

## CHINESE PRISONERS.

### MARSHAL LONG INSPECTS THE COUNTY JAIL.

#### He Inquires Into the Treatment of the Incarcerated Mongols.

On Saturday last Consul Bee appeared before Judge Morrow with a complaint that United States prisoners of the Chinese race confined in the County Jail were being cruelly treated and abused. Judge Morrow directed United States Marshal Long to make an investigation, and intimated that if Consul Bee's statements were found to be true he would in future order all Chinese prisoners to be sent to the Alameda County Jail instead of to the jail in this city.

Yesterday Marshal Long made his visit of inspection. He found only sixteen Chinese prisoners confined in the jail under judgments or orders of the United States courts. In regard to food there was no complaint as the detained Chinese were served with the regular prison food supplemented with rice and other Chinese dishes and delicacies. In regard to cell room, however, the Chinese prisoners are in a bad fix, but owing to the crowded condition of the jail it is impossible to give them better quarters. The cells occupied by the Chinese are up under the sloping roof, are small, dark and so low that the occupants are unable to stand upright in them except when they stand just in front of the doors.

It may be that arrangements will be made to transfer the United States prisoners to the Alameda County Jail. The County Jail officials here are in hopes that the sixteen prisoners will be transferred, as it will greatly relieve the overcrowded cells and enable them to make the other prisoners in the jail more comfortable. Outside of the fact that the Chinese are necessarily confined in cramped quarters the jail officials deny that any abuse or even neglect has been suffered by the Mongolians.