

Mooneyville

In late 1883, Denis Kearney and Con Mooney organized a squatter's village of concession stands and tents south of the Cliff House. This was a protest against Leland Stanford's monopolization of Ocean Beach transportation.

Mooneyville lasted for about six months before the Golden Gate Park Commission and the San Francisco Police dismantled the settlement in January 1884.

Best known for his role in the anti-Chinese movement of the 1880s, Kearney was a study in contradictions: a nativist born in Ireland, and a labor leader who opposed unions.

THE BEAUTIFUL BEACH.

Mooneyville Squatters Agree
to Pack Up and Go.

FORCE OF A RESOLUTION.

Mr. Park Commissioner Pixfey Determines to
Remove the Shanties, and the Chief of
Police is Ready to Assist Him.

The end of Mooneyville is close at hand. Too long it has been flaunting its unwholesome, decency-defying banner to the breeze, and now it is going to be snuffed out in a most inglorious manner. After all its leagues, locations, recorders, brawls, bluster, shotguns, knives and bludgeons, its record of assaults, illegal liquor sales, its protestations of willingness and ability to defend its existence by force if necessary, its display of sloggers, its political backing; in spite of delaying motions in the Board of Supervisors, of the apathy of the Superintendent of Streets, its violent assumption of the shadow of right, it is to be removed without a struggle, and its very locators are going to assist at the packing up instead of resisting. And all of this great good has been accomplished by a simple resolution of the Board of Supervisors, which is a most comforting matter for respectable people to reflect upon, as it shows that the present government of this much-abused municipality is sufficiently strong to command the instant respect and obedience of even

THE LOCATORS OF MOONEYVILLE.

A *Daily Alta California* newspaper article describing the end of Mooneyville in 1884.