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EASLEY, S. C., DECEMBER 28.

—This being Christmas week, we issue no Supplement.

—F. N. Walker and sister, from Spartanburg, are visiting relatives in this place.

—Our young friend, E. B. Owen, from Greenville, spent Tuesday with his friends in Easley.

—Morton Nichols, from Greenville, was in town on Tuesday. The fair form was not here to greet him.

—We return many thanks to the young men of Seneca for an invitation to attend their Hop at the Keowee Hotel on Tuesday evening next.

—W. W. Robinson left on the train on the 26th inst., for a short trip to Anderson and Walhalla. May she smile sweetly at you, Will !.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE.—J. M. Rampey has bought the house and lot, in Easley, of Judge O. L. Durant, who resides at Pickens court house.

—Capt. Hudgens and two of his sons are off to Laurens on a pleasure trip. Every one waited until Christmas day had passed, before they left.

—W. H. Nix, of the firm of Nix & Howard, has moved with his family into town. They occupy the residence formerly occupied by B. D. Green.

—Read advertisement of Public meeting of Knights of the Golden Rule, in another column.

Also, of J. R. Glazener, who has returned to Easley, and is ready for business.

—Prof. McCaslan, of the Piedmont Institute, was in town on Wednesday. So, also were Sheriff Mauldin and Capt. John H. Bowen, County Treasurer.

—Misses Essie Russell and Lula Clyde, with Messrs. Nickels and Bowen, accompanied Miss Florrie Stacey and brother to their home near Cokesbury on Wednesday morning last. We wish them a pleasant trip. Their faces will be missed.

—The Legislature closed its session at 2 o'clock on Monday morning last. It worked hard, and met at 12:15 o'clock Sunday night, in order that all the members might be at home Christmas day.

—Let all attend the charades, to be given in the chapel of the Academy, by Prof. Moore and his students on Friday evening next. All who have ever witnessed his exhibitions "know what to count on" Friday night. You can be entertained for two hours very cheap.

—The Oak Grove School, taught by Mr. Boggs, in the neighborhood of Miles Singleton's, had to be closed before the proper time last week, on account of the burning of the school house. It is thought that it was the act of an incendiary. The citizens are rebuilding, and the school will open again by the 1st of January.

—J. A. Cobb and family leave us soon to make their home in Texas. We wish that much happiness may attend them. He has a sale of household and kitchen furniture, as well as some wheat, fodder, one two-horse wagon with harness, one sewing machine and an organ, farming tools, &c., on Saturday next, at his residence on Table Rock street.

—L. C. Hughson has our thanks for a copy of the "Collegian", published by the Literary Societies of the State University. It is a spirited journal, and we hope it may continue to be successful.

—Rev. W. H. Kirton, the new methodist minister for this circuit, arrived at Easley on the night of the 24th. His congregation would like to hear him preach next Sunday morning, but as yet no announcement has been made.

—For other Local matter see fourth page.

THE NEW RAILROAD BILL.

The Plain Statement of The Objections to it--Who Stood Against the Monopoly.

Columbia Register, Dec. 23.

The calendar was taken up. The Railroad Bill was amended and passed its third reading, and was ordered to be engrossed for ratification.

The following voted for its passage:

Messrs. Byrd, Callison, Coker, Earle, Ferguson, Gaillard, Hart, Izlar, Munroe, Patterson, Robinson and Howell—14.

Those Senators who voted against the passage of the bill are:

Messrs. Benbow, Buist, Field, Harllee, Henderson, Lartigue, J. W. Moore, T. J. Moore, Perry, Smythe and Wallace—12.

Upon the announcement of the vote, Mr. Galliard moved to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table. This motion prevailed, the same vote being cast as upon the passage of the bill.

Mr. Smythe asked for the reason governing the opponents of the bill to be printed in the journal. They are as follows:

The undersigned submit the following as some of their reasons for voting against the bill:

I. Because the bill does not involve the principle of the regulation of railroad rates by the State, but only the method of doing so.

II. Because the method adopted by the last General Assembly has not had time to be fairly tested, so as to decide whether or not it is a success.

III. Because the method suggested by the bill is crude and untried anywhere, and there is no assurance that it will prove satisfactory, whereas the method sought to be repealed has been in successful operation elsewhere.

IV. Because under the present method the power to fix rates rests in three Commissioners. Under this bill that power is vested in one Circuit Judge, already overworked by the legitimate duties of his office.

V. Because we question both the right and the propriety of imposing those duties upon the Circuit Judge of the Fifth Circuit, or any other Circuit Judge, in addition to his other and legitimate duties.

VI. Because we question the right of the Legislature to confer upon the Circuit Court of Richland county the appellate jurisdiction conferred by this bill, a jurisdiction different from that of any Circuit court in the State.

VII. Because the fifth section is illusory and affords no greater relief than that now afforded suitors under the law.

VIII. Because the seventh section imposes by Act of the Legislature arbitrary rates and restrictions on the railroads without any opportunity to have them considered or modified.

Signed: T. J. Moore, Augustine T. Smythe, C. S. McCall, G. B. Lartigue, George Lamb Buist, D. S. Henderson, W. H. Perry, W. Z. Leitner, William Wallace, James W. Moore, Gerhard Muller, W. W. Harllee, H. L. Benbow, W. T. Field.

The signatures of two opponents of the bill are not attached to the foregoing "reasons," on account of the absence of the gentlemen—Messrs. Shanklin and Clyburn—referred to.

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KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN RULE.

Public Meeting.

On Tuesday, January 1st, 1884, there will be a meeting of Knights of The Golden Rule at Easley, S C., at 10 o'clock, in the Easley Academy. Capt. R. S. Morgan, of Greenville, S. C., is invited to address the Public in the interest of this Benevolent and Mutual benefit Association. All seats free and invitations general. We hope to have music and several features of interest.

J. C. HUDSON,
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Mrs. A. D. MOSLEY. } Committee.

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