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☞ For Legislative matter see THIRD PAGE.

The MAIL due yesterday, and the day before came through, bringing the latest dates.

CALIFORNIA—THE UNION

In Mississippi while the agitation of the slavery question has created perhaps a more fervorish and dangerous excitement than in any other Southern State, except South Carolina, we are gratified in being able to announce symptoms of a healthy reaction. We find that in Natchez, under the imposing title of a "Rally for the Union," a public meeting has been convoked for the 9th inst., of all persons who are in favor of the integrity of the Union, and who are sec opposed to the admission of California into the Union as a free State, as expressed by Mr. Raymond, of the *New York Courier & Enquirer*, who drew the second resolution, do not contain the Wilmot Proviso, as has been supposed; but it leaves their Senators free to oppose it, or vote for Clay or General Taylor's plan of compromise. The stand made by the South, since this session commenced, has, therefore, utterly defeated the Proviso—there is now no further difficulty, consequently, in procuring some adjustment of the other questions.

The President of the United States returned to the seat of Government on Saturday night the 23d inst., from his excursion to the Capital of Virginia. We learn, says the *Republic*, that he is much gratified with his visit.

PUBLIC-SPIRITED BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.—The members of this association assembled on Sunday morning last at the residence of their President, Mr. Louis Viaris, and after forming in procession marched through the principal streets to the Catholic Cemetery on Bas n street, where they proceeded to consecrate the new and handsome tomb just erected for the Association. The ceremonies on the occasion were exceedingly touching and impressing, and derived increased interest from the funeral honors paid to the remains of four deceased brethren, who had been previously interred in other cemeteries. After the consecration of the resting place by the clergy, appropriate addresses were delivered by the Messrs. Viaris, Colongne and Archey, whom the members addressed on the necessity of their worthy president, and partook of a generous collation.

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☞ Postmaster JOHN S. BAKER, Esq., for many years an editor and proprietor of the New-Orleans *Courier*, has resigned the office of Postmaster of this city, and the duties of the office devolve upon Mr. B. Sewall, appointed by the President. Mr. B. was appointed with very little opposition, and has discharged the duties of the office with very great satisfaction to the public. We understand that Mr. Baker has purchased the New-Orleans *Courier*, and will again assume the editorship of that paper on the 1st January next.—*Cincinnati Gazette*.

The Cuban Movements.—Our information appears to be confirmed in Cuba. Exchange and premium are depicted. Considerable uneasiness prevails amongst the large authority. We shall have something definite to say of the relationship between Spain and Cuba.

The Message of the *Louisiana Fire Companies*.—No. 11, for a specified last evening at the Orleans Saloon. Dancing was kept up until late, and every body appeared to be highly delighted with the entertainment of the gallant firemen.

DEATH.—We learn that Capt. BLESH, of the schr. *Diamond* was drowned, last Saturday evening, in stepping off one of the wharves of the Lake Municipality. His body has not yet been received.

☞ A child of respectable parents, living in Washington, was killed a few days ago by being confined to swallow a large quantity of molasses, given to it by the nurse—a negro girl. The murderess has been arrested.

KEY WEST.—We clip the following from the Key West correspondence of the Charleston *Courier*:

In the case of ship *Mellina*, the Court awarded—cost on Peter, for himself and consorts, $3,550 for salvage.

Feb. 13—the salvage and expenses of ship *Abellona*, amounting to $7,419 12, has been advanced by agents of Underwriters, and as soon as necessary Court papers are delivered she will sail for Vera Cruz.

Feb. 15—Pencon, et al. vs. Bark ship *Lord Seaton* and cargo—Geo. Fitzsimmons, Respt.—Libelled for Salvage—U. S. District Court met this morning—Hon. Wm. Marvin, Judge; S R Mallory for plaintiffs, and W R Hackley for Respondents. Libel was read and answered. Respondent prays for restitution of cargo, after paying necessary salvage, &c., and also for condemnation and sale of hull and materials, as Surveyors estimate necessary repairs at the sum of $20,061 88. Court then adjourned.

Feb. 17.—By the arrival of Lighthouse's boat, from Indian River, we have received news of the loss of U. S. Surveying steamer *Hetzel*, Lieut. Gouverneur Rogers, during a severe blow, whilst at anchor off Indian River Bar, on the—inst.

Feb. 21—Hull and materials of the ship *Lord Seaton*, were sold this morning by the U. S. Marshal. The ship with bowsprit and deadeyes brought $1200; materials and provisions, $2,300; broken bales of cotton, $305; total, $3,805 60.

Feb. 10—Arrived, brig *Isabella Reed*, —, New Orleans, bound to Savannah; put into port on account of weather.

DEATH OF A VETERAN.—The National Intelligencer notices the death of Gen. John McMAHON, the Grand Marshal of the day, and lived down to yesterday, through the entire length of the procession route. A bright spring day had gathered on the festivities and rode as the gallant old veteran, bowing with the air of the old school, to the cheers of the multitude. He was born in Maryland in 1774, and was therefore in the seventy-sixth year of his age. He entered the army as a lieutenant of artillery in 1798, and was promoted to a captaincy in 1799. He was transferred to the infantry in 1802, and was promoted to a majority in 1808. He was appointed a lieutenant colonel in 1812, and was brevetted a colonel for his gallant conduct in the battle of Chippewa. He was appointed a brigadier general in 1814, and was brevetted a major general for his gallant conduct in the battle of Niagara