

CLOSING OF THE EASLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

The formal closing of this well established school took place on Wednesday night last, in the presence of a concourse of patrons and visitors. The spacious chapel of the Academy "was full to overflowing." Never was there a time in the history of Easley, when a school entertainment received so much merited attention, as the one just given. The residents of the town turned out en masse, and crowds of the people from different portions of the County came in to witness the grand results to be brought about by an education. Prof. Moore and his assistant, Miss Henry, have built up a school here, which, if it should continue to be properly patronized, will do more to promote the social interests of our town and community, than any other secular influence that could be brought to bear upon them. The influence of education in our midst has become more potent than ever. It is because Prof. Moore has labored so earnestly for the good of our youthful generation, and he has offered rare opportunities for the school boys and girls to exhibit the grand results of his fine teaching. On Wednesday night he gave every student in school an opportunity to show to his or her parents and friends, what they have accomplished under his instruction. From the smallest to the largest, all had their share. The exercises were opened by speeches from the boys, and recitations by the little girls. They showed that they had reaped the benefits to be derived from the oratorical instruction, of their "silver tongued" speaker. Many of them bid fair to join the 'grand phalanx' of orators, who shall sway the world with their stentorian tones of eloquence.

And the music, the very "food of love," it was delightful. The exercises were interspersed with it. Bear with us, while we mention the quartette. "In the Starlight" sung by Misses Robinson, Quillian, Gilliland and Folger. It was enough to hold spell-bound an audience for a prolonged period of time. Nothing to us is half as sweet as music! Then a long line of little girls, who seemed to be 'chance visitants' here, sang a chorus sweet enough to stir the human soul to pleasant emotions of intense joy.

Following all this, were the Oratorios. Prof. Moore was choice in his selection of them, and each one was calculated to interest any audience. All the actors showed themselves off to an advantage. The study for the stage has become very popular here. Many are very efficient, and one young man who bore the name of Zach, with "poetical illusions" rendered himself the co-efficient of Peggy Jane. Each piece was good and entertaining. Another young man on the stage, had to content himself with being entertained by his sweetheart's little sister, while the young men of the audience were paired off with those whom they seemed to regard 'the loveliest of their sex.' The expression of their ecstatic feelings were only hemmed in, by the large crowd that surrounded them.

One serious accident happened. Just

before the curtains were drawn aside, Miss Blanche Hudgens, daughter of Capt. A. W. Hudgens, who was to take part in the piece had her dress, which was made of white Swiss, to catch on fire. It was burned entirely off. Some of the men near the stage, jumped to her rescue, and after a short time succeeded in putting out the flames by means of an overcoat. She doubtless would have added much to the pleasure of the evening but was so badly burned at the time that she was carried home at once. We are glad to report her better this (Thursday) morning, and hope to see her out soon.

In the departure of Mr. Sadler and family we lose some of our most refined and worthy residents. He will make his home in Anderson Co., where he will farm for the next year.

OUR PICKENS LETTER.

PICKENS C. H., Dec. 13, 1883.
DEAR MESSENGER: Our town is always newsy, but is not all of the paper kind.

You shall have only the paper kind and it is hoped that over-running good humor will not pass through vivid imagination and be converted into anything else but gushing good humor.

Weston's show was here Friday and Saturday nights. We will not call it a humbug, for there are a few good things connected with it, but the greater part of it is thin.

C. E. Robinson is off for Columbia this week and will come back a lawyer.

Christmas don't promise to be extra lively here, but there may be a change, as we believe most of the young men of the town belong to the school of "final perseverance."

Charles Robinson is good authority on "presumptive negations." He swooned away into a trance at the show the other night and told volumes of things he cannot do when "Richard is himself." Whether the instruments of darkness or of light had him he knoweth not.

Mrs. Martha Gunthrop and her daughter, Mattie, were committed to jail here last Saturday on a charge of Infanticide.

J. McD. Bruce, one of our boys, bids adieu to pitch his tent in Easley. We give him up exceedingly reluctantly. Old associations with Mc. have been so dear and pleasant that the separation leaves a sting. He belongs to that type of friends which should be grappled to a fellows soul with hooks of steel. He needs no commendation to your town. If he did we would add the fervent commendation of an old friend. We wish him super-abundant pleasure and real genuine success in our neighbor town.

Sheriff Mauldin is all the time leaning against the crop of some defaulting tenant.

O. H. P. Fant and son, Davis, have been on a short visit to relatives here.

Your correspondent returns thanks to Mayor Griffin for a complimentary to Weston's entertainments. C.

OBITUARY.

JAMES HOWARD FOWLER.
The death of this estimable young man occurred at Zurich, Switzerland,

on the 25th of last November. He was from Spartanburg, S. C., and for a long time he was in delicate health. For some years past, he was the victim of a chronic disease. Many efforts were made to effect a cure, but they were all in vain. He accompanied Prof. James H. Kirkland, recently of Wofford College, in this State, to Europe last Summer, where he hoped to have regained his health, and where he might begin the study of law. He was more than once a student at Wofford College. He had a quick mind and in the Literary Society, his abilities as a speaker and a writer, were comparable to any in his class. Had he been blessed with health doubtless his future would have been marked with much success. But "death entered his door," and his remains now lie imbedded beneath the sod of a foreign land. He leaves a heart-broken and gentle mother, a loving sister, and a kind brother to mourn his loss. The writer and himself were class-mates in College and room-mates at home. Their association was the development of an intimate acquaintanceship and his death is deeply felt.

To the bereaved family we extend our feelings of deepest sympathy.
J. R. HAGOOD.

THE MARKETS.

Our Cotton Market has been quiet and lower. Sales for the week 102 bales. We quote:

Bacon.....	8 @ 8 1/2
Flour per barrel	36 @ 38
3/4 Shirting.....	5 1/2 @ 6
1/2 "	6 @ 6 1/2
4-4 "	7 @
Prints.....	5 @ 8
Yarns.....	8 1/2 @

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Cotton.....	8 1/2 @ 9 1/2
Eggs.....	15 @ 20
Butter.....	15 @ 20
Chickens.....	10 @ 20
Corn.....	70 @ 75

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J. M. RAMPEY,
DEALER IN
GROCERIES, DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, MILLINERY, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, &c.
EASLEY, S. C.

I will sell at Easley, DECEMBER 26th, at Auction, a Lot of Boots and Shoes, Wooden and Tin Ware, a nice Lot of Picture Frames, Glass and Crockery Ware, and several other valuable and useful articles.

Come One, Come All, and get Bargains-

Respectfully,
J. M. RAMPEY.

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LATEST SCHEDULE

On the Piedmont Air-Line Rail Road, of trains arriving at Easley,.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 50, (Passenger) arrive...	7:11 A. M.
No. 52, " " " " " " " "	5:53 P. M.
No. 18, Local Freight " " " "	6:45 P. M.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 51, (Passenger) arrive...	10:34 P. M.
No. 53, " " " " " " " "	3:07 P. M.
No. 17, Local Freight " " " "	5:13 A. M.

All of the above trains carry passengers.

LOCAL AND COUNTY MATTERS.

EASLEY, S. C., DECEMBER 14.

A good Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine can be bought cheap from HUDGENS & HUDGENS.

MISSSES LULA LANNING and Looper are paying a visit to Easley. We hope that it might be a pleasant one.

REV. D. W. HIORT has moved to town. He is the pastor of the Baptist Church. He occupies the residence of Mr. Sadler.

MISS M. J. HENRY, who has done so much for the cause of education in our midst, left us on Thursday for her home in Due West. She leaves sad hearts behind.

J. McD. BRUCE, formerly of Pickens, has made his home in our midst. We are glad to have such an accession to our town. He is to be found at the store of W. M. Hagood & Co.

WANTED, One Thousand bushels of Corn. Will pay the highest market price in cash. OWNBEY BROS.

THERE is a young man living near the Cedar Rock who we guess is going to bring her in soon. He has sown wheat on four farms, oats upon another and has lumber in his yard to build a new house. We wonder if the number of strings to his bow corresponds with the number of farms he cultivates.

CAPT. A. W. HUDGENS and wife return their thanks to those who rescued their daughter on Wednesday night last. They state that Miss Blanche has one severe burn on her left arm, and a slight one on her right cheek.

Mr. J. R. Gossett in his attempt to extinguish the flames had three of his fingers burned.

OWNBEY BROS. will have on Exhibition for the next four weeks, many curiosities in CHRISTMAS GOODS, Fire-works, Toys of every description, &c. They extend a pressing invitation to their many friends and customers who desire goods in that line to call and examine their immense stock B-4 buying. 3t

TRIAL JUSTICE'S COURT.—The following cases have been disposed of by Judge Gossett during the past week:

M. J. Smith, Agent, vs. Wm. Stegall. Summons for debt decree for Plaintiff for debt and costs.

M. J. Smith, Agent, vs. G. W. Stegall. Summons for debt decree for Plaintiff for debt and costs.

The State vs. Lilly Foster. Peace warrant; Defendant discharged.

The State vs. Amanda Hendricks. Petit larceny; Defendant acquitted.

The State vs. Will. Sitton. Petit larceny; case settled, Defendant paying cost.

The State vs. Melville Owens. Assault and battery; case settled, Defendant paying costs.

The State vs. Tally Norris. Concealed weapons; case settled, Defendant paying costs.

The State vs. Melville Owings. Concealed weapons; case settled, Defendant paying costs.

The State vs. Rose Blake and Cisero Blake. Petit larceny; case settled, Defendants paying costs.