

CONSUL BEE TALKS.

THE NEW CHINATOWN IN THE CITY OF ANGELS.

A Tract Leased and Over One Hundred Two-Story Brick Buildings to Be Built.

F. A. Bee, Chinese Consul, who recently returned from Los Angeles, where he has been for the past few weeks, endeavoring to arrange the affairs of the Chinese residents of the town of booms and to locate the Chinese in a suitable part of the city, was interviewed yesterday about his experiences in the south.

"We have leased a tract 800 feet long and 250 feet wide," he said, "for ten years. Building upon it will commence at once. Contracts have already been made for the erection of sixty two-story brick houses and sixty more will be soon contracted for. The streets will be sewered, graveled and sidewalks laid and the Chinese will have an excellent place. The old place was not suitable. It was in the Spanish quarter, in the heart of the city, and old adobe houses were used.

The new place is also in the city, not on the outskirts, and is much better every way. You must know that there is not the same prejudice down there against Chinese that there is here. A great many Eastern people are in the town. I think that in the county there may be about 3000 Chinese, the majority of whom are in the city. Many Chinese merchants have interests down there, but the immigration is not very large. Most of those there now, have been there for ten or fifteen years.

"Have you received any official notice of the departure of the Chinese officials who are expected here soon?"

"No, I have not. I understand, however, that there are two mandarins coming. I do not know, though, whether they are coming on official business or not. My impression is that they are coming to negotiate some financial scheme. They are accompanied by a Russian count and a Philadelphia capitalist, and I think that the idea is to get capital to run railroads and make other improvements in China. If they succeed in doing it it will bring a great deal of money into this country. England and France both tried to get commissioners sent to their country, but were unsuccessful. The Emperor has decided to open up China and improve it greatly. About eight months ago we sent a quartz-mill there, and orders have already been received for more. The Union Iron Works are working on one now."

"They are for the mines in the north of China, which are going to be developed. If these improvements are carried out it will certainly bring as much as \$3,000,000 into this country.

"By the way, I noticed in one of the papers a few days ago a statement that 2000 barrels of flour had been shipped to China. This fact was telegraphed all over the country as a wonderful thing. The fact is we are continually shipping flour to China from this State. Last year we shipped 450,000 barrels."

"What do you think of the report that Jay Gould would start a bank in China?"

"Oh, I don't think there is anything in it."