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THE FORUM

The Forum of the Daily Nebraskan is practically the only place that students of the University of Nebraska have an opportunity to express their opinions regarding school affairs. But for the editor to restrict its use by dictating to the students what they may and what they may not write for fore on this trip. It was a pleasure this column would be to destroy its to play before the Lincoln people and value. Because an article is radical we hope to visit here again." is no reason for refusing to publish it, provided the writer takes the responsibility by signing his name. If beautiful, Can anyone pass through his attack is not justifiable the Forum the beautiful residence district of is open to any one who takes an op- Lincoln and say we are materialists? posite view. The policy of the Ne- Can anyone who knows that the city braskan during this semester has been of Lincoln has recently authorized the to encourage the use of the Forum. expenditure of a large amount of It should be a powerful agent in our money for building parks and beauticollege community and as long as the fying the city say we are wholly maarticles remain within the pale of the terial? When we see the many hoslaw we shall be pleased to publish pitals, churches, and charitable instithem.

ARE WE GROSS MATERIALISTS?

An article in Forum of Friday's Nebraskan charges Lincoln people and Nebraskans with being gross materialists. The writer evidently re- 125 No. 12th. ferred to the term materialist in the

busy developing a new country. They have been working on a big job. They had to break up the prairies; to erect buildings; to build cities; to develop industries-these things have been necessary to make possible a civilization that would be good soil for the But in this struggle which has developed the strong insurgent vigor peculiar to Westerners, the people have never minimized the value of the aesthetic qualities in lie. They have been working out a basis for a democratic culture that wil ultimately make it possible for the poor as well as the rich to appreciate and enjoy higher and nobler things. Nebraskans are not materialists.

They are simply making use of the great natural resources of the state. as it was intended they should be cultivation of spiritual rather than the

material things. They are taking advantage of every opportunity to raise the standard of living. Is there a lack of appreciation of the aesthetic side of life? Do we not have a great art exhibit here on the campus every year that is visited and enjoyed by hundreds? Do not the people of Lincoln make much of music and religion? We should like to call your atten-

tion to the statement of Walter Damrosch, who was here recently with his great symphony orchestra. He said: "The Lincoln audiences were more appreciative than any we appeared be

We are making rapid progress in making our homes and cities more tutions of this city, can anyone say the good and beautiful receive no attention at orf hands? Nebraskans are

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most emphatically not materialists.

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NOTICES

Seniors The first order for caps and gowns has gone in, but still may be ordered at the "Co-op." Order at once. COMMITTEE.

Members of Senior Class

The Senior class assessments are payable to Mr. Williams, auditor of student activities, office in basement of Administration Building. It is to your advantage to pay this assessment early, as the theatre seats will be given out in rotation. The first twenty-five assessments paid will have an opportunity to secure the first twenty-five choice of seals at the theatre May 31. Pay your assessment today.

Notice

Prof. R. D. Scott is looking for more men's voices for the opening chorus of the Pageant. Everyone interested report to Memorial Hall at 5 o'clock today. -

PAGEANT COMMITTEE.

Notice

Sophomore class meeting, Thursday, May 27, at 11:30 a. m., in Law 101. Election of Sophomore member of the University Publication Board.

Freshman Notice

There will be a meeting of the Freshman class Thursday at 11:30 a. m., in Memorial Hall. Important. R. B. LE BAS, President.

Notice

The German Dramatic Club picnic will be held at Epworth Park, Wednesday evening, May 26th. Cars leave Tenth and O streets at 6:15 o'clock.

Dramatic Club

The Dramatic Club will meet Wednesday evening instead of tonight.

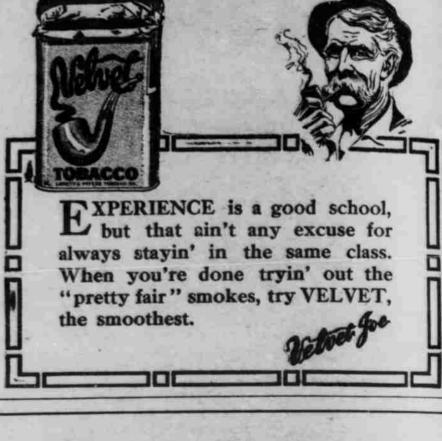
Notice

The Fremont Club will meet in room 310 Library building at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, May 26. Very important.

Notice Junior class meeting called for Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Election of student member of Pub-

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lication Board.

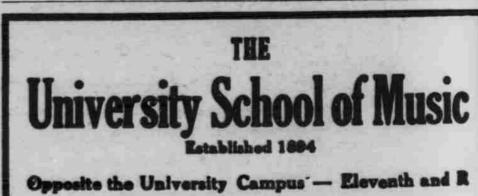


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common sense which Webster's Unabridged defines as "one who is absorbed in material interests; one who has no heed of the things of the spirit."

the people who are materialists and those who are not, for practically no one is entirely free from certain material interests, and likewise few if any wholly disregard the things of the spirit. So it is not easy to tell when anyone subordinates the spiritual to the material to the extent that we are justified in calling him a materialist

The writer based the accusation of materialism chiefly on the ground that we did not give enough attention to art, poetry, culture, and religion, intimating a contrast between Nebraskans and the people of the East. This accusation appears ridiculous when we consider that Nebraska is but two generations old. How can it be expected that we should make as great a showing in these things as the Eastern states that have had three or four centuries to develop?

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