suance of that proclamation, the delegate was elected. At that time there were charges of fraud and violence on both sides; but no one possessed of ordinary intelligence could fail to inquire why, if they be true, were not proceedings instituted in the Territory to discover that fraud and violence? Where were the executive officers, that there was no interference to prevent it? Where were the election judges, that there was no attempt on their part to prevent the fraud and violence? Where were the peaceable citizens, that no one interfered, by way of complaint or otherwise, so far as we have any knowledge, to call on the authorities to execute the law and to punish for any infraction of law?

More than that, sir: there is, in the other end of the Capitol, a tribunal which has the ultimate decision of all questions of that kind—a tribunal which goes behind forms and penetrates substance. When the delegate was returned, was there any attempt there to investigate the validity of his election? None. Did any member rise in his place and move a reference of the question to the Committee of Elections? None, according to my memory. Was there a witness called? Has there been any thing but vague denunciation, without proof and without facts? The delegate was permitted by the House of Representatives to take his seat. He took his seat; and thus ended any question in regard to that election.

Now, I ask, will not intelligent men everywhere put the question, How is it? Will they not come to the conclusion that there must have been somewhere a disposition to misrepresent, or, at least, an effort to mislead the public mind, on the one hand, or else that there was a total dereliction of duty on the part of those functionaries of the government who are called upon to see that no frauds and no violence should be pemitted to triumph in that election?

Well, sir, the affairs of the Territory passed on until the election of members of the legislature. Again the people passed upon the election of members, and the members were returned, and again there were charges of fraud and violence. There may have been fraud and violence, for aught I know. I do not undertake to say that there was not; but I beg leave to ask some questions. If there was, where, again, were the officers of the law? Where, again, were the judges of elections? Where were the executive officers? Where was the governor of the Territory, who was expressly authorised to pass on such questions, and to withhold from any person who was not duly elected a certificate of election? The governor did act, and he granted certificates of election to nearly or quite two-thirds of the members of the legislature—certainly to a most decided majority. The others he set aside and ordered elections in their stead. Those elections took place, and I am not aware of any charges of fraud or violence in those elections. There may have been, but I have heard of none, and know of none.

Shortly afterwards the legislature assembled. I apprehend there will be no diversity of opinion on the point that each house had a right to decide on the election of its own members. Perhaps they decided wrong. Every legislative body may decide wrong on a ques-