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JUST A LITTLE BASEBALL DOPE

Baseball practice has been coming on at a merry clip for the last couple of weeks, in spite of the inclement weather. The “weeding out” process has already started and the squad is being rapidly thinned down to that nucleus upon which the standing of Clemson for 1914 will depend.

The new material as a whole does not appear to be up to the high standards set by the recruits of the seasons of '12 and '13, though there are some individual members of the Freshman bunch who look good enough to cause Coach Robinson’s eye to light up when he watches their work.

This sad tale comes from Georgia and Tech—“We are weak, miserably weak in pitchers.” But we know just about how to take these pre-season ravings of their dope writers. The “Southern Champions” will have both these teams to beat as usual. If we had any desire to be pessimistic, we could cite the fact that we have but one veteran pitcher back, etc., but we prefer rather to be optimistic.

Along with “Andy”, as pitchers, there are Rhett, Shachte, Gaulden, Barnette, Lachicotte and Norman, all of whom look good and from this bunch and the other recruits we ought to be able to get a good quartet of hurlers.

Clemson is well supplied with good catchers, “Skeet” Brown, Dean, Parker, and Iler are back on the job, and Harris and Gee seem to be of a class to give even this quartet a chance to sit up and take notice. Besides being able to catch, this bunch manages the willow to good advantage.

When it comes to infields, there is hardly any use “elucidating”. With Captain Webb, “Ralph” Cureton, and “Sam” Hutto on their jobs, and another man of their class at third, Clemson can boast of the best infield in the South. All three of these men are fast, mighty near 10-second men; 300 hitters, and know the game. (Nuff sed.)

“Son” Tarrant and “Pip” Iler are back and will make strong bids for their old positions. Just now, Stevens, Acker and Haddon look especially good for a position somewhere along the line, and there are scores of others who are showing up better and better each day.

We don’t forget that South Carolina “College baseball” is going to be faster than ever this year; that Erskine’s prospects are the brightest that they have been in years; that Newberry has her last year’s team back almost intact, and with even a better pitching staff and infield when we write this article; we just expect Clemson to go them all one better and cap the State Championship—as usual.

GAMECOCKS WIN FROM CLEMSON

In the fiercest basketball game that Clemson or Carolina ever contested in, the Gamecocks defeated the Tigers, thereby shattering Clemson’s hopes of attaining another State Championship. It is not the best sportsmanship to make lame excuses for defeats, but in order to show what a hard proposition the Tigers had to go up against, let me state a few of the bad losses. Logan, the star center, who had been playing this position for the entire year, was not allowed to take the trip. Hoffmeyer, the new guard, who showed so much promise, was left behind in the hospital. Of course this does not prove that we would have won otherwise, but probably the score would have been different. Gee, who took Logan’s place at center, played a wonderful game for his first attempt at this position. Captain Erwin, as usual played the best game for the losers, while Caughman came in for his share of fight. For Carolina, Brooker was the bright star, making two-thirds of Carolina’s points. On account of the roughness fouls were numerous, Clemson making 22 and Carolina making 20.

Field Goals, Erwin 1, Caughman 3; Brooker 5, Farrall 2, Poole 2, Danner 1. Fouls, Erwin 8 out of 20, Brooker 9 out of 22. Score: 29 to 16.

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THE COLLEGE FINANCES

Senator Tillman once remarked that some people in South Carolina imagined that Clemson College "was wallowing around belly-deep in money." No popular error is more widespread than that the College has more money than it knows what to do with.

There are several reasons why such a notion has gained currency.

1. Certain newspapers which have access to the office of the State Treasurer have been in the habit of publishing almost weekly the amount of the fertilizer tax, dressing up this news item in such head lines as to create the impression that the sum is huge, and usually closing with the gloomy reflection "all this money goes to Clemson College."

2. The public has made the mistake of regarding as part of the support of the college the income received from the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the support of the S. C. Experiment Station, and also the funds received from the cadets, none of which, except the tuition, goes into the College Treasury.

The S. C. Experiment Station is financially a separate institution, and none of the Federal funds which come to its support can be used for the College or its Public Service. The amount received, $30,000 annually, can be used only for agricultural research work done under the close supervision of the Office of Experiment Stations at Washington.

The total received from the cadets per session for uniforms, board, laundry, heat, light, water, medical incidental and breakage fees, using the figures of 1912-13, is $105.081.67. The receipts for tuition were $5,050.00 for the same year.

Only the last item of tuition, paid by comparatively few cadets, is used by the College. The money received under the other items is held in trust for the students, and administered for their benefit. The College does not use or make one cent out of these interests. If there are any small balances at the end of the session, they are continued into the next College year, or used to make improvements in the facilities for serving the cadets.

3. While many know how much the College receives, few take the trouble to inquire how it is spent. A large expenditure is not necessarily an unwise expenditure, and a simple presentation of the facts in the case is usually sufficient to convince any unprejudiced mind. However, it is difficult to get these details before the public, because the facts regarding the expenditures cannot be so briefly...
stated as can the income.

It is with the desire of giving information both to the student and to the public, that I have prepared the chart which accompanies this article, and which is so simple as to need no explanation. It represents the probable income and expenditure of the College for the present fiscal year, as passed by the Board at the last July meeting.

To build a College and a city, as well as to operate a College with an enrollment of 446 the first session, was the task that confronted the Trustees and officers of this institution at its beginning twenty-one years ago. Without being a burden upon the State Treasury, the College has gone forward building its plant as fast as money could be spared from operating expenses. For the first ten years, the fertilizer tax averaged $47,867.13; for the second ten years, $122,341.96; and for the past five years, $235,971.26. With this support,—how much less than many people have supposed!—the College has grown into a plant valued at over one and a third million dollars, and a total enrollment during the twenty-one sessions of its educational history, of 12,385.

During the past five years the College has halted in the development of its plant in order to carry out its benefits to that large number who could not come to the College. How large is now the expenditure for Public Service, (over $110,000.00), the diagram clearly shows.

Unless the revenues of the College increase, so large an expenditure for Public Service cannot likely be continued. It has been the policy of the College to teach the people the need of certain work by doing it for them, convinced that when the College was no longer to carry the financial burden, the people through the Legislature would provide the necessary funds. This work of tick eradication is a good illustration of this policy. The work as inaugurated on a small scale, met with little help or sympathy, and much opposition, from the people of the counties in which it was begun,—now the people are demanding that the Legislature appropriate $30,000 to carry on the work at a more rapid rate than is possible with the funds at the disposal of the College. The Lever Bill now assured of passage by Congress, will in the same way come to the aid of the Demonstration Work. The people have been taught the value of this work, and they will demand of their Legislature the appropriation necessary to claim the benefits of this great piece of constructive legislation.

Clemson College has no politics to play, except the politics of efficient service to the people of the State. The best service can be rendered only to a people in sympathy with the work and purposes of the institution. That sympathy must come by making friends of the people and by giving them information in regard to their Agricultural College, an Agricultural College whose unique boast is that 85% of its students are the sons of men who are now or have been farmers.

The next and last of this series of articles, “Clemson College in 1924,” will show what in the judgment of the writer should be the growth of the institution in the next ten years. It will, I think, prove salutary to dispel any notion that the College plant is complete, or that the College has more money than it can wisely use. Rather the question will arise,—where is the money to come from to do all that needs to be done in that period of time?

W. M. Riggs, President
Clemson College, S. C.
March 5, 1914.


A Natural Consequence
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EDITORIALS

The latest news from Wofford is that they are soon to elect their representative to the State Oratorical contest which is to be held in Rock Hill, April 24th. Most of the other colleges of the State have already elected their representatives, and it's getting high time that Clemson should elect hers. This preliminary is due to be held soon, so if you intend entering it's time to get busy. Fellows, we have just naturally got to be among the select three if we can't be the winner this year and every man who has an idea that he's an orator should enter the preliminary.

This week-end will see Clemson and Tech battling again, and this time it is to be a battle of wits and words. Here's hoping we have better luck in the debate than was our fortune to have when last we met Tech.

Clemson could not be more ably represented than she will be in Messrs. Haddon and Boyd. These men have been working hard and are due to give Tech a surprise.

We started off the new year with some mighty good resolutions but...
It has been found that all of our storms occur in the lower zone, and that above the lower zone is a great isothermal stratum whose temperature instead of decreasing remains constant as far as it has been penetrated. The temperature at the bottom of this layer varies from $-60^\circ$ to $-80^\circ$ F. In this upper layer there are no storms but the wind blows steadily, in our latitudes, from east to west. In this layer dust from volcanoes collects, and riding far above the storms travels around the world, giving us glorious sunrises and sunsets, and because of its peculiar properties, keeps off solar radiation but allows the radiation from the earth to escape. It has been proved that cold years often follow periods of volcanic activity when the upper layers of the atmosphere are filled with dust. Large amounts of dust in this upper layer may have contributed to the causes of the glacial period. The composition of the upper zone is very different from that of the lower. Our normal atmosphere is made up of oxygen, nitrogen, carbon dioxide and water vapor. As we go upward carbon dioxide disappears, then water vapor. At 20 miles there is no oxygen. At 40 miles there is no nitrogen, and above 40 we find only the rare gases hydrogen and helium. In the lower layer, in the latitude of the U. S., occur our great cyclonic storms. A great permanent whirling mass of air with its center of low pressure over the Aleutian Islands, throws off smaller eddies which travel across the U. S. at the rate of about 30 miles an hour. Between these areas of low pressure are areas of high pressure. The low pressure areas give us our bad weather and also our warmer weather. The high pressure areas are responsible for our cooler weather, for our bright clear days, and our invigorating atmosphere. In the low areas the air is drawn in over the land. It is filled with impurities and becomes sultry because of the water vapor it contains. Around and at the center of the low pressure it rises, expands, becomes cool and condenses the water vapor into drops of water. In this way more heat is liberated and the air becomes still more sultry and oppressive. These low areas travel, as was said, across the United States from west to east, although the path they take is not fixed. Sometimes they begin in Washington, follow the Missouri river to its mouth, then turn northeastward along the Ohio valley, up the St. Lawrence valley, and into the Atlantic. Again they start in the southwest and move northeastward across the United States. In the high area which follows a low area the conditions are reversed. Here the air descends. It comes from a very cool region to the earth, giving us our cold waves. This is due to three or four reasons. In the first place although warmed by compression the air retains a large part of its original temperature. It is dry and in the evaporation of what little water there is in this area it takes up a considerable amount of heat. The clouds, because of this evaporation, disappear and the heat from the earth is radiated rapidly into space.

From the low pressure area in the United States tornadoes are often thrown. These tornadoes are thrown from the southeastern quadrant of the cyclone just as the cyclone originated in the southeastern quadrant of the permanent low pressure area over the Aleutian Islands. The tornadoes may be predicted. The St. Louis tornado was predicted by the weather bureau, but investigations showed that the prediction of this tornado caused more deaths through fright and because nervous sick people were made worse than the cyclone itself was responsible for.

The downward moving air in a high pressure area is responsible for much of the mental and physical vigor of the American people. This clean, pure, cold air, “the air brought down by the north wind,” is most commonly found in the United States. Four-sevenths of all the high pressure areas which originate in northern latitudes have their beginnings on the western coast of America.

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