



Since the opening of the city campaign there has been more or less discussion of the advantage or disadvantages of running Lincoln "wide open" and the intentions of the various candidates of doing so. One of the most serious objections urged against Mr. Graham is that "everything would be wide open."

A liberal policy would mean the confining of houses of prostitution to certain districts and their regulation by the police in these districts, so that a revenue might be raised for the city and at the same time they might be run in an orderly manner away from the business and residence portion. This would be in direct contrast with the policy of the present administration which has broken up the houses in the bottoms.

Under a "wide open" policy there would probably be gambling houses, but they would be open subject to police inspection and surveillance; and would be frequented only by those who have ceased to care for their own character and reputation. As it is today there are gambling rooms run more or less secretly in several of our prominent hotels and in some of the down town blocks. If a canvass of the business men of this city were made and they could be assured that their views would not be made public possibly three-fourths of them would be found favoring a liberal or "wide open" policy such as is suggested above. It seems to be the general feeling, whether right or not, that such a policy would help business, would enliven retail trade, would fill up the hotels on Sundays and bring traveling men here to spend their money who now go elsewhere.

"The populistic, socialistic, un-American theory that persistent industry, sobriety, economy, and industry, which creates and accumulates wealth, should support and maintain persistent idleness, intemperance, improvidence, extravagance, and dishonesty, which dissipates and destroys accumulated wealth, should be banished from our country," says Francis Wayland Glen in the *New York Sun*, "and also the theory that the creation of deferred obligations increases accumulated wealth, and therefore are not liabilities to be discharged."

"When we consider that since July 1, '65, when we ceased to deal in human chattels, we have paid eight thousand million dollars in principal, interest, and pensions as the cost of the civil war, and had increased our assets from twelve billion dollars to seventy billions by March 4, 1893, we can see that we have no reason to be discouraged or depressed; that even Grover Cleveland and a populistic congress cannot destroy this nation in four years, or long delay a return of prosperity and activity to our powers of production and distribution. Mr. Cleveland has cost us in the convertible value of our national assets since March 4, 1893, not less than ten billion dollars; but we still have productive assets worth sixty thousand millions, with only one thousand millions of demand and deferred obligations, or a margin of fifty-nine thousand millions. If a Wall street banker can conceive of a reputable stock broker with \$60,000 in sound, productive collaterals being unable to borrow \$1,000 upon them he will appreciate the humiliation which Grover Cleveland has brought upon us."

"The fact that the total liabilities of all financial, commercial and industrial failures in 1893 and 1894 was only three-quarters of one per cent. of the true valuation of our national assets March 4, 1893,

is proof positive that our financial basis was sound and healthy at the time when Grover Cleveland and his populistic congress were intrusted with the creation, direction, and control of legislation and the administration of our public affairs."

TO A PRIMROSE.

[Written for THE COURIER.]

Modest primrose, Puritan flower,
I want to pray whenever I gaze
Into thy pure uplifted face
Wet with tears of a passing shower.

Thou mindest me much, Oh tender flower,
Of the pure calm eyes of a little child
As when they open, serene and mild
In wondering gaze, in life's first hour.

Modest primrose, gentle flower,
Thou art the blossom the angels
Wind in wreaths in their floating hair
As they stroll beneath some heavenly bower.

WILLIAM REED DUNROY.

GYGLING NOTES.

Will Lincoln's 400 adopt cycling this year?

The Capital City Cycling club held its annual election of officers March 5th, and chose the following: President, Ed M. Allen; vice president, S. M. Mills; secretary-treasurer, F. G. Yule; board of directors, E. E. Walton, A. J. Hamilton, C. L. Shader, C. A. Wirick, C. E. Seifert, A. R. Edmiston; captain, Frank Hoagland; sergeant-at-arms, E. K. Milmine.

"Bloomers, divided skirts or ordinary dress?" That is the question that is agitating the minds of the feminine riders. They alone can decide it, but sentiment all points to a rational costume. Lincoln people may just as well prepare themselves for "bloomers" now as any time, for they are bound to come.

The C. C. C. C. has decided to discontinue the semi-monthly social meetings until next fall. In the meantime it expects to have some stirring "special" socials during the summer.

The local wheelman are agitating two important questions. One is the securing of the state meet of the Nebraska division of the L. A. W., and the other looking to the organization of an interstate circuit, comprising Lincoln, Omaha, Council Bluffs, Des Moines, St. Joe, Kansas City, Topeka, Kearney, and possibly some other good towns. They are hoping to succeed in both events.

TENNIS.

The Lincoln Tennis association held a meeting this week and reorganized for the season. The following officers were chosen: S. L. Geisthardt, president; Frank M. Blish, secretary and treasurer.

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And wore it on the street.
The one she to the theatre took
Comprised some six square feet.

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