing two after said tax shall have been levied, days labor on the highway as now furnish to the commissioners of roads provided by law. and highways, in the township in Section 8. For the purpose of carwhich such tax shall have been levied, rying out the provisions of this act a list of all taxable real estate and the commissioners of roads and highpersons charged with taxes on per- ways shall recommend to the county sonal property, within their respec-tive townships, and the amount of state on or before the first day of road tax chargeable to each tract or August of each year a levy of not person. The said tax may then be more than five mills on the dollar on paid in labor under the direction of all the property in such township, the commissioners of roads and high- and it shall be the duty of the county ways of the township in which the clerk to place said levy on the tax property is situated, by any able rolls of said county; provided that no bodied man at the rate of one dollar provision of this act shall be construed and fifty cents per day, and the same to supercede any special sot.

LEGISLATURE HAS CHANGED amount shall be allowed for a two horse team and wagon or team and plow. It shall be the duty of the commissioners of roads and highways to receipt to each person who per-Roads of the Entire Township- forms labor on public highways, in Complete Law As Now on Statute their township, under the provisions of this act, for the amount of labor so performed, and such receipt shall One of the most important laws specify the land or lands or the perall road overseers' offices are vacated therein for the year, and all roads in

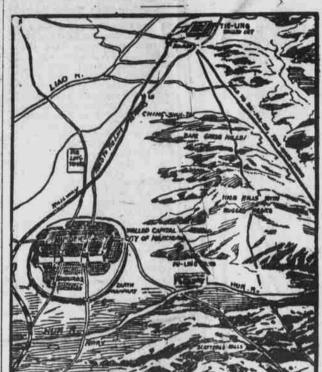
Section 4. Said commissioners of roads and highways shall have entire ing poll taxes, save that the working control and general supervision of all thereof will be under the supervision roads and highways in their respecof the township board instead of road tive townships, and all tools, implements and road machinery, together with all materials for the construcpaid in money unless the township tion of culverts and bridges, shall be board at the time of recommending purchased by the commissioners of roads and highways; and such commissioners are hereby empowered to let by contract to the lowest responold order of things and for a time aible bidder any road work in their township where they deem it adviless when once in operation the new able to do so after first having given system will far surpass the old in due notice of the letting of such congiving satisfactory roads. The law tracts; provided, however, that said which should be read by every farmer commissioners or any of them shall not be financially interested in any

Section 5. The commissioners of roads and highways shall have authorsioners of road and highways of their districts with power to change the neglect of duty, commissioners of Section 2. All taxes assessed for roads and highways may discharge the purpose of constructing and main- such road overseers; provided that no taining public roads and highways, road overseer shall incur any obliga-

and whon so collected, the county this state shall make or cause to be treasurer shall pay the same to the made any ditch more than two feet treasurer of the township or city from deep without the consent and apwhich said taxes are collected to be proval of the commissioners of roads used exclusively for road purposes; and highways; and in any case where unless the commissioners of road and a ditch one foot deep or more shall be when they meet to recom- made in front of any residence prop mend the levy of the tax, provided crty, the road overseer shall construct the same shall be paid in work, in the usual entrance connecting said which case such tax shall be worked residence property with the public out under the direction of the com- highway so as to make a good and missioners of roads and highways, as substantial crossing over any ditch so made.

Section S. Whenever it shall have Section 7. Nothing in this act

Typer Childs.
At the Lutheran parsonage by Rev.



TIM HERSEY EXPRESSES THANKS FOR CITY'S GIFT.

founder of Abilene, for the cemetery lot on which in early days were

CASTLE BOOK Wash , Feb. 27 .- I caught a bad cold four weeks ago and la grippe came to help it on, hence my delay in writing in rep.y to your kind favors to which will now try and year, 1882.

I feel grateful to Green Lamb for giving you the information about the



the slightest doubt in my mind now. I also received the deed for the lot in the cemetry. Thanks, thanks, with Solling my team I arrived here Dec.,

others will remember him.

I received a nice letter from John old chap yet. Irwin which I answered yesterday,

nature had made it, all the Indians then being friendly. My taste for the great misery, so much so that I fear wild was then and there contracted and I shall never outlive it. Thus it ter for Friend Martin. What I have was that in 1881, when Kansas he-blocked out covers too much for me came settled up. I found I could not to finish with my poor defuset hand. stand it so rented my mill near Cawker City and started for the Tongue B. Bergstreeps: Saturday evening were married Miss Heles Typer and who has been making a fine record country, all unsettled except stock to that the good wishes of a host of friends.

They will reside on West Third.

Issue high school's brightest stodents mill machinery, 800 miles to that the property of the good wishes of a host of friends.

She was born in Regiand but has lived in Dickinson many years. Posers of the good wishes of a host of friends.

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Patronies abliene Steam laundry.

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A few weeks ago the city council the spring of 1882 I went back with made out a deed to T. F. Hersey, the eight loaded teams. Taking machinery for both saw and flour mill, including two turbine water wheels, buried his three children. J. B. Ed- I improved a water power, built a wards has received this letter of ap- flume 400 feet, set turbine wheel and was sawing lumber in 59 days. A and some wheat was raised, so pushed J. C. Lightner. No nomination for C. A. Case few settlers had come in during 1881 up the flow will to completion and was grieding wheat by Nov. 1st that year, 1882.

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went into debt for some imported S. Anderson. J. E. Keel was nomistock. In 1891 I had 240 head of nated for councilman over Ward stock and was offered \$8,000 for stock Davis. F. G. Puliver was nominated P. W. Heath and ranch which was not over one- by acclamation. C. C. Wyandt was Jas. Adams helf of its value, and which, of course, named for ward committeeman. C. E. Shadinger I did not take. In 1893 the panic Robert Korns judge and J. H. Giles J. A. Hopkins came and Tim west up. My health clerk were appointed to conduct pri- G. B. Kirk failed so I turned over everything except one team and \$600 cash, with which I started to go overland to Los Angeles, California, where my family had moved. I stopped in Denver, meeting an old friend that had been mining for twenty years. He per- over P. G. Hoffman. suaded me to stop and go to prospecting for the winter. I felt sure we had something good and kept on until my \$600 was all blowed in, but stayed there and kept prospecting until 1901 when I was taken sick. The doctor told me I had only a short time to live and had better go to my family native stone. There does not remain Los Angeles and received no reply; wrote to Cawker City and found my son had moved to Castle Rock, Wash. 1891; was absent from my family Jerry Baldwin left Abilene about from 1882 until 1901. In 1892 I rethe time you came. Mr. Nicolay and ceived a fall, breaking both feet and left ankle joint, but am quite a lively

My trouble in Colorado was catarrh and also sent him my picture. Nearly of the stomach, but I am perfectly all of my old Irish friends have crossed cured here. I wrote John Irwin if I

the poncil a short time that I write in great misery, so much so that I fear I shall have to give up preparing matter for friend Martin. What I have Kind regards to all,

T. F. HERSEY.

George Eyer, who was one of Abilane high school's brightest atodents mill machinery, 500 miles to that

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ABILÈNE'S CITY CAMPAIGN, PART OF TICKET NOMINATED.

First ward H. L. Miller Second ward J. E. Keel Third ward H. A. Lott Fourth ward A. R. Elwick	Elwick for cound for schoolboard mation. L. D. A. Price clerk w
FOR MEMBERS SCHOOLSOARD. First ward (Ind.). Theo Nuss Becond ward. F. G. Puliver Third ward. J. A. Turts Fourth ward. H. E. Ackers	was musull man

The Republican ward caucuses were held in the several wards last night and were well attended. The proceedings were:

First ward-C. W. Parker chairman, J. B. Favor secretary. H. L. Miller was nominated for council over

in 1883 I sold both mills, taking man, C. A. Case secretary. Delegates horses and mules for pay; took up and improved 300 acres of land and C. C. Wyandt, H. K. Humphrey, W.

> Third ward-M. P. Jolley chair- P. H. Halleck man, H. W. Jacobs secretary. H. A. Lott was nominated for council over G. S. S. Smith W. Schreiner and W. A. Landes; J. A. C. C. Towner Tufts was nominated for schoolboard Dr. N. W. Hayes Chas. Cooley

ick for council and H. E. Ackers schoolboard nominated by accistion. L. D. Minner judge and W. Price clerk were appointed to cont primarles.

he delegates chosen for the city

FIRST	WARD.
Delegates	Alternates
J. B. Favor	B. W. Hayes
J. Sauer	Geo. Snyder
W. Messenger	J. B. Ramsey
C. W. Parker	J. Tout
L. Lips	G. B. Gish

SECOND WARD. Joseph White Douglas Simpson Ward Davis J. E. Brewer O. B. Landes J. A. Graves. J. A. Wilkie J. N. Burton

THIRD WARD. D. F. Keller J. G. Landes G. W. Schreiner M. L. Dobkins J. P. Powell T. Mitchner W. T. Davidson G. F. Jones FOURTH WARD.

A. R. Elwick L. D. Minner J. P. Quinn Wm. Shane S. Gips

PROPOSITION TO VOTE TAX FOR CITY LIBRARY SUPPORT.

brary was circulated by the library association Saturday afternoon and in a short time received the required 50 signstores of tax-payers. Not a person refused as it was recognized as a most worthy movement. The matter will be voted on at the coming election and if carried the council will to itself to see that this proposition

The law providing for such levy is: maintenance, or maintenance, of such anyone.

A petition asking that at the city and reading-room, the mayor and city council shall annually thereelection be submitted a proposition to levy a one mill tax for the public library was circulated by the library and second class, and not to exceed two and one-half mills on the dollar property in such city; such tax to be levied and collected in a like manner with other taxes of said city, and to be known as the 'library fund.'

The city owes it to the library and carries. It should not be thought The law providing for such levy is:

"That upon the written polition of fifty tax-payers of any city, presented to the mayor and city council shall outset to be submitted to the legal would friend who I knew in Kausas 40 model in 1834 to northern Illinois on Rock River. The Black Hawk war had just closed one year before. Of course the country then was just as nature had made it, all the Indians could spend one week in Dickinson country in Dickinson of the written polition of fifty tax-payers of any city, presented to the mayor and city council shall ocurse to be submitted to the legal voters of such city, at the first city election thepseafter, or, if the petition so requests, at a special election to be called for that purpose, the quastion of the establishment and maintainance out books and this privilege alone will support the library. It will just about the mayor and city council shall to make it a success to use the money they raise to buy books. If this tax is carried the library will be absolutely from the written polition of fifty tax-payers of any city, presented to the mayor and city council shall to make it a success to use the money of the certain the fifty tax-payers of any city, presented to the mayor and city council shall to make it a success to use the money of the certain the fifty tax-payers of any city, presented to the mayor and city council shall to make it a success to use the money of the certain the fifty tax-payers of any city, presented to the mayor and city council shall to make it a success to use the money of the cut of the mayor and city council shall to make it a success to use the money of the success that the small amount raised will sup-

> Mrs. James Strachan Dead Mrs. James Strachan died at her

A telegram from Osawatomie says [The State Historical Society has home near Bonacoord this morning that Harry P. Morley, formerly of family. He was a brother of Mrs. Eliza Peck and Mrs. G. Bolnson of this city and had many friends here.