

I think there is a choice between Chinese immigration and other foreign immigration. I think the so-called white people the most desirable, but I would as soon have the Chinese than a good many of them. Take the average class of Germans and the average class of Chinamen who come here, I would prefer the Germans by far. Unrestricted immigration of Chinese would not have a tendency to prevent the immigration of Germans.

White people preferable.

A great many Germans are in the anti-coolie leagues. There is just as bitter hatred among the Germans as among any other class of people. Being a native German, I am very much opposed to the prejudice against foreigners. I consider a Chinaman nothing but a foreigner, and put him on the same plane as any other foreigner.

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I have dealt a great deal with Chinese, and with the Chinese merchants in this city particularly. I have always found them truthful, honorable, and perfectly reliable in all their business engagements. I have done business with them perhaps to the amount of several millions of dollars. I have never had a single one of them to fail to live up to his contracts. I never lost a dollar by them. I cannot say that much for the white race.

High character of business men

Regarding the advisability of the unrestricted immigration of Chinese to this coast, I am inclined to think that there are not more Chinamen here at present than are really needed, and I think it is a question how far this immigration should go. I should say it was a proper subject of legislation to have a general restriction or power to restrict.

Not more Chinese than needed, but there should be power to restrict.

I should think that they cannot assimilate and become a portion of our people, nor are they likely to do so. The coming and going of the Chinamen would not change the relative relation of the two peoples to each other; they would remain the same general alien people. The younger people learn our language very quickly. The masses do not speak it.

Civilization.

Our civilization is superior to theirs.

Immigrants from Europe and the eastern states, as a class, would be more desirable than the Chinese. As to the influx of the Chinese, as having a tendency to prevent immigration of white labor from the east, I should say that the immigration of whites depended very materially upon their success here; that is, the wages they receive, their advancement, and all that. Wages are about the same here now that they were ten or fifteen years ago. As a rule the Chinese do not come here for permanent residence; foreign and eastern immigrants come here for the purpose of remaining and making their homes here. I think that without Chinamen it would be impossible to develop very many of the material interests of the state. With them I think that our people, perhaps, are better off; we can progress more rapidly. I do not think it would be desirable to make the Chinese citizens by giving them the franchise.

Development of the country.

Among the common Chinese whom I have employed, I have found them to be an industrious people, and, as a general thing, very reliable. In a great many situations I much prefer the Chinese to white labor. Then, again, in farming I employ nearly all white men, for the reason that the Chinese do not understand farming. They can only be worked in gangs, where they have their own head man. I have paid higher wages to Chinamen than I ever paid to white men—as cooks, for instance.

Not desirable to give them the franchise.

In some situations preferred Chinese; in farming, whites.