

SMUGGLED CHINESE.

Consul Bee's Opinion on the Heathen IncurSION.

A CHRONICLE reporter called yesterday upon Chinese Consul F. A. Bee in reference to the reported telegrams sent to the press that parties of Chinese were being smuggled across from British Columbia to the Territories of the United States. Mr. Bee evidently felt strongly on the subject, for on the matter being broached, he said with some warmth that he pronounced the dispatches "unmitigated lies."

"Why this fellow, the sender," continued the Consul, "started in soon after the restriction law went into effect and his first dispatch stated that twenty-one Chinese women had crossed over, disguised as Indian squaws. The next announcement was that a boat-load of Chinese disguised as Indians had landed on this soil and those news dispatches continue to come. Then there is one in yesterday's CHRONICLE in which seventeen Chinese are said to have boldly landed 'just below town' and escaped."

"What is the object or end to be gained by sending such reports, if false?" asked the reporter.

"My dear fellow," replied the Consul, commiseratingly, "the wording of that question is astonishing. That fellow at Port Townsend is getting up an appointment boom. He wants to get into the Custom-house service with his friends. Sandwiched in every dispatch is something like the following: 'The Custom-house must have a larger force to carry out the Restriction Act, or this outlawed influx of Chinese into the Territory will be greater than before the law was passed.' These things show which way the cat jumps."

"Do you know what effect these dispatches have had on the authorities?"

"The first to take the bait was General Rosecrans. He demanded and had an agent especially appointed to investigate; in fact two were sent up there. This Consulate took a nibble at the hook also and sent off a commission. The CHRONICLE has published the results of these agents' work. The absurdity of these reiterated misstatements is apparent, from the fact that if boat-loads of seventeen Chinese can be boldly brought over and landed just below town, tons of opium might also be landed 'just below town' and save an entry of \$10 per pound duty. Take my word for it, sir, the telegraph correspondent has a lively imagination."