

saw it was Horace D. Dunn, formerly in the consulate service of the government in Japan, and beside him the Japanese Consul in this city. These four hats were lifted probably more from the fact of the insult than any preceding intention. Mine was, I know. I saw no other respect shown.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE SIX CHINESE COMPANIES—A REPLY TO THE SAND LOT ORATORS—THE COMPANIES NOT TRADERS IN THE LABORS OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 10, 1878.

The Chinese Six Companies have hitherto treated with silence the statements of the sand lot orators and a portion of the press charging them with being engaged in the coolie trade and being contractors for Chinese labor, but, appreciating Eastern opinions as telegraphed here during the present week, have resolved to come before the public with the following proclamation, and which has been placed in the hands of your correspondent exclusively:—

TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

We deem it to be but just to the American people and to the press of the Eastern States, who have treated us with such fairness, to make this declaration, that the Six Chinese Companies are only benefo-

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lent associations; that their functions are exactly those of scores of like organizations throughout this free country. We have never, directly or indirectly, as charged at the public meetings recently held in the city of Boston, brought or caused to be brought one of our countrymen to this country under or by any contract in written, oral or otherwise, as slave, coolee, laborer or any capacity, under bond, contract or agreement, understanding, influence or advance of money. We have never contracted, let or hired one or any of our people to labor here or in any capacity whatever; have never had, demanded, required or received one dollar of wages or the earnings of our people here, directly or indirectly, as a company or companies, nor as individual interests, separately or collectively. The testimony of leading citizens given before a Congressional Commission fully substantiated the foregoing declarations.

Respectfully signed by the presidents of the Six Chinese Companies—Yong Wo Ning, Yung Kong Chow, Yin Wo, Sam Yup, Hop Wo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 10, 1878.

**WHAT THE CHINESE COMPANIES HAVE OFFERED
TO THE SHOE MANUFACTURERS OF CHICAGO—
THE CELESTIALS COMPETING WITH THE
CHICAGO CRISPINS.**

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

CHICAGO, August 10, 1878.

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