

THE LINCOLN SYSTEM

Is the New Plan a Good One? Some of Its Weak Points.

The agitation of the Crawford or as it was called in its amended form, the Lincoln system of voting, had its origin in a proper desire to rescue municipal politics from some of the abuses that, for years, have been practiced. The movement was started and carried to a successful issue by a most reputable element of the party. Those who were active in this movement honestly believed it to be in the interest of genuine reform. For these reasons, and for the additional reason that there are unquestionably, many good points in the new system, The Courier did not see fit to interpose any objection in the way of its adoption. It is well that the plan is to be given a trial.

Since the central committee in obedience to the expressed will of the majority of the party decided to make a trial of the new system, The Courier has given the subject some consideration, with the result that there appears to be some valid objections to the Lincoln scheme. The prediction is freely made that before another city election is held the plan will be materially changed or dispensed with altogether. Some of the objections seem to be:

That it puts a premium on the politician. The citizen who has not made a business of politics has, practically, no chance of receiving a nomination. The young man and the citizen who has not a large political acquaintance in every ward in the city is at a great disadvantage. The political roustabout, whose name is in everybody's mouth, is the man who will get the votes.

That it makes it possible for an office holder to remain in office indefinitely. Frank Waters, police judge, is almost certain to receive the highest number of votes at the primaries by reason of his prominence acquired through his four years' service, and should he be a candidate again two years from now under the Lincoln system, he would be in the same position.

That it will enable the corporations employing large numbers of men to combine their forces and insure the nomination of their candidate. For instance, suppose the corporations desired to have a certain man nominated for water commissioner; the officers of the various railroad companies, gas and electric light company, street railway company, telephone company, etc., call up their employes in the various wards and issue a formal order to vote for so-and-so. A combined movement of this sort would insure the nomination of the corporation candidate, particularly if there were seven or eight or fifteen or twenty other candidates for the same office, and the corporations would see that there were plenty of candidates.

That a very small minority of the party may make a nomination. There were, approximately, twenty candidates for water commissioner. The average republican vote in this city is a little under 4,000. Suppose these votes were evenly divided among the twenty candidates at the primary election. Each would receive about 200 votes. One candidate might receive, say 225, and get the nomination—225 votes out of 4,000. It is doubtful if the successful candidate for the nomination for water commissioner in the coming contest will get more than 600 votes. He may get considerably less. He would then be made the nominee of the party, with, say 3,500 republicans opposed to him. This would encourage bolting. His chances of election might be rendered hazardous by a little clever work on the part of the democrats.



FRANK G. BARNETT.  
(From "The Pacemaker.")

SNIDE TALKS WITH GIRLS.

BY SUE TRASHMORE.

(Written for The Courier.)

MAUD—I would hardly say that it is proper for a young lady to sit on a young man's lap during his first call.

X. Z. L.—The polite way to eat bread is to break off a small piece, with the buttered side up, and convey to your mouth with as little publicity as possible. Do not take a whole slice of bread at one bite.

MISTLETOE—You ask me, "What shall I do with my handkerchiefs when they are soiled?" A good plan is to wash them. I have tried this with excellent results.

ANXIOUS FRIEND—No well bred girl would accept mowing machines or barreled pork from her men friends. It is proper for her to receive marshmallows or W. D. Howells' novels, tho' I do not like the idea of my girls' taking too much excitement at one time.

A SUBSCRIBER—You say that in Lincoln the young gentlemen do not know when to leave after making a call, and you want me to tell you how to get rid of them without giving offense. I am surprised, my dear, at Lincoln's provincialism. No self-respecting gentleman will remain after 12 o'clock, midnight, if it is a formal call, or after 3 a. m., if the call be friendly or informal. I remember in my girlish days there would be forty or fifty gentlemen calling of an evening. When it was time for them to go I would tell them so. If that did not prove effective I would have the servants come in and take up the carpets and remove the furniture; also bricky-brack. In extreme cases I would call the police.

O. H. B.—The custom of passing a wash-basin, soap and towel to each guest at dinner before the soup is brought in is now obsolete. The guests are supposed to have performed their ablutions before arriving at your house. Then, under the old plan, so many of the guests put the soap in their pockets that it proved too expensive.

You'll never realize what "real good bread" is until you have made it of Shogo flour.

AT REGULAR PRICES.  
By special arrangement the big metropolitan attraction, "The Merry World," which will be seen at the Lansing next week, will be given at regular prices, 25, 50, 75c and \$1. Most people who have seen this show in the big cities have paid \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Purple Pansy, Her Majesty's Perfume, is the gentlemen's favorite amongst the latest odors. At Riggs drug store. Twelfth and O sts.

Report of the Condition

—OF THE—

AMERICAN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK

At Lincoln, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business February 28, 1906.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts.....	\$ 454,550 88
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	3,712 63
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	50,000 00
Other bonds on hand.....	7,340 00
Stocks, securities, etc.....	26,975 95
Furniture and fixtures.....	3,971 67
Other real estate and mortgages owned	22,215 72
Due from national banks	
(not reserve agents).....	14,594 49
Due from state banks and bankers.....	6,924 95
Due from approved reserve agents.....	14,235 77
Checks and other cash items.....	10,227 63
Exchanges for clearing house.....	3,719 50
Notes of other national banks.....	2,040 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	681 26
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz.:	
Specie.....	35,330 00
Legal tender notes.....	8,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	2,250 00— 99,012 10
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 667,778 93</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$250,000 00
Surplus fund.....	21,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	11,387 79
National bank notes outstanding.....	45,000 00
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	22,000 00
Due to other national banks.....	16,641 70
Due to state banks and bankers.....	36,971 77
Individual deposits subject to check.....	301,251 22
Demand certificates of deposit.....	16,828 20
Time certificates of deposit.....	29,169 41
Certified checks.....	1,189 14
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	6,359 33— 318,301 14
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 667,778 93</b>

STATE OF NEBRASKA, }  
COUNTY OF LANCASTER, }  
I, S. H. BURNHAM, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
S. H. BURNHAM, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of March, 1906.  
[SEAL] D. G. WING, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
I. M. RAYMOND,  
LEWIS GREGORY, } Directors.  
G. M. LAMBERTSON, }

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