

The Easley Messenger.

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GROSS ERROR OF THE GREENVILLE NEWS,

This worthy contemporary, which hitherto has alleged that when it made statements it usually had proof or authority to back it, attacks the MESSENGER in an editorial this week accusing it of booming Judge Cothran for Congressional honors, and being guilty of an "insidious effort to creep up behind the Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken in his own back-yard and whack him in the weak place behind the ear with a brick-bat," makes a misstatement, totally incompatible with truth itself, and evinces on the part of its editor a decided streak of absent-mindedness. We do not doubt but what the "News" was sincere in its impression, but we would advise our friend to read with more care its exchanges, and to be certain it has right data before proceeding to make a desperate effort to strike its neighbor under the short rib. We thought that the News would have copied our article regarding the Congressmen in Two Districts, and if it had done that, it would have been spared the misfortune of a correction of its would-be, almost infallible columns.

Now, regarding Judge Cothran for Congress, we would say, that we had never seen his name in print for the position of Congressman, until it came out in the "Greenville News" itself, on Sunday morning last. True it was brought out by a Pickens County man, but the MESSENGER is not to be held accountable for this act on the part of one of our private citizens.

The MESSENGER brought out Col. R. E. Bowen, of Pickens county, for the position of Congressman, and no one could fail to understand the fact, if he had given it the proper attention. But it matters not who the MESSENGER brought out, it is absurd to charge it with an "insidious effort to creep up behind the Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken in his own back-yard and whack him in the weak place behind the ear with a brick-bat."

If the people of our district desire a change in our Congressman, would it be "insidious" in us to propose Judge Cothran, because, like Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken, he is a resident of Abbeville County? Does the "News" think that no man in Abbeville county should be brought out against Mr. Aiken because Mr. A. is a worthy man from the same county? If so the prece-

dent which our esteemed contemporary wishes to establish is a bad one, and should not receive the endorsement of any of its readers. Upon this principle it would be treason in us to vote for a change of our State Senators and Representatives, when they are considered worthy men; and because they are in office we must ignore the worth of others, and disregard the men, whom we recognize as fit representatives for the same positions.

We did say that we would like to see Col. W. H. Perry sent to Congress from his district, and we brought before the public the name of Col. R. E. Bowen for Congress from this one. If Col. Bowen becomes a candidate the MESSENGER shall advocate his nomination, and nothing short of a refusal to enter the race will make us favor another man.

REDMOND AT HOME.

Major Lewis R. Redmond, whose name is so familiar to our people, and whose career in our midst was for so long a time the subject of such a great interest, has been pardoned on account of his ill health, and at the writing is now at his home in Northwestern part of the County. Daring deeds often immortalize the names of men more than the holding of high positions in Church and State, and such is the case with the character whom we now have under consideration. His name will be handed down to many successive generations, as an example of great daring and venturesome exploits. Crimes no doubt he has committed, but in part they have been expiated in the wounds he has received from the officers' guns, and in the prison walls of Auburn and Columbia Penitentiaries. In the walls of the former he would have been to-day, if his health had not have failed him. Fortunate for himself and friends, he has been set at liberty, and is now sharing the pleasures of "Home Sweet Home." It matters not whether his residence is that of a lowly hut, situated on some bleak mountain side, or in a narrow cove of the rugged Blue Ridge, it is nevertheless as dear to him as the brown stone mansion of the millionaire, or the palatial residence of the Sovereign Prince. In his rude hut he finds more consolation than in the furnished parlor of the "Mansion House;" and in the presence of his wife and children, he finds more comfort than in the sympathizing words of Senator Hampton or Gov. Thompson. A child who in his absence three

years ago was ushered into existence, can now lisp the name of father, and with a playful smile can welcome his happy return. The memory of Lewis R. Redmond will prove sempiternal with time. When he has passed away, minds will revert to the past, and with feelings of admiration they will dwell upon his character.

Guilty, but regretful of his guilt. Once over-ruling, but regretful of the circumstances that made him so. Once defiant, but now submissive and meek. Once hardhearted, but now as tender as tenderness itself.

Willing to bury the tomahawk with his enemies, he wants to enter upon a new life. His heart is free of enmity, and the designs thereof disrobed of malice.

Handsomeness in his face is yet apparent. May the disease which now binds its almost helpless victim, be soon removed and in the inmost soul of Lewis R. Redmond may his Creator enter, to reign supreme.

GREENVILLE LETTER.

MR. EDITOR: The citizens of Greenville had the pleasure on Monday night, of witnessing the wonderful performances of Miss Lula Hurst. No one seems to accuse her of legerdemain. She certainly has an inherent power over inanimate objects, and it appears that she herself does not know whence it comes. The first exhibition of her power was shown by a gentleman taking an opened umbrella by the staff; then she took hold of the staff, and at expiration of about a minute the umbrella commenced moving rapidly in various directions, so that he was unable to hold it. Other like performances were made with a great many reliable citizens of this place with like results. The greatest performance was made by her placing her right hand on the lower back of an ordinary chair, and the palm of her left hand on the top of the seat, and at the same time two of the strongest men of the city, W. A. Williams and W. A. Barton, holding the chair, one at back and the other front. They were utterly unable to manage it, as it threw them about on the stage like they could have thrown a strippling of a boy. I could give you many other examples of the indefinable power which she displayed, but as they all fall in the same category, and your space is too valuable to be unnecessarily taken up, I will refrain.

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