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The Maine and Belligerency.

The Chicago Chronicle says: When in case of insurrection-like that of the United States from 1861 to 1865 or like that now in Cuba—a neutral power recognizes the condition of bel-ligerency it surrenders all claims for damages from either party in case of losa by its citizens through acts of

The Chronicle says this is an elemencites this as a precedent:

"in 1862, France having recognized states, the military tribunals at New Orleans imposed fines and confiscations on several French residents of that city. France remonstrated and demanded payment of damages to its ub-

on the ground that France, in recogniz- must come-or worse. ing the belligerency of the insurgents, and declared that a public war existed IN THE WORLD OF PLAYERS. and no claims for damages can be made on account of acts of war."

The precedent is correct, but it does not prove that the Chronicle's alleged principle of international law-that a neutral power which has recognized a condition of belligerency thereby surrenders its right to claim damages from either party in case of loss by its citizens through acts of war. What the Chronicle does establish-and all, we think, that it can establish-is that damages by beiligerents are not collectible as against the nation from whomthe belligerents revolted.

Continuing the Chronicle says: This doctrine applies to the case of If the United States had recognized the belligerency of Cuba and an American merchant ship in Havana harbor had been destroyed by torpedoes-whether planted by Spain launched by private persons-there could have been no claim for damages. The loss would have occurred by an act of war, which this government had declared to exist.

"If this is true of damages to private property of course it is true as to sublic property. If the United States existed in Cuba and its waters and had sent one of its ships-with or without the consent of Spain-to the harbor of Havana they would accept the peri-and have renounced all claim for damages in case of less. The government must submit to the law made for its

These conclusions may be doubted. If the United States should recognize the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, then Spain would not longer be responsible for the damage the insurgents akely draw to the theater a large pormight do to property of citizens of the tion of Asheville's population. An idea United States or to property the United States would still be responsible for the property of either citizens of the United States or the government of the United States, Spain cannot escape the consequences of her own acts or her neglect because of the recognition of a condition of belligerency in the re-

England, it is sometimes asserted could not live for more than two weeks without supplies from other countries. Suppose Ireland revolted and the statu was declared by several nations, including the United States, to be that of belligerents; if a vessel owned by a cit izen of the United States was acciden tally blown up in an English harbor by land be liable for the damage, especial; Iy since the vessel was there by he Implied invitation?

Harrison and Tax Reform.

The address of ex-President Harriso in Chicago Tuesday is attracting great attention. Himself a man of wealth. a recent pleader before the Supreme court of the United States against the nheritance tax law of Illinois, a supposter of the doctrine of protection-inits very essence a system of unequal taxation and a corporation lawyer, if all this combined with his prominence had not drawn attention to his warn still, coming from a man with the environment fertune has allotted to him he must have secured wide hearing. Mr. Harrison's warning was so im

pressive that we print it again; "If there is not enough public virtue left in our communities to make tax frands discreditable, if there is not vicility enough left in our laws and h the administration of justice in our courts to bring to punishment who defraud the State and their neigh-bors: if crimes or fraud may stalk unhow long will it be until crimes of violence make insecure the fortunes that have refused to contribute ratably to

the cost of maintaining social order." In other words, -the whirlwind is ready for the reaping. The injustices of taxation and the fact that the assessments fall in undue proportion on the poor do not escape the knowledge of the masses. Thy have noted, and bear in mind, that the proposition of the Democratic party to tax incomes met defeat only after the change of one vote in the Supreme court, and in the face of the solemn warnings of the minority judges who, in voting for the constitutionality of the law, followed best the precedents of the court for genera. reached its 1000th number this week.

The most notable feature of the ex-President's address, however, was the the better. Mr. Harrison had no system to propose for the more just collection of taxes. His appeal was to the consciences of the dishonest rich-or rather their fears-and he had no real remedy for the disease of tax-dodging, to say nothing of a cure. It is here that a hearing. They propose a radical redodging. A tax on land would obviously an argument arose as to whether

land has little or no value, irrespective f improvements, and put it on towns and cities, where bare land rises to a value of millions of dollars per acre. Dispense with a multiplicity taxes and a horde of tax gatherers implify government and greatly reduce

Do away with the fraud, corrup on and gross inequality inseparable om our present methods of taxation which allow the rich to escape while ey grind the poor. Land cannot be hid or carried off, and its value can be It is odd, how little clamor there is ascertained with greater ease and certainty than any other.

4. . . . It would do away with the nes and penalties now levied on any Consul General Lee's place at Havana. ne who improves a farm, erects a builds a machine, or in any way to the general stock of wealth. It vould leave everyone free to apply la or or expend capital in production without fine or restriction, and would leave to each the full produet of his exertion. 15. It would, on the other hand, by taking for public use that value that

attaches to land by reason of the growth and improvements of the community, make the holding of land untary principle of international law, and profitable to the mere owner, and proftable only to the user. It would thus make it impossible for speculators and conopolists to hold natural opportunithe belligerency of the Confederate ties paused or only half used, and would open to labor the illimitable field of employment which the earth offers

What has Gen. Harrison to propose that is better than the single tax' jects who had suffered loss, that is better than the single tax?

The United States refused payment Nothing, so far. And yet some change

Monday, matinee and evening-Innes Tuesday evening-Edward P. Elliott

Manager Plummer of the Grand opra house has secured for the pleasure of the Asheville public an attraction hat is far out of the ordinary-a comnation that will be remembered for many a day by everyone who is drawn to the theater by it. The attraction is give concerts here Monday matinee and vening. It required a heavy guarantee induce Bandmaster Innes to change s route and come by Asheville, bu Manager Plummer gave it, relying upon the people of the city to apprecite the very unusual attraction he ringing acre. The occasion will most



o violinist with Innes' Band

f the reception being given the band bush the South may be had from ollowing criticism, taken from the thinta Constitution

lines and his famous fifty, composone of the finest bands in America opeared in concert at the Grand last ght. A large audience heard the muo from 45 instruments and the special umbers rendered by Rosa Linde, so-Miss Bertha Webb, violinist, nd Keneke, cornetist. These artists ppeared to an advantage and the apciative audience encored them many mes after each rendition. Mme. Linde one of the leading concert singers before the public and when she ing last night was repeatedly encored. ertha Webb on the violin was superb ression, interpretation and execu-Keneke, who is considered one of st cornetists in the country, pelled to play a number of sonot on the program to satisfy the

onductor Innes played the new reh Lave is King, which is one o prettiest marches the composer has ritten. Innes' band is evenly bal-need and responds readily and easily his leadership."

Tuesday evening's offering is one of e Y. M. C. A. star course, the entersimment being given by Edward P. Eloft, the monologist, in his impersonain of a play from his repertoire, Each lay occupies fully one hour and three pirters, and introduces from nine to characters. The plays are all mod-Mr. Elliott never took a lesson in branch pertaining to his art, and work is all natural. All who hear to are invariably impressed with the nviction that his personality and talseek a broader field-the From an early age Mr. Elliott is notable as an amateur actor and linations all tended in that direc-He gave up a lucrative business si sought the platform rather than he stage. He invested all his gifts and is energy in his work, and with the reult that today the platform has as inique and accomplished a histrionic ersonality as is before the general

Pretty Charlotte Crane, whose presice at a ball in Charleston raised a reeze among some of the "exclusives," ater on appeared with her company at fot Springs, Ark., where the United tates officers stationed there gave her grand bail. Now for Act I and last, told by the New York Herald:

Miss Crane walked into a telegraph tation yesterday, and interrupted the elegraph agent, who was flirting over the wire with a female operator at a burban station, long enough to send this dispatch: Roy Saills, Fort Worth, Texas:

ast, yes, yes, yes. Now are you happy? Sariotte. Mr. Saills, who is a Fort Worth busiss man, asked her last month to beome his wife, and was to have her an-

Keene has played Richard III. ove

The New York Dramatic Mirror, the theatrical journal published, And, like wine, it improves with age.

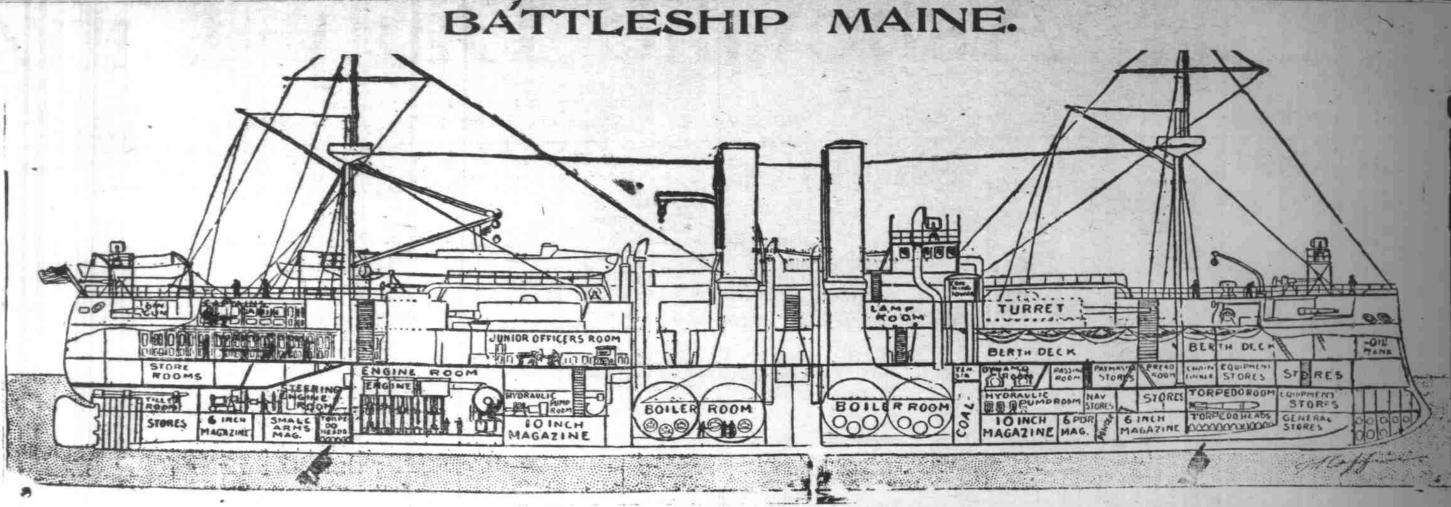
James B. Mackie, "Grimesev, Me Boy." recently had to rest some time in little hope it held out of a change for Chicago because of an injury to his

> William J. Scanlan, who died Bloomingdale asylum Saturday, of paesis, was at the age of 13 known as the Boy Temperance Singer.

The Mirror tells this story of a daring the advocates of a single tax-one tax feat of a young actor who has visited (and no other) on land values-demand Asheville several times: "While the Peruchi-Beldeni company were waitform, a cure for all the evils of tax wagon ferry on the jump from Haywood street and French Broad avbe a collectable tax always, since neither the land nor the fact of ownership could be concealed. Or, in the words of the single tax platform adopted August 30, 1893, the single tax would:

"1. Take the weight of taxation off the agricultural districts where the land words an argument arose as to whether it was possible for anyone to walk the ferry cable. Chelso Peruchi said it would not be a very difficult feat. Sever line on Grady street, one side of which street is now built up. Referred to water and sewer committee.

Col. V. S. Lusk asked that he be allowed to pay the street assessments due on a lot on West Haywood street, on which he held a deed of frust, and



Sectional View Traced From a Drawing at the Brooklyn Navy Yard Showing Position of Powder Magazines, Sleeping Quarters of the Men, Torpedo Rooms, Etc.

EXEMPTED FROM PAYMENT OF WATER TAX.

Consideration of the Report on the Employment of Street Laborers Other Business Before the Alder-

The report of the street committee of ts investigation of the employment of street workmen, in accordance with a esolution introduced by Alderman Hill ast week, was submitted at the meetng of the Board of Aldermen last vening, all of the members being pres-Thursday, exonerated Street Superinendent Bostic and recommended that ie employ on the street work citizens who owe poll tax, and, when these cannot be had, to use his discretion in the

mploying. Alderman Scott objected to the later clause of the report on the ground hat it came in conflict with a former order of the Board.

Alderman Hill thought the work ught to be given to taxpayers of the ity in every case where they would work. "There's nothing political in it with me," he said. 'I don't dispute what the gentlemen have said, but I know that men have gotten pay from he city who have come to town lately. When politics gets above business it's City Attorney Craig said it was patter of business.

ounty than he could get from men a ome it seemed that it would be better employ the outside men. Alderman Mears, chairman of the street committee, said that, in one in-stance, out of 25 men who owed poil ax and were asked to work it out one nan reported for work.

rom men from McDowell or any other

Superintendent Bostic was asked for statement and said that until reently he had understood the Board's order to apply strictly to men who swed poll tax. Since that time he had vorked but one man whom he knew was not a taxpayer, and this on vorked one day. Mayor Rankin made a statement re-

arding a newspaper item to the ef ect that he should have appointed Alerman Hill, the mover of the resoluon the committee of investigation. The Mayor said he had not intended slight to Alderman Hill. The pard had decided to put it in the ands of the street committee, permanent committees of the body Regarding the publication alluded erman Hill said "such things will eatly are. You appointed three men nd that was what the resolution

Alderman Kennedy remarked upon he number of men on the payrolls hose names could not be found on the ax books. Superintendent Bostic said here were probably not 10 men on the ayroll who were not on the regular st or on schedule B, or were over 50 ears old. He showed where the tax ad been paid by several whose names was said could not be found on the

ax books. Alderman Kennedy made no specific bjection to the adoption of the report. Jones amended the last lause of the report, so that Superinendent Bostic was instructed to emfirst, persons who owe poll tax: then he is to use his discretion in emloying good men, citizens of the city. all, and the report was adopted.

WATER TAX EXEMPTION.

Rev. Dr. J. S. Felix, pastor of the First Baptist church, told the Board hat he was paying excessive water ent, the amount being \$30 or \$40 year. A meter had been put in by the city, and while it did not work thoroughly its readings indicated that his vater rent by the meter measurement would be materially lessened. "City Attorney Craig," he said, "tells me he pays only \$15, and he needs more water han I do." Mr. Craig replied that the Board maybe did not look at it that way, the Doctor being a Baptist. Dr. Felix also expressed the hope that the churches of the city could be exempt from water tax. Water Superintendent Roberts said new dials had been orlered for the meters, and when these were placed Dr. Felix could pay accord-

ng to the meter rate. motion of Alderman Jones the Board exempted churches and parsonages from water tax. Alderman Scott and Burnett voting no, their objection being to exempting parsonages. Th juestion as to what would be considerd a parsonage under this order came up, and it seemed the sense of the Board that it should be church proprty occupied by the pastor.

McConnell Bros. were granted a pernit to build two six-room houses on Water street near North Main. In the matter of the stoppage by the Asheville and Biltmore railroad of a train in front of Dr. John Hey Williams' property on South Main, Street Superintendent Bostic was instructed o notify the company to repair the

E. H. Merrimon asked the Board to epair the street at the intersection of the request went to the street commit-

CHURCHES, PARSONAGES which was bought in by the city. The quest was granted Mayor Rankin stated that the Asheille Street Railroad company switch n South Main is a necessity and asked hat it be allowed to remain, on the

> rack would not obstruct traffic. Reerred to the street committee with ower to act. Property owners on Flint stree asked that the portion of street be-tween West Chestnut and Magnolia evenue be accepted and worked. Reerred to the street committee, as was petition for a plank walk on Hilde

ondition that new rail be put down

and the paving replaced so that the

riends of the A. M. E. church. Superintendent J. D. Eggleston, jr. the city schools, one of the commit ee, reported that Asheville could no et the meeting of superintendents of he N. E. A. for next year; and added that the city is now unprepared to fur ent. The report, as told in The Citizen nish a proper meeting place for a body of 1200 or more—a reminder of the nee of an auditorium.

Alderman Scott reported that work and already begun on the foundations or the new pump at the waterworks. In a communication H. T. Collins apt. Thos. D. Johnston, W. J. Cocke nd W. L. Shope suggested a width of 4 feet for the French Broad avenu nacadam, and the manner of rolling nd spreading the stone. The Board scussed the question, and it hought that the stone being used wa not of sufficiently good quality. Fin ally Alderman Jones moved that roperty owners along the avenue ad e the funds neccessary, the work could be done in a first class manner nd in the meantime City Engineer Le s to furnish by next meeting an esti nate of the cost of the work if the cit; uperintendent Bostic was authorize use the remainder of the stone that lostic could get more and better work now on the cars.

FINANCES The weekly cash statement submit ed by City Clerk Robertson was a ash on hand February 18. Collected by J. A. Campbell, Collected by M. E. Roberts... llected by Geo. H. Starnes.

Collected by W. A. James, jr. Collected by W. H. Bird..... 33.5 .\$3,876,76 ess disbursements \$ 831.7

ng Co., \$5.40; S. P. Mosley, \$1.50; Caro ina Coal Co., \$50.50; Penniman & Kelly 9.65; Locke Craig, \$50; Southern Rail ray Co., \$24.87; M. W. Robertson, \$2 Buncombe Brick Co., \$72; T. W. Fitz atrick, \$2.40; McPherson & Clark, \$10 Benj. Creasman, \$13: Penniman Bros & Co., \$9.57: Asheville Ice and Coal Co. 70.20; J. G. Duckett, \$1; W. A. James r., \$1.75; Mrs. V. J. Ball. \$22,20; Surner & Merrill. \$1.50; street departmen payroll. \$83.70; water department payoll, \$60.96.

IN NORTH CAROLINA. -Brevard News: A New York col

iny is looking to this county for a lo ation, and negotiations are in progress which bid fair to find it a home in thi ountry.

-Morganton Herald: While riding p Union street on our bicycle recently we were forced to dismount near the ostoffice on account of a puncture in the rear tire. After making an exami-nation we decided to change the name the wheel to "Webb," because it's a acks receiver. -Franklin Press: Jesse M. Walker

lied at his home in Colorado January and when such persons cannot be had 12 at the age of 62 years. He was omrade in our old company A, 2d N. (avairy, through the entire four years under the supervision of the street Civil war. His father also died four committee. This seemed satisfactory days later, January 16th at the same ivil war. His father also died four lace aged 92 years and four days. -Salisbury Sun: Anderson Nevit plored, was brought down from Ashe

ille last night by Agent McMahon and laced in jail on the charge of stealing whiskey from a car of a train at Cleve and, this county, last Saturday. Neviti s the man who interferred and per ans saved the life of the negro Ruth rford on Tuesday, when he was being eaten by Will Garrett, who was sen tenced to 10 years for assaulting and bbing Rutherford.

-Winston Sentinel, Thursday: Th entinel has it from a perfectly relia e source that Judge H. G. Ewart wil ver be confirmed as judge of th inited States Federal court for this the Western North Carolina district. It is nown in Washington, says a gentle an from that city, that Senator But r has enough against Ewant to prevent him from going in Senator Pritchard passed through Greensbord his week and it is learned that he admitted to a friend that there was no ope for Ewart's confirmation.



THERE'S A SCARCITY. Weekly Remarks Upon Conditions in

Central Market. There is a general scarcity on the oduce market, this being particularly rue of the green products of Florida. This fact is due to the severe storm which recently visited the section of ity mentioned telegraph orders could ot be placed.

A large number of California oranges re being sold on the local market, the approved quality accounting in a large art for the increased sale. A large shipment of New York State nions have been received, the prevail-

ng wholesale price being \$1.40. Onions rought more than this last year. Fewer chickens are being marketed nd prices are higher. Eggs advanced price Monday and Tuesday, but are steady at 10 cents per dozen. Florida cabbages are being received ut as native cabbages may be obtain so much cheaper there is very little mand for the imported variety. Apples and Irish potatoes are un

Beef cattle are scarce and prices ave advanced. Good cattle now bring rom 3 to 3½ cents. Sheep are also carce. Veal is a little more plentiful, nd there is a good supply of pork.
A lot of fine Neuse river shad were old this week on the fish market. Gray rout, red snapper and striped bass sold vell. Oysters also found ready sale.

Read the advertisement of Hotel Empire." New York, on page 4. All the boys stop as they pass by the Swannanoa Cafe.

ure on the Loss.

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