

CLEMSON SOPHOMORES.

Sixty-Nine Cadets March Away in a Body—They Stand by Their Comrade—Considerable Suspension of Cadet Thornwell as a Gross Injustice—Sympathy of Other Cadets.

Anderson, April 29—Today 69 of the 71 members of the sophomore class of Clemson college quit and went home. Two of the remaining five secured discharges and left a school understanding that the remaining three will leave tomorrow.

The action of the students in leaving was the result of the action of the faculty suspending Cadet Thornwell of Fort Mill a few days ago. When Thornwell was suspended the sophomore class petitioned the faculty to reinstate the student and to have the suspension annulled. This the faculty refused to do and therefore the class agreed to leave.

This afternoon the students visited the residence of the purpose of getting at the facts of the case. He talked with President Hartog and a number of members of the faculty and with a great many of the students. Both sides of the story are very clearly though there are some differences.

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WEST END. Miss Nanale Alkon, of Cokesbury, is in the city spending some time here with her cousin Miss Grace Smith.

TOOK GLASS TUBES. The offense Cadet Thornwell was guilty of was taking four glass tubes from the laboratory without permission. The members of the faculty say they have been troubled a great deal by this kind of conduct. They determined some time ago to break up the practice. Notice was given that the next offender caught would be expelled from the college. This was caught and his suspension followed. These tubes which are of small glass cylinders with little or no value, had been taken with very great care, the faculty say, but the taking of them was a violation of the rules. As a matter of fact, the college has been annoyed a great deal by the disappearance of a number of small articles such as tools, wrenches, etc., and it was so considered necessary to put an emphatic end to the business.

STATEMENT FROM STUDENTS. The students' side of the question is this. They admit that there is a rule that no test tubes or other college apparatus shall be taken for use by any of the students without the consent of the professors, but they say it has not been observed generally. Cadet Thornwell did not take four tubes from the laboratory, but he took one from the desk or stand, as it is called in the building but that he took for use in class work and they consider his suspension an outrage. It was wrong, they say, to suspend a student for taking one tube from the desk or stand, as it is called in the building but that he took for use in class work and they consider his suspension an outrage. It was wrong, they say, to suspend a student for taking one tube from the desk or stand, as it is called in the building but that he took for use in class work and they consider his suspension an outrage.

MONEY ADVANCED BY COMRADES. When the sophomores decided to leave many of them did not have money enough to get away. Money was furnished them by the members of the other classes and the college societies exhausted their treasuries. The departure of the cadets was a quiet one, and there was no demonstration or excitement but a great deal of feeling and determination.

NO MEETING OF BOARD. "There will be no meeting of trustees," said Col. Simpson, "because there is no need for it. The incident, while very much deplored, has occurred and the college will proceed as though nothing had happened. We deeply regret the hasty action of the students and we believe no one will regret it more than the students themselves when they realize what a mistake they have made."

TEXT OF COMPLAINT. The following is the text of the complaint by the sophomore class to the faculty and President of Clemson College.

The sophomore class has asked for a reconsideration of Cadet Thornwell's case, and we herewith present our reasons. Our action is based upon the belief that we consider Cadet Thornwell's punishment greater than his offense deserves. For example, it is obvious that the faculty does not consider Cadet Thornwell's offense the same as that of a student, else they would have expelled him. If not expelled, we consider that his punishment should not be made so much severer than that inflicted for similar offenses.

THE JUNIORS' RESOLUTIONS. These were the resolutions adopted by the Juniors. We the members of the junior class do hereby resolve: First, That the sophomore class has been treated unjustly by the faculty and that the steps taken were taken in defense of their rights and honor.

Second, That after considering the action of the sophomore class we heartily commend every step that they have taken. Third, That the action of the sophomore class on the generally manner in which they acted on this occasion; furthermore that no time was any member rash or impetuous. Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be given each member of the sophomore class.

FOUR HUNDRED MORE BOYS WERE ABOUT TO LEAVE—COL. SIMPSON ASKED FOR TIME.

Anderson, April 30—A telephone message from Clemson college this afternoon said that everything was quiet there this morning. The junior and freshman classes met last night and resolved to leave the college this morning. They were called to a meeting of the trustees and had the entire sophomore class including Cadet Thornwell suspended.

The college authorities got wind of what was going on and got Col. E. W. Simpson, the chairman of the board of trustees, to deliver a talk to the students in one of the class rooms. Col. Simpson reasoned with them and finally persuaded them to defer action until the trustees held a meeting and took action. It is stated that there will not be a special meeting of the trustees, but that their next regular meeting will be held early in June. Col. Simpson has a great deal of influence with the students.

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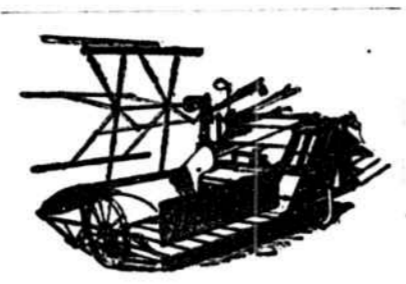
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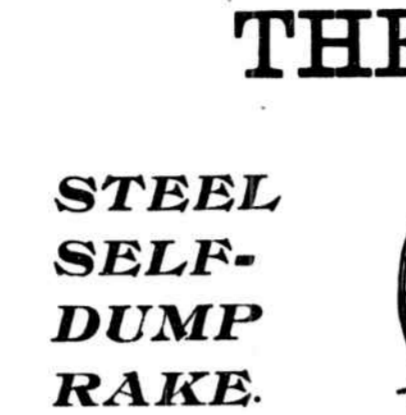
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EAST END. What "M" Sees and Hears on His Rounds in Country and in Town. Abbeville, S. C., May 7, 1902.

SALES DAY IN MAY AND FARM WORK. Owing to the rush of business in every section, there was a small gathering in the city last Monday. Farmers are moving things "down on the farm" just now, chipping out corn, planting corn, finishing the planting of cotton, all the rest is on them at once.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING. Sept. J. S. Gilbert attended last week the meeting of the Educational Board from the North which convened at Athens (Georgia) for the number represented the Southern Schools. Mr. Gilbert was much pleased with the interest manifested in the meeting.

COMMENCEMENT DAY OF JONES HIGH SCHOOL, Thursday, May 8th, 1902. PROGRAM. Song—School. Recitation—"Baby Logic,"—Beulah O'Dell. Recitation—"First Settler's Story,"—Daisy Huzar.

LOAD OF CATTLE FOR CHARLESTON. Mr. James Gilliam and Mr. Tom Harris left yesterday with a car load of beef cattle for the Charleston market.

TELEPHONE MEETING, HELD CENTRAL! On tomorrow, Thursday the 8th, at Lebanon school house at four P. M., patrons of the Mount Carmel and Abbeville telephone line will hold a business meeting, looking to the early establishment of the line.

FRIENDS COMING AND GOING. Miss Brock McKonzie is spending the week in the city with her sister, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Nickle.

THE ACTUAL FACTS SHOULD BE LAID BARE. (Columbia Record.) The Clemson complaint gets worse modified the more it is taken up. There should be a complete, thorough and searching investigation which will lay bare the actual facts.

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