

**DONE FOR POLITICAL EFFECT.**

That was a very significant remark made by a prominent Chinese merchant regarding the Geary law, and its non-enforcement. When told that the provisions of the law had been suspended by the president he said, "I knew it all the time. It was done to catch votes in California and now that it has served its purpose it will fall flat."

This remark, taken in connection with the feeling in Oregon, shows that the Democratic administration is not prepared to carry out the work done by the members of that party before the election. The law was not one that recommends itself to those who believe in the advance of civilization, but it was passed by congress and it was the duty of the executive to see that its provisions were carried out. The best way to do away with an unwise law is to strictly enforce its provisions. President Cleveland has set himself up as being higher than the congress which alone has the law-making power, and he suspends the law because he undoubtedly fears to meet the issue squarely.

The Chinese have the best of it so far.