

### PROGRESS IN TENNIS CONTINUES WITH INCREASING INTEREST.

#### Coach Gives a Line on Players. A. M. Waldrop Will Present Loving Cup.

The tennis squad for 1920 will be composed of 16 men. Practice has been sufficiently vigorous so far to enable the coach to select 10 of this number, as follows: Albert Adkisson, J. B. Chambers, L. E. Cook, W. P. Graham, M. A. Hamilton, T. W. Hanna, E. H. Varnell, A. S. Welch, S. G. West, J. R. Wilson. The other six men will be selected by the end of this week.

Adkisson has been playing with the "profs" for the past three years and has developed a respectable game. He volleys well from mid-court and occasionally cross-courts in an exasperating manner. He also knows the exact amount of "English" to put on the ball as it leaves the racket.

Chambers is a promising freshman and has had experience in high school meets. He plays an attractive placement-game, but perhaps lacks speed.

Cook has a fair mastery of the American reverse service, but doesn't sprint well after the wide ones.

Hamilton uses the lift strokes to better purpose than the others—an accomplishment much in his favor if he can also acquire the other strokes.

Hanna plays in perfect "form"—something that a good many critics consider the first essential of a winning game—despite Maurice McLaughlin's record to the contrary.

Varnell has always believed in tennis for A. and M. He plays a very accurate game but lacks an assortment of strokes and plays.

Graham plays a good all-around game. He won first place in the Brazos County tournament last summer.

Welsh won (in doubles) in the state high school tournament for 1918. He knows tennis but has to use a right arm that was broken in the Corpus Christi storm last summer.

West learned to play tennis over at the University. He relies on the chops and cuts that have been so popular in recent seasons. If he would "straighten out" a little his game would be improved.

Wilson is another freshman who shows signs of being able to play a fast game. He won (in doubles) in the state high school meet for 1917.

A noticeable weakness of the squad's playing is the inability to make effective back-hand strokes. Practice will be concentrated on this defect at once. As none of the squad has been "under fire" in a college tournament it would be very valuable to bring two college team here for practice matches. If this experience can be obtained in time, it is pretty certain that the team will represent the college creditably in the southwestern meet at Rice Institute in May.

Mr. A. M. Waldrop, progressive merchant of Bryan, will give a silver loving cup to the winner of singles here at college. This cup is to be won each year by a singles player and will be exhibited in the trophy case in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. with the winner's name for each successive year engraved upon it. This is appreciated as one of the several progressive steps that have been taken recently to improve athletics here. Such spirit as this will make

our athletics broader and better in every way. No sport in its infancy can be expected to have the best of support, the support that it should get, but we believe that, when the blanket tax has been adopted, as is generally hoped that it shall be, tennis, together with wrestling and boxing may support planks in our athletic platform that have previously been weak. There is need here that more students take part in athletics. As this school is located in the country no one is afflicted with the keeping-up-in-society malady or the attractions of a large city. Students have lots of time and practically nothing to do as a diversion except take part in some form of athletics. This broadening and betterment will come as these three sports are encouraged and supported in connection with the other sports of the college.

The second round of the tournament

has been completed. It will be carried on until only one man is left. Results of second round are:

Adkisson defeated Stansfield 6-3; 4-6; 6-1.

Graham defeated Milner ---6-4; 6-3.

Perry defeated Merchant ---6-1; 6-3.

Varnell defeated Schifflitt --7-5; 6-1.

Hamilton defeated Close ----6-1; 6-1.

Bailiff defeated Chambers ----6-3; 1-6; 6-4.

Wilson defeated Jones ----6-1; 6-2.

Cook defeated Lancaster ----6-2; 4-6; 6-3.

Welsh defeated Hanna ----6-3; 7-5.

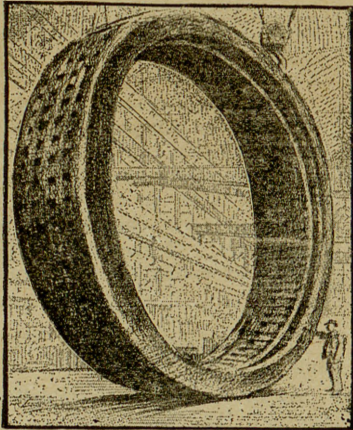
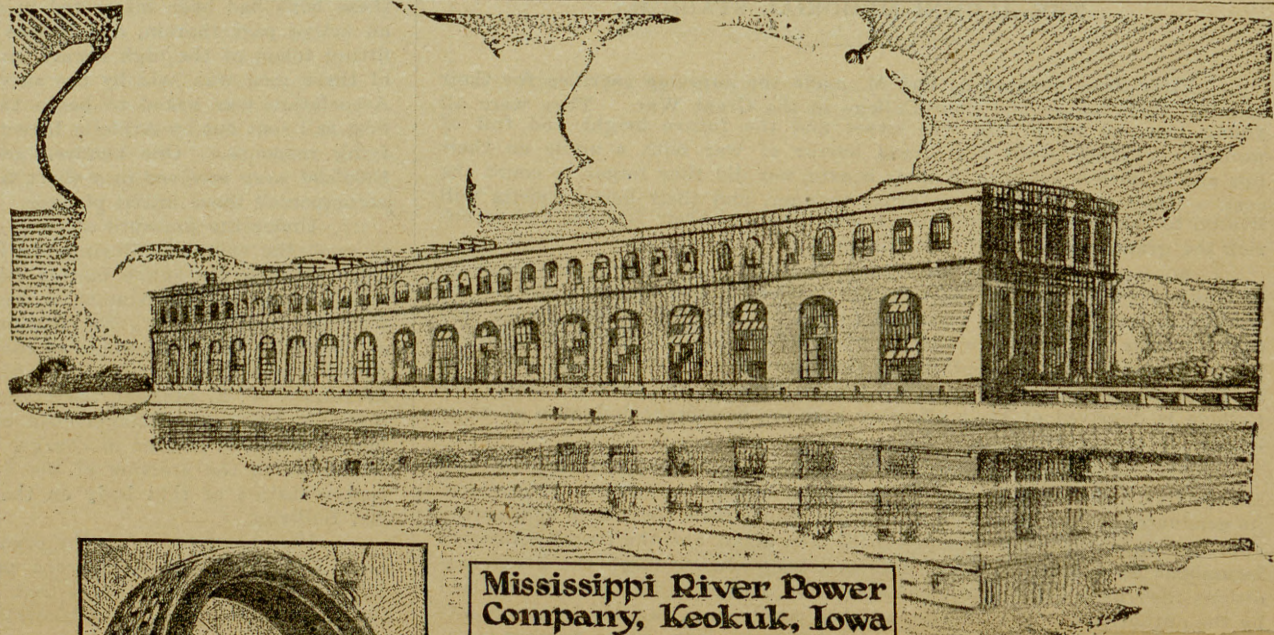
Richards defeated Hays ---6-3; 6-1.

The following is the schedule announced for the third round:

Adkisson plays Hamilton, Cook plays Bailiff, Varnell plays Perry, Welsh plays Graham, Richards plays West, Wilson plays Thomas.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

By consent of the College authorities there are to be three dances in connection with the R. V. Hop festivities, the dates being April 22, 23 and 24. On Thursday night will be the Queen's Ball, Friday night the Ross Volunteer Hop, followed by a Corps dance on Saturday night. The Mess Hall is to be used for each dance and in all probability the same orchestra will furnish the music for same. The time limits for these dances are 3:00 a. m. for the first two nights and 12 p. m. on Saturday night. Rest room facilities will be provided. The starting hour has been set at 9 o'clock and this is to be strictly adhered to regardless of the number present. No definite time can be set for intermission, but it will be as near a division of the time as possible.



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