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Hon. R. H. Walker, Speaker
House of Representatives
Montgomery Ala.
Dear Sir:

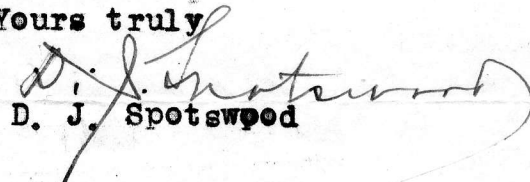
Prominent individuals in our national and state legislatures have great influence in shaping legislation. I am therefore directing your special attention to the unjust, unreasonable load of taxation which the county of Mobile and other counties are subjected to by the idiotic attempt to enforce the equally idiotic prohibition laws with which the State of Alabama is cursed. No body wants these laws enforced- not even the politicians and prohibitionists who voted for them; because they are alleged to be consuming as much of the illegal booze as those citizens who voted against the state prohibition laws. Now, I have stated a fact which must be evident to all intelligent citizens.

Do you not think it is about time that members of the legislature and the executive administration should, at least, make an effort to relieve the people of the excessive burden of taxation by allowing local option, which is the real spirit of true democracy, that revenue may be derived from the flood of illegal liquor now being sold in every section of the state.

Remember the citizens have elected you to office, believing in your honor and integrity. They have entrusted to your care the most important element of civilization: the enacting laws and regulations to protect the sacred rights of ALL THE PEOPLE, making secure: Life, Liberty and pursuit of Happiness in the State of Alabama.

Under same enclosure you will find a clipping from the local paper setting forth the glaring neglect of representatives from this county of the interests of their constituents. This may be the case in many other counties if the facts were known. SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT.

Yours truly


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE LAWYERS AND 'LAW'

Editor, The Mobile Press Register:

A citizen comments: "A lawyer legislator from Mobile county has been talking for six months about 'what he was going to do.' And his only accomplishment so far was obtaining \$825 of county funds for a friend."

"That's nothing! Mobile has three lawyer representatives in the legislature. The sheriff of Mobile county has been making liquor search and seizure raids at the rate of from \$4,000 to \$5,000 worth per month. And three lawyers haven't even introduced a bill requiring a trial and conviction before the sheriff may collect his search and seizure fee."

Can anyone now deny that the law was made by the lawyers for the lawyers and sheriff of Mobile county? Many other counties in Alabama require trial and conviction before the taxpayer's leg is pulled.

Probably some day, after the legislature shall have finished its Rip Van Winkle slumber, and when they wake up, the taxpayers' legs shall have been phenomenally lengthened by the pulling. Then they will equal in height the Mohammedan angels who are said to be 30 feet tall. Job

isn't in it with these taxpayers for patience! They seem to just loll around drinking the tax-free booze of the "devil." The sheriff seems to be pushing along a "very good thing." Who'll head him off?

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STERILIZATION

Editor, The Mobile Press Register:

Dear Sir—In your issue of June 23, A. W. Lundberg opposes sterilization on the ground that the commonwealth has no right to a medical opinion. Let him discuss this question which he calls a medical opinion with any livestock breeder in the state. I think he will find they want to breed from their best animals, and not from their defectives and scrubs.

Why should society force the unfortunate and handicapped women to continue bearing children when they want to and ought to stop? I believe a selective sterilization act, conservatively and sympathetically administered, is one of the greatest humanitarian measures that can be adopted.

Here in California the state institutions have sterilized more than 10,000 insane and feeble-minded patients during the past 26 years with results satisfactory to everyone. Since the operation does not unsex, it is not a punishment but a protection, and as such is in many instances eagerly sought by the patients and their relatives.

Cordially yours,

THE HUMAN BETTERMENT
FOUNDATION,

E. S. Gosney, President.
Pasadena, Calif., July 16.