

of Dr. Parkman, though this conclusion by no means necessarily follows, even if the premises are admitted.

Not long since a citizen of our village picked up a block of mineral teeth in the street, and carried them in his pocket several days, when they were reclaimed by the owner, (a respectable lady,) and given up. Now, suppose this lady had disappeared about that time, or had been found dead, under circumstances to excite suspicions of foul play, the possession of the block of artificial teeth by our friend who picked them up, would give rise to the strong evidence adopted in the case of Dr. Webster, have exonerated his neck to the hilt! The identification of the remains was, in fact, a failure. The teeth may or may not have been the property of Dr. Parkman—they certainly were not a part of his remains, and their being found in the Medical College proves just nothing at all, except that they were there. They may have been dropped there by Dr. Parkman himself, or they may have been picked up by another person having access to the building, and deposited there; they may have been left in some human care from the departing department of the College.

But suppose we admit that Dr. Parkman is dead, and that the remains are his; where is the proof? Let us look at Prof. Webster's? It was alleged that he went into Prof. Webster's room between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, and that he never came out. It was admitted that he went there as charged, but it was not positively known that he came out and was seen in different parts of the city, and at different times during the afternoon of the same day, down to 5 o'clock in the evening; and not even an attempt was made to impeach the testimony of a single witness who testified to this point. When we saw this evidence, we concluded at once that an acquittal was certain, and such was the universal opinion of Dr. Parkman from the College, after he was alleged to have gone there and never came out—was clearly established, thus breaking the chain of circumstances relied upon for the conviction of the accused, and entitling him to a triumphant acquittal;—and when it was reported in our streets on Monday morning, following the exclusion of the trial, that the jury had, and a verdict of guilty, the public was at no pronounced as "April fool," but played off by some eastern telegraph operator, so contrary was the announcement to the public judgment formed upon the evidence in the case.

The Judge in his charge to the Jury acted the part of the leveller, putting against human life; and the Jury, who make a boast of their duly supplications for Divine direction, seemed only to seek strength in their prayers to carry out a foregone conclusion. It was the duty of Mr. Dickinson, as a representative of the House of Representatives, to Washington, laying the subject on the table. From present appearances, I entertain good hopes that all the distracting and dangerous questions arising out of slavery, which now agitate the country, may be settled before the termination of the present session of Congress.

Very respectfully,
JAMES BUCHANAN.

W. T. H. PAULY.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.
Our last paper brought down the report of the doings in Congress to Tuesday, since which it'd but very little has been done as usual. We give a brief synopsis.

Tuesday, April 9.—Senate.—Mr. Dickinson moved that the deficiency bill be taken up. Lost—15 to 19.

The cause bill was next taken up and referred to the hour of adjournment.

Hause.—Leave was granted to the committee on investigation, in the case of the Secretary of War, to sit during a meeting of the House.

The resolution is relative to the purchase of American lamp was then taken up and debated, and a motion to lay it on the table rejected.

Mr. Davis said that he believed that the cause bill was the special order, and that he was anxious that it should be taken up.

Mr. Douglass said that it the deficiency bill be not taken up, he should move the California bill.

Mr. King wanted prompt action on the cause bill, but he preferred waiting for Mr. Dawson's return.

Mr. Butler said that Mr. Dawson would be absent two weeks.

Mr. King then withdrew his objection, and Mr. Dickinson's motion was lost, 18 to 19.

Mr. Davis moved to take up the cause bill. Carried, and the Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the same.

Hause.—Mr. Howard gave notice of a long amendment to Mr. Clermont's bill relating to the territorial claim of Texas.

Mr. Harris, of Tenn., spoke on behalf against the admission of California as an independent measure. He advocated non-intervention. They had the right to carry slaves into the territory, and to claim the strong arm of the government.

Wednesday, April 10.—Senate.—Mr. Hale presented several petitions prohibiting slavery &c. Mr. Atkinson moved that Mr. Hale have leave to hand all such petitions to the Secretary, without stating their contents, thereby saving much time. The motion was not insisted upon.

Mr. Clay called the attention of the Senate to the fact that these petitions were all printed alike, and he said that it was a concerted plan of the abolitionists, and designed to produce impressions upon the public sentiment. The Chair suggested that the petitions had already been passed upon. Mr. Hale called Mr. Clay to order, but waived the point. Mr. Clay very emphatically warned the Senate and the country against incendiary petitions, and said that Mr. Hale was mounting the bench, not of the horse, but of the negro to ride into power. Mr. Hale replied. Mr. Rusk, in a few remarks, partly concurred in all that had been said by Mr. Clay. Mr. Butler followed. Mr. Foote wished to apply the most extreme to the fullest extent. Mr. Clay moved to take up the petition presented by Mr. Seward, to enrol the slaves among the militia. Carried—when it was moved to rejece the petition. On taking the year and nays, he hoped all would vote against the abominable prayer. The petition was rejected unanimously.

The cause bill was then taken up and amended; an amendment that the schedule be printed by contrast, was rejected.

The bill then passed.

House.—Mr. McLanahan was excused from serving upon the committee appointed to investigate the charges made against the Secretary of War in reference to the Galphin claim, and the Spanish was authorized to fill the vacancy.

The consideration of the resolution granting pensions to widows of officers and soldiers who died of disease contracted while in the service of the U. S. was resumed and ordered to a third reading, when on a motion to reconsider, a warm and confused debate opened up. The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

In a committee of the whole, Mr. Root spoke at length, dividing the 6th. He contended that the North was all the while the aggressor. He assailed Mr. Stevens furiously.

Mr. Duer spoke next. He defended his vote on Mr. Root's resolution. He had voted on Mr. Root's resolution, because he had a peculiar desire to visit the faithful democratic county of Graysville. He was last fall, I had determined to pass a part of the winter in New Graysville, and on my return home to pay you a visit. This project was defeated by the Committee, which the slavery question had ruined, and I also regretted that it was not successful. The speech of the aggressor. He assailed Mr. Stevens furiously.

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