PUBLICATION OF COUNTY EXPENDITURES.

(Chapter 332, Senate Bill 215.)

The general law requires each county of the State to publish annually a detailed, minute and accurate statement of the expenses of the county in at least two newspapers. An exception is made in the case of Howard County, which, instead of being required to publish such statements, may deliver copies thereof to the taxpayers when they pay their tax bills.

Senate Bill 215 exempts Garrett County entirely from the provisions of this law.

I think that the requirements of the law as it exists are important and salutary, and. that no county ought to be exempted from giving the publicity to its expenditures for which the law provides. Accordingly, this bill will be vetoed.

RACING COMMISSION.

(Chapter 476, House Bill 611.)

The present law provides that in addition to licensing racing for not more than 100 days during the year, the Racing Commission may license county fairs to hold meets of not more than five days each year. The original law, passed in 1920, contained a special provision to the effect that the county fair in Washington County should be entitled to hold two meets of five days each, with betting privileges, every year.

House Bill 611 provides that the Frederick County Fair shall also be entitled to hold two meets of five days each, with betting privileges, every year.

After conferring with the State Racing Commission, I have concluded to veto this bill. No exception to the Commission's discretionary power over county race meets has been made since the original one in 1920 in favor of Washington County. With that one exception the law on the subject has continued uniform throughout the State. The Commission now allows 90 racing days at the four mile tracks each year, with eight additional days for charity, and they feel that five days a year for each of the county fairs is sufficient. The Commission has the power to authorize betting privileges during these five-day meets. If House Bill 611 becomes a law, then other county fairs will undoubtedly attempt to secure similar mandatory provisions. It seems