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High School Debate Last Friday evening at the opera house in this city occurred the District High School debate between Ravenna and Loup City, the question for debate being "Resolved, That disputes between labor and capital in the railway business shall be submitted to boards of arbitration with compulsory powers."

The opera house was crowded and the different schools were enthusiastic in support of their contestants in the debate. The debate was opened by Mr. Lewis of Ravenna for the affirmative, and after stating the question used a very few words with which to introduce an author to show that in the author's opinion, a board of arbitration in such disputes was necessary.

After reading an argument from the author, he said a very few words by way of introducing a second author to show another point under discussion, and so on through his opening address. The second speaker, Mr. Lain, quoted authority, presented a plan of compulsory arbitration in such disputes which he read from a manuscript, quoted more authority and discussed briefly the points made by Mr. Pray, the first speaker for the negative.

Miss Dunkin, the third speaker for the affirmative, quoted more authority and very briefly discussed the points made by the first two speakers for the affirmative. As we view it, none of the speakers for the affirmative, on their own motion, in their own language, in their own English, in their own argument, made any presentation of their case, but made it entirely from readings, from authors whom they contended were authority upon the question.

The negative side, on the contrary, debated the question. The first speaker, Mr. Pray, showed conclusively from his own argument, in his own language and in a forceful and emphatic way that a board of arbitration with compulsory powers was undemocratic and against the principles and ideas of a democratic form of government.

there had been practically no strikes on railroads in the last fifteen years, and for that reason there was no demand for an experiment that might be harmful to the extreme to the capitalist, to the laborer and public. As far as the writer was able to judge, there was practically no rebuttal to the arguments made by the negative by any of the speakers on the affirmative. The judges consisted of Prof. Martin of St. Paul, Prof. Smith of Central City and Prof. McGrew of Silver Creek, who, without giving their findings or the manner in which they arrived at their decision, without giving their reasons, without giving any information to the public or to the contestants as to why they so decided, thereby advising and educating the debaters showing their weaknesses, that they might strengthen them, showing their strength and wherein they might reinforce it, but rendered a decision in favor of the affirmative, on the theory as we are informed, that the debaters from Loup City did not quote authority or supposed authority to sustain their argument.

In all matters affecting young people, extreme caution and the highest standard of justice should be applied. An erroneous decision works a lasting injury in each direction. To award a verdict undeservedly works an injury upon those receiving, in that it gives them a wrong conception of the worldly application of justice and merit, and to deny it to those who were justly entitled to it, leaves in their young and impressive minds a disappointment that blights like the frost upon the bud, and "spurns which patient merit of the unworthy takes" destroys ideals of the highest and establishes upon their pedestals a bitterness and disappointment that leads them to believe that after all, merit goes unhonored and unnoticed and that virtue is its own reward.

Along R. R. No. 2. Jas. McBeth, Art Wilson, Milo Gilbert and F. A. Alcnkey were among the Odd Fellows who went to Sargent last Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Conger and daughter visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gee Sunday. Tenus Biemond was out along the route Tuesday.

A. D. Peters put a woven wire fence around the yard in front of his house. Mrs. J. T. Hale, Mrs. R. P. Starr, Mrs. Gene Patton and Miss Rose Mulick visited at the home of LBanks Hale Monday. Art Lindgren was trading at Loup City Friday. John Blaschke took a load of hogs to market Friday.

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