

and all the conveniences and Mr Pullman is only a landlord who charges three dollars for a bed, air and discomforts which a tramp would object to in a five cent lodging house. general discontent might succeed in, individual dissatisfaction and the accommodations be enlarged and improved.

In spite of the newspapers gambling still goes on though not so openly as before. It is a felony, but there are no officers who will see that the penalty against gambling is enforced. It is useless to expect the mayor and his policemen to stop gambling. They have been tried and the county attorney makes the case absolutely hopeless by saying that he will only prosecute when some one lodges a complaint before him against a specific gambler. The intention of the law is to match every felony with a punishment and to provide an officer to enforce it. But the gamblers in Lincoln can pursue their avocation without fear. The machinery of the law is all right but there is no engineer. The law is defeated because it appears there is no one to enforce it. It is not the duty of the unofficial citizens of Lincoln to incur the gamblers' dangerous enmity by gathering evidence and testifying in court. But the unofficial citizens, and they are as the pebbles on the beach, are the only ones who will confess that gambling is going on. In such circumstances the gamblers may relax their precautions. There is no one going to interfere with them. Such experts should be ashamed by being frightened by a bluff. The mayor is innocuous and the county attorney says that his function is not collecting evidence.

Still the game goes on. Six or eight well known Lincoln gamblers publicly run six or eight well known gambling devices such as roulette, hazard, etc., on the fair grounds during the reunion this week. Publicly, notoriously, openly, in tents with the sides drawn up, in the most conspicuous place on the grounds this felony was committed. Protests were made to Sheriff Trompen and that officer, instead of arresting the whole outfit and landing them in jail, as his duty required him to do, apologetically requested them to refrain from breaking the law. What the people want to know is why the sheriff did not arrest these law breakers. The oft repeated excuse about the evidence to secure a conviction being difficult to obtain, will not work this time. The gambling was going on when the sheriff arrived. He was notified of the law breaking before he came out to the grounds. He had every opportunity to secure absolute proof. He saw the offense committed with his own eyes. Yet he made no arrests. The offenses were committed outside of the city limits so the worn excuse that it is the business of the city officials to make the arrests, is not available. The plain truth is that a band of criminals committed a crime witnessed by the sheriff of Lancaster county, and he did not arrest the perpetrators.

The same day two men were suspected of being about to rob a man of his purse, and the entire police force raised a hue and cry, seized the suspected persons, threw them into jail and rushed into print to secure the well merited praise of this law-abiding community. "Equality before the law" is the motto of this state, and every person in the state is anxious to see it maintained, with the exception of Sheriff Trompen. Larceny is no more of an offense than gambling. Why should a man be arrested for the

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And the result is that another scandal attaches to the republican party, by reason of one of its elected members proving recreant to his trust. Another splendid opportunity to re-instate that party in public confidence has been ignored and lost through the craven act of an individual. Instead of the opportunity resulting to the advantage of the republican party, thirty thousand people drawn from all parts of the state will bear witness that the promises of that party to enforce the laws are but sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. In the campaign this fall, the sole question is the judiciary and the manner in which the laws are to be enforced, especially the laws relating to punishments for crimes. One such incident as this will destroy all the platitudes ever put into a platform.

The people will not relish the idea that after having their highest emotions awakened by appeals to their patriotism and thoughts of the glory of the great war with its train of heroes and heroic actions, after devoting their children to a living flag, and to the full extent of their ability demonstrating their love for law and country, the occasion has been used to assist a lot of tin-horn gamblers to fleece the city's guests by committing actual crimes.

It might be well for the gentlemen constituting the committee of "privileges" at the reunion grounds to explain how they come to grant an "indulgence" to commit felonies in Lancaster county.

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Mr. P.—Yesum; two or three times, but a friend always happened along and cut me down.

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