

UNITED STATES.

THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.—Our Praise- God-Bare-bones-Parliament of Aborn Hassans have gone on in their natural way of doing business,—that is, they try to legislate upon possible and impossible matters; and upon somethings besides. The committee are yet busily engaged upon some of the matters set forth in the message of his Excellency, the Governor. All sorts of motions, about all things and every thing besides, are submitted by the members, and the greater part of them are sent to the unfortunate Judiciary committee, which is already overloaded with motions which no pack-horse could possibly bear. The members of that committee ought to strike for higher wages. We observe that the orders for examining numeraries and disfranchising Catholics, and two or three other orders of a similar nature, which are solemnly committed to the Judiciary committee for consideration, have been as solemnly returned to the House with the remark that the thing cannot be done. We are almost sorry that the committee did not report in favor of the orders. Some know-nothing marplot who happened to know a little about the Constitution and the Laws was about, and he whispered in their ears that they were going a little too far. Why didn't he hold his tongue? The little too far. Why didn't he hold his tongue? The proceedings of this Legislature, when well digested, will afford sport for the country for twenty years to come. Theatre goers are beginning to crowd about there for they say that it is better than a play. Never had we such a distinguished legislature,—no, never! —Boston Pilot.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.—Our republican neighbors have a nice gentlemanly way of doing business, which clearly shows that they have thrown off all the old-fashioned prejudices which control the proceedings of Lords and Commons on the other side of the Atlantic. The following scene is copied from the N. Y. Times' report of a debate on a question about a magnetic telegraph line. A Mr. Farley was the speaker:—

"General Lane, of Oregon, interrupted him (the speaker) several times with questions and a call to order."

"Mr. Farley, interposing, called the delegate from Oregon to order."

"Mr. Lane, angrily and dictatorially, objected to Mr. Farley's interruption; whereupon the latter reminded him that he had the right to call him to order, and also that he (Mr. F.) had submitted courteously to repeated interruptions by Mr. Lane. Mr. L., who was standing in or near the centre aisle, about ten feet from Mr. Farley, exclaimed, 'You're a liar!'—addressing his words to the gentleman from Maine—and starting menacingly towards him. Mr. Farley instantly retorted, 'You're a d-d liar!'—and sprang at once to meet Mr. Lane, who was then advancing. The parties met and struck at each other several times, but failed to do any serious damage. Of course the greatest confusion ensued. Members essayed flying leaps over the desks, to get to the seat of war; others rushed along the aisles to the same spot; the speaker banged away with his gavel, and unavailingly appealed to the House to 'come to order'; but the members were determined to see whether Oregon and Maine would 'come to time,' and the authority of the speaker was, for the nonce, a perfect nonentity. General Lane, with a wrathfully red countenance, was easily extricated from the mêlée and conducted to his seat. Mr. Farley, though a small man, gave four stout fellow members not a little trouble to hold him. Among those who were first in efforts to separate the parties was Mr. Hamilton, of Maryland. Mr. Farley did not relish his interference, and when he found that Mr. Hamilton was preventing him from 'punishing' the man who had insulted him, he turned upon Mr. H. and belabored him instead.

"Quiet was finally restored; but a few minutes later Mr. Lane came near producing another explosion by referring to his late combatant as 'that fellow,' which was received with a burst of indignation by the House. No steps were taken to inquire into this affair, and no motion was made to rebuke either party for his share in this outrage upon the dignity of the House."

NATYVEISM.—There is much talk in certain quarters just now, about excluding the Greek, Latin, French, Italian, English, and other languages from our schools, and teaching only the Iroquois, Winnebago, Camanche, and Cherokee.

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AN ACTIVE ERROR.—The editor of the North Carolina Baptist Spectator, is an official minister of the gospel; a licensed attorney; agent for nearly all the insurance companies north of the Potomac; commissioner for thirty states, and an applicant for the same when Kansas and Nebraska shall have come in; bank director; chairman of the Board of Superintendents of the common schools; temperance orator; agent and counsel for Wake Forest College; President and Secretary of all the boards of the Baptist church, &c.; and in addition, he owns more property, has the neatest farm, the best fruits, and the finest cattle of any man in the country.

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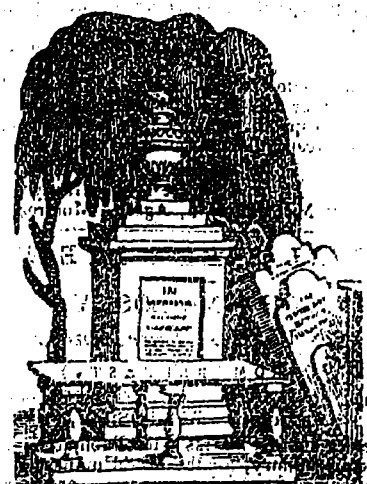
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