

The Name "De Boom."

Having taken note of the late decision of the Supreme Court of California, in the matter of the estate of Cornelius De Boom, we were glad yesterday to meet Mr. R. C. De Boom-Marsily, (the nephew referred to as Trustee in the decision and whose home is near this city), that we might gather from him more particulars concerning his family. The name "De Boom" is of Dutch descent and has figured prominently since the pioneer days of California. Cornelius De Boom was one of the first foreign Diplomatic Agents, who, after the discovery of gold in California, entered the Golden Gate. He was appointed Consul for Belgium on the Pacific Coast in 1848, arriving here the 18th of February, 1849, and had been Vice Consul at Valparaiso, (Chile), since 1842. Early pioneers may yet remember that the very first cargoes from Europe which rounded Cape Horn in 1848-9 for San Francisco, belonged to the DeBoon & Co. firms of Antwerp, Valparaiso and San Francisco. It was on board one of the De Boom vessels that our late and much esteemed townsman, Pieter Van Beyer, came to California. The De Booms were among the largest real estate owners and the name has always been closely connected with the city and towns of San Francisco. Mr. R. C. De Boom has in his possession many valued souvenirs, among them birds' eye views of San Francisco as it was in 1849, in 1851 and in 1854; a map showing how in 1851 the waters of the bay covered all of what are now Drumm, Davis and Front streets and portions of Battery and Sansome; a picture of the residence of Lola Montez in Grass Valley; sketches of the Vigilance Committee and their summary work when the laws delays were not put up with and punishment rapidly followed crime, and a scene of the fire of May, 1851, when property to the value of \$20,000,000 was destroyed, and in which the losses of the firm of De Boom, Vigneaux & Co. (then doing business on corner of Leidesdorff and California streets) aggregated \$147,000.

There is a De Boom street in San Francisco, so named after P. R. De Boom, who died there in 1857.

Mr. R. C. De Boom, from whom we gather the above facts, after having with his wife traveled extensively, five years ago purchased a portion of the Hartson "adobe tract," on the Soda Springs road, and there built himself a pleasant home. Himself and wife are now the happy parents of three rosy-checked children and are not sorry that they selected beautiful and healthful Napa as their dwelling-place.

The decision of the Supreme Court referred to is of importance to Americans traveling abroad as well as to those who have selected a domicile in Europe, as it decides that the laws of the United States govern the personal property as well as the real estate of an American citizen who resides abroad.

*Dutch name "Boom" = tree
De Boom = Of the tree.*