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Modification of laws is one way to make the lawless, law abiding and at the same time pour money into the public treasury.

Maryland has a law allowing betting on horse races at race tracks. According to law you have to go to the race track to bet legally. This betting at the tracks pays a big revenue to our State Treasury.

It is needless to say that as a result the State is over run with illegal betting places. People who are unable to go to the track, go to these illegal places and bet. Much of this goes on and it pays no revenue to the state.

Now there is talk of legalizing the "bookies," that is making it legal for these betting places to operate, elsewhere than at the tracks and licensing them like they do at the tracks. It is claimed that this would pay a large dividend to the State.

Another illegal gambling device that goes on is the lotteries. Probably these are being operating in every state in the Union. In some of the cities it has become a big business. Claims are made that if this were legalized and taxed that it would pay large dividends to the states.

It is needless to rehash the subject of prohibition. It is claimed that were the sale of intoxicating beverages were taxed it would pay an enormous revenue to the government.

We could keep on enumerating the many ilegal businesses that are done on a very large scale, and all of which tax free. Were these illegal businesses taxed, it is claimed that they would almost half the present tax burden.

Would these people operating these businesses welcome them being legalized. Yes, it is claimed that most of them would welcome their business being made lawful. Most of them are grafted on so much by racketeers and dishonest officials that they would like the law for protection.

People who believe in keeping these above mentioned business outlawed, have many arguments for their reason. They admit that the unlawful businesses are operated on a large scale, but they also claim that by keeping these businesses on the back streets, and by keeping them from advertising, that they remove the temptations from the public to a great extent. They believe the price paid for these laws are worth the price.

One big example is the present personal finance business. These people specialize in small loans to families. These loans are made with household furniture as a security.

Prior to about 1918 the lawful rate of interest was only six per cent. People that were unable to borrow money from banks were either forced to do without a loan or else search out a loan shark. With these loan sharks they were charged unreasonably. If they wanted fifty dollars they were forced to sign a note for seventy-five or a hundred. They paid six per cent on this and were charged heavily when they went to renew the note.

This evil finally came to the attention of a wealthy woman and when she died she left a large sum of money to the Russell Sage Foundation to investigate the business and try to find a remedy.

No one was more interested in the investigation than the loan sharks themselves. It is reported that they finally steered the investigation. The result was that they allowed money lenders to charge 42 per cent on chattel loans up to three hundred dollars. This law was finally adopted by many of the states and today nearly all the states of the United States have this small loan law. Included in the law is the clause that allows no charge for the money whatsoever other than the 42 per cent. This rate includes all fees and allows no compounding of interest.

The loan shark was supposed to have been put out of business, but the same people are in business today operating under the new law. They are obligated to be vigilants and report anyone doing an illegal loan business. It was all to be a wonderful thing.

But, now they advetise and actually force money on people they think they can collect from. The business has grown by leaps and bounds and is reported to now be the sixth largest business in the United States. It still has some of the old evil and reaches many more people than it did before it was legalized. So, contend the enemies of the lotteries, etc., if these unlawful businsses were allowed to operate in the open, they would reach a much greater percentage of the people than they do now.

There seems to be no excitement what-so-ever about the town election that is to be held here next month. Generally a spirited contest is waged, but it looks as though the present incumbents can be reelected without opposition if they CHOOSE TO RUN. Maybe however, we are speaking too soon.

This Week's Cartoon



Odd - But True



CROSSING'EM UP - by LEE CROSS



WORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor, of Wilmington, were the guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor Sunday.

Mrs. George Ashley, of Rock Hall, spent the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. S. J. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Urie, of Rock Hall visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams Friday.

Mrs. Barney R. Cooper who has been quite sick for the past month is convalescent.

Miss Bernice Carter spent last week end with Miss Dorothy Ivens.

Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews entertained Mr. George Matthews, of Bridgeton, N. J., and Miss Ann Matthews, of Palmyra, over the week end.

Mr. J. A. Money and son, Albert, of Kennedyville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sewell J. Lee Sunday.

The young folks had lots of fun sleighing and coasting last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Starr and children of, Quaker Neck, visited her sister, Mrs. Mowbray Hadaway, Sunday.

Miss Laura Stubbs has returned to her home in Henderson after spending some time with Miss Esther Clayville.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jewell entertained the folowing at a turkey dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Joiner, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Joiner, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baxter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joiner and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harris and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Joiner and sons and Miss Ann Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Duyer spent Sunday with Mr. W. O. B. Knight and family, of near Blacks.

Miss Clara Matthews visited friends in Wilmington over the week end.

Mrs. Alan Rouse, of Philadelphia, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Williams several days last week.

Mr. H. M. Matthews is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wolf, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burris are visiting their daughter, Ms. Mowbay Hadaway and family.

Miss Sarah Carter, of Wilmington, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carter several days this week.

Ms. John Duyer, Mrs. George Ashley Mrs. Joseph Duyer, Mrs. O. Needles and Mrs. Henry Rasin spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mr. Frank Crouch and Mrs. Sallie Simmons, of Warwick, visited Mrs. Margaret Duyer Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor were the guest of relatives at Grasonville Thursday.

...T FIRES IN KENT

A re...port from the State Department ...Forestry showed that there were ...orest fires reported during the year 1932. There were 47 acres of woodland burned at an estimated damage of $178. The expense in connection with the fires was $31.95.

Of the five fires, three were reported to have been started by smokers and two as the result of burning brush.

In the State there were 1,265 fires that burned 16,711 acres and did damage estimated at $48,952.24. The expense in connection with these fires was $15,071.99.

Of the causes 465 were attributed to smokers and 324 to brush fires.

GALENA

Mr. L. R. Vansant spent a few days last week with daughter, Mrs. John H. Ahern in Millington, Md.

Miss Agnes Jarman, of Baltimore, Md., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jarman.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gambrill and children, of Wilmington, Del., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Pennington.

Misses Kathyrn Thornton, Nellie Dempsey spent Tuesday of this week in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Richard Redding and Miss Lucille Parr, spent Monday with friends in Chestertown, Md.

Miss Blanche Williams is spending this week with relatives in Chesapeake City, Md.

Mrs. Annie E. Ireland who has been quite sick at her home is much improved at this writng.

The Willing Workers Sunday School Class are planning a "George Washington," Social on the evening of 22nd of February.

Mrs. Mildred McCauley and Misses Eva and Mary McCauley, of Philadelphia, Pa., were week end guests of the ir mother, Mrs. Eva McCauley.

Miss Kathyrn Thornton spent last Sunday with relatives in Warwick, Md.

The Locust Grove Ladies Aid Society was entertained at home of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Atkins last Friday evening.

The 4-H Club met at the home of Mike Freeman, near town last Thursday evening.

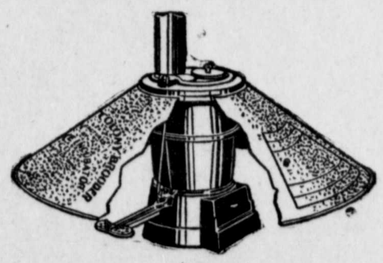
Little Patsy Cochran, of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting her grand-mother, Mrs. Wilson Cochran.

Miss Mageline Hall daughter of Mrs. Alice Hall, of near Chesapeake City, and formally of Galena, was buried in Galena cemetery" in Sunday, February 12, 1933.

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