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The glories of debate are no less renowned than those of football. The debate booklet published by the Nebraska chapter of Delta Sigma Nu is a history of remarkable achievements. To be listed as a participant and winner in contests of that character is an honor worth seeking.

A SOCIAL PROBLEM.

Social problems are intricate and complex. Sometimes what apparently is a social good when looked at from a different viewpoint is seen to contain elements of injustice.

At first sight what could appear to be more good than that individuals and organizations should use every possible means to obtain work for students? Yet the labor unions question this. Frank M. Coffey, secretary-treasurer of the Nebraska State Federation of Labor and editor of the Nebraska Federationist, says in the September number of that magazine:

"And still there is another phase to this annual question of provision for students. There are heads of families in Lincoln who have the responsibility of keeping the flour barrel filled and the house rent paid, with a few odd pennies for other necessities. Each fall these heads of families have the cold shivers run up their back when they are called upon to give up their jobs to some one who will perform the work for 'board and room.'

"What is to become of these heads of families during the school year? If they seek employment elsewhere, others will be induced to come in by those desiring help while the student it home during the summer vacation. And then they are bumped when school year opens again."

Mr. Coffey is not an agitator and has a reputation for fair-mindedness. What he says is worth investigating, for surely we as students do not want to be put in the position of organizing to compete unfairly against men with families.

THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE.

The church of the future must appeal to the social conscience. It is hideous that we should eat our meals in peace while our brothers are starving. It must assert man's right to heaven here. It must abolish poverty,

or be abolished. It must teach men to have faith in a creator who has made things well; that the ills of humanity are due not to the blunders of the creator, but to man's indifference to truth and to his transgression of natural laws. It must have faith in man; faith that he would rather do right than wrong. The church of the future must enlist men in the holy crusade for economic liberty, firing their hearts with zeal for the public good, leading them to the republic that is to be through the simple ways of justice and truth.—Herbert S. Bigelow.

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R. R. Dodderidge, assistant in animal husbandry at the University Farm, the past college year, is visiting in Lincoln before going to the Montana Experiment Station at Bozeman, where he will become a member of the staff. He will also teach one or two classes.

Loeb's Orchestra, L-9896, 325 So. 17.

Wanted Men.

Several good college men to work for us this fall. Apply at Ludwig's, 1028 O street. 1-3

INTERESTING BOOK IS OUT.

The "System" is Described—Summary of Debates Given—Scholarship of Debaters High.

Professor Fogg's debate booklet is out. Under the caption "Debates" is a "The most conspicuous difference, however, between the new system and the old lack of one is a difference in method of instruction. Before the 'System,' there was no method of instruction, and therefore no instruction, except for the necessarily insufficient assistance gained from independent coaching. In 1901, however, there occurred a radical change, both in methods and in their application. The object of the new training was not to win debates,—was not even shaped toward the primary end of an appearance on the platform. Its primary object was mastery of subject and thorough training in the methods of scientific research necessary to produce that mastery. The instrument for applying this method was and is the Intercollegiate Debate Seminary, or 'Squad,' to which some sixteen men are elected. When inaugurated by Professor Fogg, the 'squad system' was a new departure west of the Mississippi, but since then its adoption has been general throughout the West.

"A chief merit of the 'squad system' is that it enables the instructor to train sixteen men instead of the mere half-dozen who make up the teams and who ordinarily are the sole beneficiaries of Intercollegiate Debate. Under the Nebraska system the teams are selected from the 'Squad' some five or six weeks before the contests. This feature has the additional merit of training men who are in the true sense of the word debaters and of eliminating that semi-professionalism which comes from selecting teams several months before the debates, as is the practice just now with one or two of Nebraska's foremost rivals in debating.

"Upon the method here outlined has been built the work of the 'Squad Room' during the last thirteen years—a work remarkable not only from the point of view of debaters, but also for its intimate connection with the corresponding period of University history. Upon the twenty-six intercollegiate contests of these thirteen years it is impossible to do more than comment briefly. \* \* \* That the 'System' is still effective against our newer rivals is amply evidenced by our six victories out of eight contests in the last four years.

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FOUR BABIES WEIGH ¼ TON

Fat Family of Youngsters in Brooklyn Has a Record in Weight; Parents Are Thin.

New York.—Four babies—total weight, 505 pounds; combined ages eleven years—wandered starving into the Adams street police station, Brooklyn, recently. They were chaperoned by their parents, tall, thin, sad-looking persons. The mother carried an enormous bundle in her arms, which later proved to be a mite of a child, six months old and weighing only 63 pounds.

The other three youngsters followed—a five-year-old child, tipping the beam at 187 pounds; a three and one-half-year-old toddler of 173 pounds, and a mere babe of two years, weighing 82 pounds. Sergeant McCormick nearly fell off his chair.

The tall, tired man announced that he was Marshall Tanner.

"This is my wife, Mary," he said, adding with a sweep of his arm, "and this is the fat family."

The woman wearily shifted the bundle in her arms and sought to have the sergeant test its weight, but he dodged skillfully. She uncovered the baby, saying its name was Doris and that, although she only weighed 63 pounds now, she had every reason to believe their daughter would grow up to be a healthy woman.

"Food! food!" exclaimed the man. "We are hungry. We were with a circus in Chicopee, Mass., and were known as 'The Fat Family,' but the circus went broke and owed us \$100. We had just enough money to get to New York and we came. Here we are, now. We have no engagement, no money, no food, and no place to sleep. Not having food is a serious matter. The children are fond of eating."

The police sent the tall, thin man and woman and the four very fat youngsters to 44 Lawrence street for the night.

CURRENT ON BALKY HORSE

Recorder Dismisses Cruelty Charge as He Sees Battery Work in Court Room.

Philadelphia.—For using a small electric battery to accelerate a balky horse, Walter Lenhart of 2301 South Sixty-seventh street, Philadelphia, and Walter Lenhart, seventeen years old, of Merchantville, were arraigned in the Camden police court on a charge of cruelty to animals. Eli Vanmeter of 1613 William street, Philadelphia, testified that he saw the horse balk in the vicinity of Front and Vine streets. A gentle tap of the whip or urging with the lines had no effect on the beast, he said, but now and then the horse would suddenly leap almost out of the harness. He saw something that looked like wire, and learned that electricity was being used to start the balky horse.

The Lenharts demonstrated in the court room that the battery was only strong enough to startle the horse and not injure it. Recorder Stackhouse could see no harm in the battery, having often himself used electricity, but not for the same purpose, and he dismissed the case.

GOLD MINE UNDER HIS FEET

Alaska Miner Finds He Had Lived Over Golden Riches for Nine Years.

Fairbanks, Alaska.—George Sharp, a miner of Pedro creek, lived over a fortune over nine years before he knew that the fortune existed. Sharp, when he first came to the Fairbanks district, located a claim on the right limit of Pedro creek opposite No. 2, and prospected for gold on the claim at different times ever since.

He spent most of his time searching for the yellow stuff on his other holdings, apparently neglectful of the possibilities right under the floor of his cabin. A few weeks ago Sharp sank a shaft near his cabin, got some prospects and then tunneled on bed rock for ten feet or so.

He encountered coarse gold, some fair sized nuggets being included in the dust obtained after sluicing a small dump.

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