

**A Chinese Plea.**

Chinese Consul Bee has served a petition or brief of eighteen pages upon the Board of Health to convince that body of the illegality of the resolution requiring all Chinese arriving here to be vaccinated, and requesting its repeal. The grounds urged are that the resolution is in direct conflict with Articles V and VI of the treaty with China, with the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and with the Civil Rights Act, by which discriminating legislation against any class is prohibited. He claims that it is an arbitrary and discriminating interference with foreign commerce, which Congress alone has the power to regulate; that it is not in conformity with any statute of the State, and that it gives the Quarantine Officer a power unauthorized by any law, and is not a measure for the protection of public health.

**Contra Costa Land Decision.**

United States Circuit Judge Sawyer has issued a decree in the case of the United States against John Mullan and Francis Avery annulling the State selection, listing and patent issued thereon to a tract of land in Contra Costa county, on which there are beds of coal and other minerals. The tract of land, which is 320 acres in extent, was listed and located as agricultural land. The defendants admitted in the pleading that at one time there was a bed of coal on the land, but maintained that it was exhausted several years ago and before the listing by the Black Diamond Coal Mining Company.

**A Grateful Crew.**

A letter has been received from Lieutenant Richard G. Davenport of the steamer *Jamestown*, now stationed at Mare Island, thanking the public for their contributions of reading matter for the crew during the vessel's voyage to New York.