

THE SOUTHWESTERN INDIAN TRIBES

Mr. Atchison moved, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to enable the President to negotiate with the Indians of the prairies south and west of the Missouri river, to the northern line of the State of Texas, embracing the Indians of the mountains and including those of New Mexico; and the bill being read, was considered and passed.

APRIL 29.

A TRANCE—BURYING ALIVE.—

A paper was read before the French Academy of Science, in which the following extraordinary instance was adduced as a reason for abolishing the present custom of burying so soon after death:

A young female had been twice pronounced dead when only in a trance, but had recovered in time to prevent being buried alive. A third trance came on, and, in consequence of what had previously occurred, permission was obtained from the constituted authorities for the body to remain above ground as long as decomposition should not have taken place. A week—ten days passed away—there was still no decomposition, but all the medical men declared that she was dead, and at length she was laid in her coffin. Only a few minutes before the coffin was to be nailed down, and while the bell of the village church was already tolling for her funeral, a female from an adjoining village, who had been the school fellow of the supposed defunct, came to take a last farewell. She stooped to kiss the lips of the departed friend, and remaining in that position for some time, the bystanders attempted to remove her, lest her emotion should be injurious to her. She waived them off with her hand, and remained with her lips upon those of her friend, and breathing as it turned out afterwards, the warm breath of life into her lungs. At length she exclaimed, "she lives!" and rising from the body

pointed out unequivocal signs of life. She stated that as she was kissing her friend, she fancied that she felt her breathe, and in a few minutes was convinced of the fact. The female who was supposed to be dead, was taken out of the coffin and placed in a warm bed, and, in the course of a few hours, fully revived. She stated that she was, during her trance, fully sensible to all that was passing around her, and that she even heard the death bell toll, but was utterly incapable of speech or sign to show that she was not dead!

Industry Rewarded.—A proud Welch squire took it into his head to be very angry with a poor curate, who employed his leisure hours in mending clocks and watches, and actually applied to Dr. Shipley, Bishop of St. Asaph, with a formal complaint against him, for carrying on a trade. His lordship having heard the complaint, told the squire he might depend upon it that the strictest justice should be done in the case; accordingly, the mechanic-divine was sent for a few days after, when the Bishop asked him—"How he dared to disgrace his diocese, by becoming a mender of clocks and watches?" The other with all humility replied, "to satisfy the wants of a wife and ten children!" "That won't do with me," rejoined the prelate, "I'll inflict such a punishment on you as shall make you leave off your pitiful trade, I promise you;" and immediately calling in his secretary, ordered him to make out a presentation for the astonished curate to a living of at least £150 per annum.

—A negro woman was relating her experience to a gaping congregation of her own color; among other things she said she had been to heaven. One of the brethren asked her, "Sister, you see any black folks in heaven?" She replied, "Oh, go out—spose I go in de kitchen when I was dar."

COUNTERFEIT GOLD COIN.—Our citizens cannot be too careful. Counterfeit American eagles, half eagles and quarters are in circulation. We yesterday saw some specimens, as taken by one of our citizens. They can be detected only by weight. The die is quite perfect, although a coiner might discover that the impression is not quite so sharp and decided as the genuine coin, yet none but a practical eye can detect the difference. Even when examined under the microscope, they are found to correspond in the most minute particular to the genuine coin. The half eagles, which are perhaps the most numerous, bear dates, such as 1844, 1845, and 1847. Of the quarter eagle, only one date, 1843, and bearing the O. for the New Orleans mint mark, has as yet been detected; but doubtless others are in circulation. The value of the half eagles assayed was from \$3 to \$3.40, and the quarter do. \$1.25. They are so well calculated to deceive, that they have passed undetected, through the hands of good judges, into the Mint. [Bicknell's Reporter.]

MAHOMED'S PREACHINGS.—His definition of charity embraced the wide circle of kindness. "Every good act," he would say, "is charity. Your smiling in your brother's face is charity; an exhortation of your fellow man to virtuous deeds is equal to alms-giving; your putting a wanderer in the right road is charity; your assisting the blind is charity; your removing stones, and thorns, and other obstructions from the road is charity; your giving water to the thirsty is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good he does in this world to his fellow-man. When he dies, people will say, 'What property has he left behind him?' But the angels who examine him in the grave will ask, 'What good deeds hast thou sent before thee?'—*Washington Irving's Life of Mahomet.*