

WHAT WILL THE CHINESE DO?

There Has Been Nothing to Indicate That They Intend to Comply With the Amended Geary Act.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The treasury department is somewhat concerned over the prospect of the Chinese registration under the new law bearing upon that subject. The supposition is that the Chinese will comply with the law, but no one can say definitely until the experiment is tried. The only experience they have had with the Chinese is against the supposition. There had been no reason to suppose that they would refuse to register under the Geary Act, but they did refuse, and when it came to applying the law they defied it openly and went into court upon the constitutionality of the question with all the temerity of native Americans. They attempted to use the law with usual Chinese shrewdness to get a few of their aged people deported to China without expense to themselves, but otherwise displayed a stolid indifference to their fate.

When they received the final verdict of the courts, which was against them, they again appealed to congress for a stay of proceedings in the shape of an extension of the time in which they might register. In making this request they made no actual promises.