

**The Easley Messenger.**

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**THE DIVORCE AND RAIL ROAD BILLS.**

The Divorce Law passed in the House and made its way into the Senate. Here, upon the third reading it met its final shock, and was defeated by a vote of 17 to 13. Mr. Henderson headed the party in support of the bill, while Messrs. Smythe and Leitner led the others on to victory. In order that the measure might not be revived again during the session, Mr. Smythe moved to reconsider the vote and table the motion—regarding the bill—which was carried. So this important measure has been acted upon.

The Rail Road bill was carried in the House, and no doubt the companies feel jubilant over its success. As it now stands the companies submit their reports to the Commission, which overlooks and corrects them and if the companies are not pleased with the work of the Commission, they appeal to the Supreme Court. The result of the Commissioners' work may not be a lasting one. Soon we may look for changes, but we hope they will not materially injure the interests of the people at large. On the first page, can be seen the opinions in part, of nearly all our Congressmen, with reference to the Rail Road Law.

**IMPORTANT WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE.**

This issue contains some important steps taken by the legislature recently. All who are interested in the work of the Legislature should read the account.

There is a disposition on the part of some of the members of the legislature to lessen the expenses incurred by the State Government, while on the other hand it seems to be the wish of others, to add to the salary of the County Auditor's office. We are glad to see that the bill to increase the County Auditor's pay was defeated. If there is money to spare, let it be applied to the purposes most needing it. Let it be added on to the appropriations to the Citadel Academy. And let the youth of our country enjoy the benefits of higher education. The more money given to these educational institutions the more successfully they will be run: the more enlightened and civilized will our country become. The country now is almost full of good men, who are willing to do

the work of the County Auditor, for the present salary, and why offer other inducements? The legislature should have the praise of the people for the stand they have taken in this matter.

**CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.**—The following appointments for this city and Spartanburg have been made by the Methodist Conference: Greenville District: J. G. Herbert, P. E. Greenville Station, R. D. Smart. Greenville Circuit, W. A. Betts. Reedville circuit, R. R. Dagnan. North Greenville, T. F. Beaty. Fork Shoals, Landy Wood. Williamsston and Belton, W. Hutto. East Anderson, J. Attaway. Anderson Station, J. W. Wooling. Anderson circuit, D. R. Brown. West Anderson, W. W. Daniels. Lowndesville circuit, to be supplied by W. A. Hodges. Pendleton, J. W. Daniels. Pickens, W. P. Kirton. Seneca City circuit, B. J. Guess. Walhalla Mission, C. D. Mann. Williamston Female College, Samuel Lander, President.

Spartanburg District.—S. B. Jones, P. E. Spartanburg Station J. B. Campbell. Spartanburg City Mission, A. P. Avant. Union Station, J. E. Carlisle. Cherokee Springs, J. F. Smith. South Union, W. M. Hardin. Jonesville, C. D. Rowell. Gaffney City, J. B. Wilson. Laurens circuit, G. M. Boyd. North Laurens, J. M. Friday. Clinton, D. P. Boyd. Belmont, H. B. Brown. Campobello Mission, A. W. Walker. Pacolet and Glendale, J. W. Arial. Vanderbilt University, A. M. Shipp. Professor Wofford College, W. W. Duncan. Missionary to Brazil, J. W. Tarbox. Sunday School Secretary, R. C. Oliver.

**RESIGNED JUST IN TIME.**—United States Commissioner C. P. Barrett, of Pickens county, has resigned his commission, and his resignation has been accepted. It is a coincidence that just at the time that Barrett's resignation was submitted Judge Bond was having an order prepared to dismiss him from the service. Barrett, it will be remembered, is the commissioner concerning whose outrageous conduct in manufacturing cases for his own profit The News and Courier had occasion to comment a few months ago.—News and Courier.

W. S. GREGORY, our Foreman, is authorized to receive and contract for Job work, &c., for THE MESSENGER office.

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Dec 21-1f

**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.