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**Validity of License Law.**—The much noted decision of the trial judge in the Indiana case of *State v. Sopher* that a statute licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is unconstitutional on the ground that the traffic in such liquors is dangerous and hurtful to society and therefore wrong and cannot be licensed receives a black eye in the decision of the Supreme Court in reviewing this case, *Sopher v. State*, 81 Northeastern Reporter, 913. The court points out that it is only the unrestricted and unregulated traffic in intoxicating liquors which the courts in general have regarded as tending to pernicious or evil results, and that license laws have been generally upheld as valid.

**Guessing on Result of Elections as a Lottery.**—According to *Waite v. Press Publishing Association*, 155 Federal Reporter, 58, the scheme in a guessing contest as to the number of votes to be cast at a presidential election involves such an element of chance as to be properly classed as a lottery. The Circuit Court of Appeals says that in so great a vote the necessary margin of chance would be so large that no element of skill or experience could operate to affect the result. While one skilled in national politics and conversant with existing conditions might make a closer estimate than one wholly ignorant, yet, after all, the successful persons in such a contest would be but makers of lucky guesses in which skill and judgment could play no effective part.

**Effect of Bankrupt Assigning Future Wages.**—In *Citizens' Loan Ass'n v. B. & M. R. R. Co.*, 82 Northeastern Reporter, 696, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts held that assignment of wages, to be earned in an existing employment, given before bankruptcy without fraud and upon sufficient consideration to secure a valid subsisting debt and duly recorded, was a lien preserved by Bankruptcy Act, July 1, 1898, unaffected by discharge in bankruptcy.

**Liability of Supreme Tent of Lodge for Injuries to Member during Initiation.**—In the case of *Thompson v. Supreme Tent, Knights of Maccabees of the World*, 82 Northeastern Reporter, 141, the Court of Appeals of New York decided that the Supreme Tent of a beneficial association may be sued for personal injuries sustained by a prospective member at the hands of a local tent during the course of his initiation.

**Death of Court Stenographer before Making Up Record.**—That the court stenographer had died during the time allowed defendant for an appeal, before the transcription of his notes necessary to prepare the record, and that no one could be found to transcribe them, was held by the Supreme Court of Oklahoma in *Butts v. Anderson*, 91 Pacific Reporter, 907, not a ground for new trial.