

CONSUL BEE'S BANQUET.

An Offer for Aid for the Chinese Female Convicts.

Circuit Judge Sawyer spent another day yesterday in the hearing of the proceedings instituted on behalf of the *Glamis Castle* women. Assistant Surveyor of the Port Brown gave as his reasons for reporting the detention of the women to the Collector that the eldest of them, Ling Kwai, had been recognized as a bad woman, and had told one of the men present with him at their examination that she owned some of her companions. Neither he nor Captain Todd, who also was on the stand, had observed any indications of lewdness.

The most important testimony adduced yesterday was that of Colonel Bee, the Chinese Consul, who was placed upon the stand by the Government to testify that the woman in question had appealed to him for help to get her women on shares, which done, she would have presented one of the hours to him as a gift. The Consul acknowledged the request for help, but asserted that the consideration was a "banquet from early in the morning until late in the night." Mr. Van Duzer questioned the witness with the object of having him confess that the banquet was to be a scene of oriental pleasure and sensuality, but the Consul only vouchsafed an evasive answer that the promise was one which had "made him laugh."

Two of the younger girls claimed that Ling Kwai was their aunt, and the Government then produced witnesses to prove that the man Wong Tuck, who was identified by Miss Chow Chee as her husband, was nothing more than "a loafer and a gambler," who had no means to support or buy a wife. The woman, on the other hand, had witnesses, who, after much hesitancy, claimed they had come as a matter of curiosity, and had had no previous intimation of their being wanted as witnesses. They averred that Wong Tuck was a reputable tailor, who was also known as Quan Yee, or "Red-Cheeked God," on account of his ruddy cheeks, which resembled those of one of the Chinese gods.

Mr. Van Duzer offered to introduce the certificates given to Captain Todd to show that they were fraudulent in comparison with others which were known to be genuine. An objection was made and sustained to their being offered as fraudulent. The certificates were, however, placed in evidence for what they were worth, and the case went over until Monday, when, as Judge Sawyer insisted, it will be submitted for decision.