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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 this column would be to destroy its value. Because an article is radical is no reason for refusing to publish it, provided the writer takes the responsibility by signing his name. If his attack is not justifiable the Forum is open to any one who takes an opposite view. The policy of the Nebraskan during this semester has been to encourage the use of the Forum. It should be a powerful agent in our college community and as long as the articles remain within the pale of the law we shall be pleased to publish them.

ARE WE GROSS MATERIALISTS?

An article in Forum of Friday's Nebraskan charges Lincoln people and Nebraskans with being gross materialists. The writer evidently referred to the term materialist in the 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."

It is a difficult thing to point out 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?

The people of Nebraska have been

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 life. They have been working out a basis for a democratic culture that will 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 used, in order to make possible the 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 attention to the statement of Walter Damosch, who was here recently with his great symphony orchestra. He said: "The Lincoln audiences were more appreciative than any we appeared before on this trip. It was a pleasure to play before the Lincoln people and we hope to visit here again."

We are making rapid progress in making our homes and cities more beautiful. Can anyone pass through the beautiful residence district of Lincoln and say we are materialists? Can anyone who knows that the city of Lincoln has recently authorized the expenditure of a large amount of money for building parks and beautifying the city say we are wholly material? When we see the many hospitals, churches, and charitable institutions of this city, can anyone say the good and beautiful receive no attention at our hands? Nebraskans are most emphatically not materialists.

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Members of Senior Class

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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 Publication Board.

P. C. SPENCER, President.

Notice

Black Masque meet at 11:30 in Library 210 today.

Notice

Silver Serpent banquet Wednesday at 6:00 o'clock at the Lincoln hotel.

University Week Association Board

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