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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

HENRY CLAY,

OF KENTUCKY

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To-morrow being the EIGHTH of JANUARY, no paper will be issued from the office of the Bee on Wednesday.

☞ We take occasion to remind to our friends all the public that we consider ourselves candidates for the office of STATE PRINTERS, the Bee office in the Exchange, in its being "published in both languages," with the exception of the Sunday sheet, in addition to the extensive facilities for the faithful discharge of our duties, and to be fortunate enough to prove successful in our application.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The two branches of the legislative assemblies, the senate and house, yesterday morning, and in our opinion continue to form a quorum in each house. We do not learn that many members of the senate were absent—in the house of representatives forty-four have been answered to their names.

Shortly after the organization of the senate, an election was held for president of that body, when Mr FELIX GALPIN was elected without opposition. Mr Garcia, of his political sentiments, is a whig.

The house was called to order by General Thomas. After some debate respecting the mode of conducting the election for speaker, the members proceeded to ballot for the choice, 41 ballotages being present.

The opposing candidates were, General Dubuys whig) and Mr. Lewis (adminis.) The first ballot was productive of no choice, General Dubuys receiving 24 votes, Mr. Lewis 21 votes, and one blank vot being given. Previous to the second ballot anothe member entered and took his seat. On the secon ballot the votes stood:

General Dubuys,	24
Mr. Lewis,	20
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General Dubuys was consequently declared duly elected speaker of the house.

The above vote is scarcely a fair test of the state of parties in the legislature, as several whigs are known to have voted for Mr. Lewis from personal considerations. We have little doubt that in fair ballot the whig majority will range between 8 and 10 votes.

Mr. Dubuys, upon taking the oath of office, delivered a neat and highly appropriate speech.

In the senate, Horatio Davis, Esq., was re-elected secretary. Messrs. Frederick and Wilks were elected translators from English into French, and Mr. Sor Colonel Davis translator from French into English. The following gentlemen were elected enrolling clerks:—

A. Depré,
Jennings,
Landry,
Perret.

In the house, the candidates for clerk were, Mr. A. Cuvillier and T. W. Collins. On the first ballot the votes stood:

Cuvillier,	35
Collins,	10

Mr. Dubuys was unanimously re-elected sergeant-at-arms. Little business of importance was transacted in either house, save the passage of a resolution to inform the governor that the legislature was ready to receive any communication he might have to make, and a resolution to celebrate the glorious 8th January.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The general message of Governor WHITE, addressed to the two branches of the legislature, will be found in our columns of to-day. We commend it in the strongest manner to public attention. It is a document, which like all which have emanated from this distinguished public functionary, is marked by sound and cogent views, and excellent considerations of local and general policy, couched in lucid, perspicuous and forcible language. Unlike many of the chief magistrates of the states, governor White's messages are invariably distinguished by their brevity. He does not deal in broad and inapplicable generalities, and prolix dissertations upon national affairs, but confines himself to topics of immediate and paramount interest to the people of the state over which he presides. He has likewise the happy talent of condensing all that is valuable, without impairing its force, into much concentration. Hence his messages are perhaps more generally read than those of almost any governor in the union.

The governor commences by congratulating the present with the great condition of the state, and expresses a gratification which must be shared by every citizen, that the prosperity of the state has been upheld without the necessity of a resort to those measures of coercion which were imprudently urged by some whose passions were temporarily triumphant over the conclusions of their sober reason. He suggests to the legislature whether the passage of an act to relieve our banks from the sanction of having forfeited their charters by the suspension of specie payment, be not an advisable measure. This recommendation seems to us wise and judicious one. It will tend to establish beyond a doubt the ultimate security of our financial institutions, and to dispel the misgivings of those who may possibly regard the moneyed corporations of the state as amenable for an act, which as the executive rightly remarks, it was not optional for them to avoid.

After alluding to several documents from the executive of Georgia and the national congress, transmitted to the legislature, the governor proposes the revision o the 6th section of the act passed by the city council i 1best, for the establishment of an armory. The pro visions of this ordinance as adopted by the council were so loosely explained as to render its carrying int effect nearly impracticable. The attention of the legislature is hence itinperatively needed, in order that the objects of the act may be accomplished with all possible promptitude. Closely connected with this subject is the urgency of some legislative action for the better arming of the militia; and the governor has accordingly made the proper inquiries to obtain the best information at the foundrys of the north, as to the means of procuring a twelve-pound brass fieldpiece for each brigade, as contemplated in the act of February 1837. The results of these inquiries are made known to the legislature through special documents accompanying the message.

There is one topic on which governor White expresses himself with the indignation of a freeman and the unconditional severity worthy of the executive of Louisiana—we mean the infamous outrage upon the laws perpetrated last summer on the person of the unfortunate Lee. The governor comments upon this most disgraceful and deplorable proceeding in a spirit of manly reprobation and laudable warmth of feeling. Our government is one of laws, and if these laws are unequal to its maintenance, then our state administration is incompetent to the ends for which it was created. It is well and emphatically remarked, that crime should find no immunity in the number of its accomplices. The criminal, from the moment of his condemnation, is placed under the peculiar protection of the state—incarcerated or manacled, he becomes impotent for all the purposes of self-defence. How deep then must be the opprobrium, how ineffaceable the stigma, that attaches itself to our code, if, while it subjects the culprit to punishment, it proves wholly inefficacious in guarding him from the lawless violence of a mob, and suffers the momentary exhibition of popular fury to scoff at and trample upon the majesty of legal justice.—The governor earnestly recommends the adoption of such measures as may for the future, provide against the possible recurrence of these atrocities. Fortunately for the outrage in question the force of public sentiment has been arrayed against it in no direct and positive a manner, that there is but little danger of a repetition of so disgraceful a scene.

The message concludes by a few pertinent and happy remarks on the retirement of the executive from office. No important public trust, it observes, has suffered material injury, and the governors of Louisiana withdraws from his high station, in the confident belief, that the wisdom of our future public councils will supply past deficiencies, and ensure, throughout all time to come, the prosperity of the state, and the happiness of the people.

THE MAIL.

We have the *extreme satisfaction* of recording another failure of the express mail beyond Charleston. The fault, it is obvious, lies not with the contractor in this city, since the mail between Mobile and New Orleans arrives still tolerable regularity. But it seems, that either in consequence of the vile condition of the roads between Montgomery and Mobile, or from some disinclination of duty in the mail contractors between the points mentioned, or perhaps from the imperfect and flashy arrangements entered into by the post office department, the northern mail which by right should meet the western one, comes where on the great main route to the State of Alabama is retarded sadly three or four times a week, and we of New Orleans consequently suffer from the delay. Last week, the mail failed in this way no less than three time, while the western portion of the mail arrived with unintermpted regularity bringing the latest dates from Louisville, Cincinnati and St. Louis. And for ought we know to the contrary, we may be doomed to similar disappointments during the present week. That there is lack of duty in this deplorable remissness and irregularity no one will question. We are sure what surprised that the conductors of the Mobile papers will most certainly feel the evil effects of these continued failures, feelly as much as those of the New Orleans press and who from proximity, are better enabled to ascertain and expose the culprit, should continue to endure an intolerable grievance with such composure and resignation.

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