

# THE CHINESE NOT WORRIED.

FRIDAY IS THEIR LAST DAY TO REGISTER, BUT THEY CARE NOT.

**They Rely on Their Vice Consul and Their Six Companies and Their Lawyers to Prevent Their Punishment for Violating the Geary Exclusion Act.**

The law says the Chinese must register or go hence; and Friday is the last day to register. But the Chinese do not seem to be worried over the matter at all. They think their vice consul at Washington, their Six Companies and their "big lawyers" will take care of them. There are about 125 Chinamen in Kansas City. Gam Lee of 220 West Fifth street is the most fluent English speaker among them. He does the interpreting for them, watches their cases in court and conducts the Chinese funerals.

"We will do nothing until we hear from Washington," he said this morning, "but we may hear at any time now. If our vice consul and Six Companies tell us to register we will do it. We are just waiting now to hear. The Chinese government treats Americans in China better than we are treated here. There Americans may do anything they wish and if one of them should get hurt or robbed the government makes a great fuss about it and punishes the offender. China extends every courtesy to Americans. We wouldn't think of retaliating by forcing Americans in China to register or treating them the way the Chinese are treated here."

H. F. Devol, collector of internal revenue, will have to execute the law. The matter of enforcing the provisions of the act was left with the Secretary of the Treasury and he appointed the internal revenue collectors over the country to execute the law in the various districts.

The plan of procedure will be for the deputy marshals to arrest Chinamen on warrants sworn out by the internal revenue collector. They will be taken before a United States commissioner who will act in the capacity of Lord High executioner. The presumption under the law will be that the Chinamen are illegally here and by affirmative proof they will have to show their registration. If they are found to be here illegally they may be imprisoned at hard labor for one year and then sent back to China or they may be at once sent back. Deputy marshals will take them in custody just as prisoners are taken to Jefferson City to the penitentiary.

The Chinese of this city allege as one of the reasons for not registering that their government will "kick" them, which is their expression for the displeasure the Chinese emperor might feel toward those of his subjects who hastily and unauthorized comply with the provisions of the United States exclusion act. Because the Chinese were superstitious about having their photographs taken that part of the regulation was dispensed with as it was never a part of the statutes. Also only one credible white witness is now required to prove the residence of a Chinaman. The statutes require one, but the Secretary of the Treasury thought there ought to be two until a few weeks ago, when a circular was sent out, stating that one would be enough.

This law applies only to laborers. There are about a dozen Chinese merchants in the city who will not be in any way affected unless in the vicissitudes of trade they should fail and have to work for a living. Seven Chinamen at various towns in the district outside of Kansas City have registered, but the only Chinaman in the city to take out papers left some time ago for his native land.