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## RACQUET FANS BATTLE FOR CUP

Carolina Has Fine Chance To Win Trophy.

### EVERY COLLEGE REPRESENTED

The Three-Day Inter-Collegiate Meet Will Close Next Friday on Gibbs' Green.

The third annual intercollegiate tennis meet takes place at the University this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on Gibbs' green.

All the representatives of the various State Colleges are on the campus and are the guests of the students. Most of the colleges sent three players, one for singles and two for doubles. Some of the institutions are represented by two players, one of the double men also working in the singles.

The intercollegiate tournament was started by Furman University and the citizens of Greenville the fall of 1906. Again the colleges met in the mountain city in 1907. Erskine took both prizes in doubles and singles, '06 and '07. The trophies were two handsome silver cups awarded to the winners by the city of Greenville for keeping for the length of one year. At the last contest in 1907 interest on the part of the mountaineers fell short and it was decided to hold the meet hereafter at the different colleges of the State.

The fall of 1908 for some unknown reason passed without any tennis meet. The first of the present year the University expressed a desire to entertain the visitors and to put forth all her efforts to make the tournament a success.

The colleges who will play in the contest are: Charleston College, represented by Youman and Wagener; Erskine, Grier and Watson; Newberry, Houst, Schaeffer and Smeltzer; for Wofford, Beach and Kempt will play. At the time this was written the representatives of Clemson, Carolina, Presbyterian College, Furman and the Citadel were not known.

It is up to some of the colleges to take the cups away from the Erskine boys. The University has the strongest team this year that it has ever had and the players are going to make the visitors hustle some to keep the "Gamecocks" from the cups.

The tennis courts on the green have been put into good shape and all arrangements are ready for the tournament to begin. In order to receive a little financial support an admission of 50 cents will be charged for the series. The meet will close on Friday afternoon. A dance will be given at Shandon Friday night and all the players in the meet will be given free tickets. There will be about twenty visitors at the University.

## VERY SUCCESSFUL ORATORICAL CONTEST

All Orations Were of the Very First Order.

### MR. ROBERT E. GONZALES WON

The State Contest Will Be Held in the Lander Auditorium in Greenwood.

Mr. Robert Elliott Gonzales, '09, won the preliminary to the State Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest last Monday night.

The contest was very largely attended and proved a great success. The speeches were all on a high plane and won great applause.

The committee on decision, which consisted of five members, deliberated almost half an hour before they could reach a conclusion. Chairman H. H. Covington made a few happy remarks and expressed his appreciation of the contest as a whole.

The final contest will be held at Greenwood about the middle of April. The University feels sure that her reputation will be quite safe in the hands of Mr. Gonzales, who for the second time has won this preliminary contest.

Last year in the final contest Mr. Gonzales won first place on delivery in Greenwood. As an orator, he has a very bright future before him. He speaks with great animation and force. This, together with his graceful delivery, make his orations forensic masterpieces.

Everything considered, this was the most successful oratorical contest ever held at the University. It will be followed by another some time in April to choose the man to represent Carolina at the Southern Intercollegiate Contest.

The entire program is given below: Welcome by the Presiding Officer—A. D. Oliphant.

#### SPEAKERS.

J. C. Sheppard, Jr.—"The Final Goal."

J. O. Allen—"The Three Aristocracies."

M. F. Bush—"Palladium of the Republic."

R. E. Gonzales—"Christ Reigns."

J. C. Massey—"A Consummation to be Desired."

B. J. White—"The Question of the Times."

Chief Marshal—H. L. Forbes, '09. Assistant Marshals—C. Page, '09; J. B. Heyward, '12; C. C. Kinard, '10; J. D. Hamer, '12.

Prof. F. Horton Colcock has moved his classrooms into his quarters on the first floor of the new building. This space has been needed a long time for the engineering department. All of the rooms will be occupied by the opening of next session.

## MINSTREL SHOW SET FOR TONIGHT

Much Amusement Promised Those Who Attend.

### SHOW TO GO ON THE ROAD

Everything About the Minstrel Will Be Entirely New and Up-to-date.—Benefit Athletics.

April 1st, All Fools Day, is the date which has been most appropriately selected for the presentation of the minstrel show.

Practices have been held regularly for the past week, and the various amateur black-face artists are in professional form.

Specialties and sensational features are numerous. The Surprise Quartette is one which is calculated to live up to its name. Mademoiselle Faucetta Spigner, Parisian falsetto, will sing several solos. Her gown is a dressmaker's dream, Catawba imported Val lace Directoire princess en train. Lunatic Parrott, with his colored valet, Graydon, will do an act to cheer up the mournful members of the audience. The University Quartette, Alva and Norris Lumpkin, Laird and McNair will render several selections.

The jokes and gags will be entirely new and not of the hoary professor brand. Besides those mentioned above, there will be many new features.

An orchestra from the city will furnish the music.

The minstrel, after its initial performance here, will go on the road.

The admission next Thursday night will be 50 cents. The proceeds will go to the Athletic Association.

### Davidson's Baseball Prospects Good

Davidson won her opening game with Lenoir College and defeated Raiford by a score of 7 to 0. She has played two games with Charlotte. The first was won by Charlotte, but the last resulted in a Davidson victory by a very large score. Clarke, the varsity captain and pitcher, allowed no hits. The Presbyterians have five "D." men back and good men are hard at work for the unfilled positions.

### Sylvan Cup Race

The cross country run for the Sylvan trophy cup is to be pulled off on the 7th of April. The boys have been training hard for it, taking runs every afternoon, and are in excellent condition. The winner of the five-mile sprint from Ridgewood to the capitol will well deserve to have his name carved on the cup.

Prof. M. N. Twitchell is conducting a training class for teachers at the city Young Men's Christian Association.

## PRESS CONVENTION CONVENES HERE

Social and Literary Features on Program.

### DR. JOYNES TO MAKE ADDRESS

Business Sessions Will Be Held in the Two Society Halls.—Entertainments at C. C. and C. F. W.

On April 15th and 16th Carolina will be the host of the delegates from the twelve other colleges of the State who are members of the College Press Association.

The program for the convention is being made out by the committee on entertainment, which consists of A. D. Oliphant, R. E. Siebels, Woods Dargan, M. L. Marion and H. L. Forbes. Eminent members of the faculties of the three colleges of the city, who have been connected with college journalism in some capacity, will be asked to give the result of their experience to the delegates. So far the committee has succeeded in obtaining the consent of Dr. E. S. Joynes to make an address and of Miss D. O. Kelly, head of the department of English at the College for Women, to read a paper on the "Exchange Department." Besides this, some of the delegates will read papers on subjects connected with college journalism.

Columbia College and the College for Women will assist in making the social end of the convention a success.

The meeting of the executive committee was held last Friday night at Charleston College with Vice President Lionel K. Legge presiding. The committee elected a committee on decision as follows: S. H. McGilliveary, Ph. D., of Charleston; Mr. John Bennett of Charleston, and Rev. R. S. Truesdale of Spartanburg. As alternates were selected: Maj. J. C. Hemphill of the Charleston News and Courier; Superintendent E. S. Dreher of Columbia; Rev. Samuel Smith of Columbia; Miss Agnes Strohecker of Charleston, and Superintendent Frank Evans of Spartanburg.

This committee will judge the essays, stories and poems submitted by the association. The medals, of the value of ten dollars, each were ordered of Jas. Allan & Company of Charleston. These will be awarded to the essay, story and poem which the judges select.

Eleven of the thirteen colleges in the association were either directly or indirectly represented.

Those at the meeting were: Miss Fdna Ellerbe of Converse College, Miss Janie Ford of Winthrop, Miss Elizabeth Waddell of the Columbia College, Messrs. A. D. Oliphant, R. C. Hamer of the University of South Carolina, Mr. C. A. Easterling from Wofford, Mr. J. B. Frazier from the

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