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# J. H. ADAMS, - - SENECA, S. C.

Letter from President Mell, of Clemson.

[Anderson Intelligencer.]

Editor Anderson Intelligencer: Dear Sir: Clemson College has been severely and unjustly criticised recently and you have kindly allowed me a place in your columns for her defense.

We do not object to criticism when it is well founded, and we do not fear a fair criticism; if we have made mistakes we are anxious to correct them, for we desire most heartily to advance the interests of the college in every direction. But when persons visit the place who are said to be leading men in their communities and excellent citizens, when such men receive such erroneous impressions and write such incorrect accounts of what they saw and heard and the discourteous treatment they experienced, then it is time for us to speak the truth in defense of the management of the institution.

The State Farmers' Institute has been conducted successfully for several years and has won high praise at home and abroad for its value, interest and pleasant features. The same preparations were made this summer as in former years for the comfort and entertainment of our guests. But the heavy rains all through July ruined the cantaloupes, peaches and other fruits and damaged our garden vegetables so that we could not furnish our table with as great a variety of vegetables as we would have desired. Still there were watermelons sent to the barracks every day in abundance and 1,250 pounds of grapes were sent by the horticulturist. The farmers were requested not to pluck the grapes from the vines because some valuable experiments would have been ruined; every grape that could be spared was sent to the table. I will give you the bill of fare for dinner each day; one of the papers said I might have ordered this menu, but "was it served?" In reply I will state that several of the professors and officers of the college took their meals at the barracks every day, and they have reported to me that the meals were just as I have stated and well cooked and served just as the steward has been in the habit of doing in former years. We have had the same waiters and cooks for years, and there is no reason to suppose that the fare or the service were different this summer.

Bill of fare for dinner: Roast beef, fresh pork, boiled ham, salmon, grated corn, tomatoes, raw and stewed, boiled rice, potatoes, cabbage, corn bread and light bread, biscuit, Boston and California red beans, grapes, watermelons, stewed apples, Jersey butter, milk and coffee.

Ask any "JAP" that you may see, "Why the Czar, with Bear behind," had to climb a tree. The Yanks, God bless the Yanks, says he, They gave us Rocky Mountain Tea.

This was somewhat varied for supper and breakfast. The meats were killed by our own people and kept on ice in the best condition possible. With the exception of the beans the vegetables were fresh from our college gardens every day. The milk and butter were fresh each day from our dairy.

We did all we could to feed our guests well and deeply regretted that the weather interfered with our plans. But the farmers must have known that their own gardens were damaged and ought to have made some allowance for us.

We were greatly hampered by the large crowd who came to the institute. We welcomed them most cordially and were glad that there was so much interest exhibited, but when the dining room and barracks will only accommodate 600 persons and there are from 1,200 to 1,500 to entertain, it becomes a problem hard to meet and some discomfort will be experienced.

Some farmers have complained of coldness and discourtesy on the part of the professors. I do not understand this, for there were thirty-two professors and officers present, and they were doing all they could to make the stay of our visitors pleasant. Some were on the stage taking part in the programme; others were stationed in their buildings or on the farm and stationed ready to meet and talk with the farmers at any time.

The Agricultural College was crowded all the time and the professors in charge have said to me that while they made many pleasant acquaintances, yet their rooms were so full that they were not able to talk with all their visitors, and some left expressing disappointment. Perhaps this gave rise to this report and it is an injustice to the professors, who were glad to talk with the farmers whenever they were able and give all the information possible.

We had 28 mules and eight wagons, which we placed at the disposal of our guests. Six of our mules have not been able to work since, which shows how much driving was done. We do not complain, however, for we expected to do all we could for the convenience of those who could not walk. But the criticism that we did not provide facilities was untrue.

Our crops and our live stock are here to show for themselves. Those who did not see them simply did not go and look. We have one hundred acres of bottom land in corn which will average from sixty to sixty-five bushels to the acre; our cotton was praised even by our critics. We have 223 fine hogs of nearly all the standard breeds and they are now weighing from 300 to 500 pounds. The "farms, pens and pastures" contain the following cattle: 10 registered Jerseys, 11 registered Ayrshires, 3 registered Shorthorns, 2 registered Devons, 4 grades of cows representing Jersey, Guernsey,

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We are proud of our crops and our live stock and we invite attention to what we can exhibit.

It is charged that our professors spend money lavishly upon their houses, flower yards, etc., and that they have the products of the dairy and college gardens, etc., at their disposal. The truth is that most of the houses are very plainly and simply built; pretty flower yards around them represent the money, taste and hard work of the professors' wives. Furthermore, all the meat, butter, milk, vegetables and fruit belonging to Clemson College are given to the steward for the boys. The butter is packed away in summer for them and the fruits and vegetables are canned. There is no graft to be found in this faculty; they provide for themselves and pay the market price for everything.

Anderson county sends more boys to Clemson College than any other county in the State. We have a right, therefore, to believe that we have many friends in the county. We feel sure that our friends will not be misled by any reports of the "yellow journal" order and believe that our institution is so fearfully mismanaged as these letters would indicate. It is one of the finest colleges in the South and one of which South Carolina may well be proud. It would be a disastrous day which saw any of the income of Clemson College curtailed or her advancement checked.

Respectfully,  
P. H. Mell, President.  
Clemson College, September 3d.

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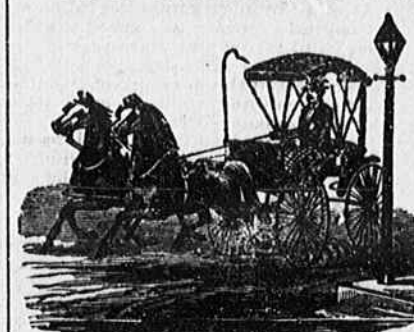
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