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THE PAST—THE PRESENT—FOR THE FUTURE.

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A large body of articles, prepared or in type, for the present publication, remains "over." We shall publish a supplement next week, to dispose of some of them.

We give an account of the riot that took place in the house of representatives on *Sunday* morning last, derived from various sources. They all partake more, much more, of a party character than we are accustomed to publish, and of one side, only, but generally agree in the main facts; and we have not seen any statement, drawn up by a friend of the other party. We regret this, and the whole occurrence. But the house relieved itself of a vast amount of censure on Tuesday—by referring the contested election back to the people.

POSTSCRIPT. The great improvement bill, before the legislature of Maryland, was defeated on Thursday last, by a solitary vote! It is hoped that this is not final—and that it may be reconsidered *this* day, probably the last of the session.

We have news from Europe 12 days later than our last accounts. The most important matter related is the execution of Fieschi and some of his associates—which was peaceably effected in five minutes.

On Monday last, at 11 o'clock, Elias Glenn, United States district judge for the state of Maryland, Nathaniel Williams, esq. United States district attorney, the marshal for the district, and the clerk of the court, waited upon Mr. Roger B. Taney, at his dwelling, and accompanied him thence to the circuit court room. The court was then opened, when judge Glenn proceeded, in presence of many members of the bar, and a number of citizens whom the occasion had called together, to administer to Mr. Taney his oath of office as chief justice of the United States court and presiding judge of this circuit.

Elias Glenn, esq. has resigned his office of judge of the district of Maryland, and it is supposed that his successor will be Upton S. Heath, esq.

At a meeting of the whig members of the legislature of Maryland, held on the 23d ult. the nomination of gen. Harrison, as president, and of Mr. Tyler, as vice president, was concurred in, and col. Pratt and Thomas Burchenal were nominated electors on the part of the state at large.

The Globe noticing and denying the correctness of a report published in the New York Star, "that Mr. Kendall, the post master general, advocated a proposition to lend the states, pro rata, the whole of the surplus revenue without interest," adds the following very gratifying information:

"We know that Mr. Kendall fully approves of the plan in Mr. Grundy's bill, of employing a portion of the revenue in purchasing from rail road companies, the right for the government to use them for the transportation of the mail, and for all other purposes of a public character.

"Such a disposition of a part of the public money on hand, we are satisfied, would prove more serviceable to the country than any other application which can be made of it."

Hallahan, who was convicted of being engaged in the late riots of the stevedores and ship laborers in New York, and also of an assault upon Mr Brink, the police officer, was on Saturday sentenced to seven years imprisonment in the state prison. The other individuals concerned in the riots were remanded to the next term.

The bill to indemnify the heirs of Mrs. Jane White for losses sustained during the war-mob of eighteen hundred and twelve, has been passed, by the legislature of Maryland.

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Among other "accidents," we see that the steambot Benjamin Franklin exploded, on leaving the wharf, on the 13th ult. at Mobile, with the following horrible results—

5 men killed,
7 men missing,
21 men wounded.

—
33 total.

The locomotive, with a train of cars, on the Lexington and Ohio rail road, when within two miles of Frankfort, from some unknown cause, was thrown off the track, and the passenger cars hurled down a high embankment, whereby two persons were instantly killed, another died shortly after, and ten or twelve were wounded—the car being dashed to pieces.

A great steambot, the *Randolph*, was burnt to the water's edge, (with a valuable cargo), near Nashville. She had 350 tons of goods on board, among them 23 packages for the Hermitage, the property of the president of the United States, and large supplies from the eastern cities, for the merchants of Nashville. The total loss is supposed to have exceeded 200,000 dollars. Two or three lives were lost, in consequence of the accident.

Two persons, named Crockett and Russell, were recently executed within the prison yard, at Boston, for the crime of arson—which offence has assumed a fearful aspect in that city.

The legislature of Virginia adjourned on Thursday last week. It will be marked by the "expunging resolutions," which were passed by it.

The legislature of Mississippi adjourned on Saturday, the 27th of February, to the first Monday in January next.

The incorporation of many banks and rail roads were made during the session—in all to the amount of seventeen millions of dollars. One of the most important bills passed is that establishing a penitentiary.

The legislature of Virginia has voted, unanimously, swords to the son of the late lieutenant colonel George Armistead of the U. S. A.—the gallant defender of Fort McHenry—and to captain A. F. Valette, of the U. S. navy, for his good conduct in the battle of Lake Champlain.

From Louisiana we have, in answer to inquiries made, received information of the true amount of the existing bank capital of that state, as lately increased. It is not so much as seventy millions, heretofore reported. The nominal bank capital of this state is, however, fifty-six millions, of which thirty-two millions have been paid in. The whole circulation upon this great capital is but six millions of dollars—less probably than the amount of specie in the vaults of the same banks. [Nat. Int.

A storm is apparently brewing in Upper Canada—the people of the lower province have long been in a very "seditious" mood. The executive council have all resigned—because the "Algerine government," as it is called, that is the governor, "did not consult them in carrying on the government.

Died, at Washington, on the 22d ult. gen. Mountjoy Baily, in his 82d year—an officer in the revolution.

It is said that Mr. Wilkins, our minister at St. Petersburg, is about to return home, his fortune and salary