

## IT WILL BE FULLY ENFORCED.

### Secretary Carlisle Defines His Position in Regard to the Chinese Exclusion Act.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Secretary Carlisle has replied to certain inquiries as to whether he will enforce the provisions of the Chinese exclusion act, as follows:

"First—As the act of May 5, 1892, entitled 'An act to prohibit the coming of Chinese persons into the United States,' has not been repealed it will be enforced so far as lies within the power of this department.

"Second—Section 14 of the act approved May 6, 1882, entitled 'An act to execute certain treaty stipulations relating to Chinese,' provides that hereafter no state or court of the United States shall admit Chinese to citizenship, and all laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed. This provision of law is in full force and the naturalization of Chinese is therefore illegal.

"Third—Chinese merchants established in business in the United States, who may depart therefrom with the intention of returning thereto, will be permitted to land upon submission to the collector of customs at the port of first arrival of evidence sufficient to satisfy him of their identity as such returning merchants. Chinese persons not of the exempt class, as, for instance, laundrymen, residing in the United States, and who may depart therefrom, will not be permitted to return."