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to act upon as Dictator in Maine with his spurs on? If there was ever a usurper on this continent—in Mexico or Central America—that man is Joshua Chamberlain, "Major General."

Why, he says he got his authority from Governor Garcelon. How can he hold authority thus derived after the Governor's term of office expires and of course his authority with it?

The Syracuse (N. Y.) Herald, an independent paper, thus puts the case clearly and correctly as we believe:

"Governor Garcelon's authority ceased on Wednesday last, and by the first principles of law he could not delegate to another a right which he did not possess himself."

From the people there has been no popular election. From the Legislature? The Legislature has not yet voted; it is today unable to get a quorum of its members together.

From President Lamson? President Lamson himself, under an indisputable provision of the constitution, now claims to be acting Governor, and certainly is such a factio if not de jure.

We are therefore driven to the conclusion that General Chamberlain has constituted himself dictator by virtue solely of the armed force at his command.

If the Republicans do not make haste to stamp this usurper's pretensions with disapproval, they will have no ground hereafter for complaining of the conduct of Governor Garcelon and his Council in taking on themselves the duty of arbitrating where their constitutional functions were limited to ministerial action.

This Major General Chamberlain is a petty usurper at best. He is but a poor player. "A poor player, That struts and frets his hour upon the stage, And then is heard no more."

The Republicans have played their hand in a poor and unskillful way. They started a riot, stopped Gov. Garcelon in his efforts to remove arms from Bangor, thus defying his authority as Governor.

annually to be appropriated for the payment of pensions. It is submitted that this is offering too large a premium for fighting. We now spend more money for pensions every year than we spent for the entire annual expenses of the government during the first fifty years of our national existence, including the cost of the war of 1812.

The appropriation for pensions for the single year 1881 covers more money than the entire revolutionary pension roll from first to last. Between 1791 to 1880 the total appropriations for pension account were \$76,000,000.00.

Now here is a fair opportunity for honest statesmanship. Thousands of so-called Union men have been raiding on the Treasury with what is known as "Southern Claims."

A great howl has been made by such lying and disingenuous sheets as the New York Tribune over this heading, the true people of the South being falsely charged with the sin.

It is known well that scarcely a Southern man who fought the blue-coats has ever had a claim for a dollar. In the Northern raid now making on the Treasury there is good solid ground for a howl, and if the Tribunes were honest in the least, and really desired to guard the Treasury, they would rattle away night and day until they had stopped the systematic robbery of the taxpayers that was going on continually.

THE C. F. & Y. RAILROAD. A gentleman connected with the Cape Fear & Yadkin Railroad, in a letter before us, asks how it is that Wilmington takes so little interest in this very important feeder to our growing city.

"We are working 275 hands on the grading, 150 on the lower end in Chatham, and 125 on the Greensboro end. We have more and a half miles done on the Greensboro end, and there are uncompleted, between the two forces, but twenty-five miles, which will be completed by the first day of September, which will leave us one mile from Greensboro to the Gulf, ready for the iron."

In Connecticut 94 2-10 per cent of the children are in attendance upon the public schools. This is a good showing. But when we learn that in that small State the school fund amounts to \$1,390,972 54, we see how this large per cent of pupils is maintained.

There is no doubt about the heavy raids being made upon the U. S. Treasury by the tens of thousands of pensioners. We mentioned recently some factors connected with this constant drain upon the pockets of the people.

It is really a great outrage upon the pockets of the tax-payers, this pension business. Either there must be more discretion used in the bestowment of pensions or the burdens of the long-suffering tax-payers will be steadily increased.

General Chamberlain continues to occupy his position of military dictator, and Governor Lamson is without the authority which the constitution and the laws confer upon him. Both Legislatures continue to hold their sessions. The lower house of the legal body still lacking a quorum, the Fusion majority propose to shortly declare the seats of Hale and Young—two Republican members who took part in the legislative proceedings the day of the organization but afterwards deserted—vacant, and by that means obtain the necessary number of sitting members.

Mr. O'Connor would have the State governments abolished; would dispense with the Federal Senate and lodge all legislative power in the House of Representatives; would have the President chosen by lot from the members of the House, and his term of office limited to a single month; would abolish the postal service; would abolish the army and navy and depend on the militia; would allow none but general laws to be passed; would forbid Congress to meet for purposes of legislation, except in some great exigency; would so simplify the government and abridge its functions that official prizes would not be worth contending for, and thus annihilate political parties by withholding the "spoils."

The Fusionists possess the advantage of holding the certificates of election issued by the Governor and Council, while the Republicans rest upon the decision of the Supreme Court. But, as we said in the previous, Gen. Chamberlain possesses the key of the situation at last. If he recognizes the Fusion Legislature as the legal body and uses his police or militia to eject the Republicans, the Fusionists will, in all probability, secure control of the government and proceed quietly to the exercise of its functions.

On the other hand, he inclines to the Republicans, there seems to be little hope left for the Fusionists. This new General Monk on a small scale, therefore looms up as an important personage at this time, and fifty millions of people will wait for his dictum with some curiosity, if not anxiety.

OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES. It ought to be a fundamental principle in any political party a representative government that the intention of the voters, where it can be clearly made out, must prevail. This doctrine was earnestly contended for by the Democracy in 1877, in the Presidential contest, and should not be abandoned now because there may be a chance to force upon their opponents some of the drugs from the cup held by Democracy.

Make way for the strong man, or the strong man will make way for himself.—Lamar's Sentinel, Saltair. The fortunes of a Presidential candidate depend very often on the character of his opponent and the esteem in which he is held.—N. Y. Herald, Ind.

THE DISTRESS IN IRELAND is becoming greater daily, and the wail of suffering grows louder and more heart-piercing. The need of help is most pressing. Let all help who can.

THE MEDICAL NEWS, edited by I. M. Hays, A. M., M. D., is a valuable publication for the physician. The January number is to hand. Published monthly. Price \$2.00. Henry O. Lea, Philadelphia, publisher.

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Save Money, Ladies. Keep a supply of Brooms, Potato Mashers, Beef Mania, Lemon Squeezers, Dusters, Shoe Brushes and Polish, Scrubbing Brushes, Clothes Lines, Silver Polish and Brush, Matches and Box (Matches without a box are dangerous); Knife Boxes, Tubs, Buckets, Clothes Baskets and Clothes Lines, Clothes Pins, Dust Pans, Troughs and Cullenders on hand, and ready for use; every thing in its proper place and bright, and.

P. L. Bridgers & Co. 22, 24, 26 & 28 Front Street, Wilmington, N. C. Have just laid in an overwhelming supply of these Indispensables. They cost a few cents only, but they are as good as a Life Policy and better than a Prize in the Lottery, or a dozen Blue Pills, in promoting health and digestion; and just think.

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