

QUARTER TICKETS.

MR. M'ALLISTER'S CHARMING INNOCENCE.

The Case of the Chinese Woman Quan Ah Kim—A Technicality in a Test Case.

Quan Ah Kim, a Chinese woman, appeared before Commissioner McAllister yesterday afternoon to be examined as to her rights to be landed. She stated that she was 23 years of age, and was married to Fung Ah Gutt in China in 1883, and that she was 15 years of age when she went to the home of her father and mother in China. The woman swore that she left this port on the City of Peking on the 2d of April, 1881. The records in possession of Colonel Bee, the Chinese Vice-Consul, showed that no woman had left on the Peking on the date specified. The book was produced, and Attorney Mowry protested that it was incorrect. A demand was thereupon made upon the books of the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company. They were produced and showed that on the date in question there were sold five one-quarter tickets for Hongkong on the Peking. That was the evidence that favored Quan Ah Kim.

Mr. McAllister said to a CHRONICLE reporter: "Of course, if there were five quarter tickets sold, it is evidence that there were five women on the steamer. Quarter tickets call for children under 3 years of age. They were in arms and must have had mothers of course. That shows that Mr. Bee's records were incorrect."

"Then you think Mrs. Kim was one of the mothers?"

"Of course—at least the evidence points that way."

"But she affirms that, although married, she has no children."

"Yes, I know; that is a weak point for them."

The commissioner then went on to state that Collector Phelps was adopting a wrong policy. He thought he should submit what evidence he had to the United States District Attorney, and then matters could be properly arranged. The commissioner will recommend that Quan Ah Kim shall be landed.