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ties which they attempted to import into that gladsome western country.

The smallest coin was "two bits" equivalent to 25 cents. They had never seen anything so insignificant as a ten cent piece, and resented the idea of the "chi-chako" (i.e. Chinook for "Newcome") introducing any such ridiculously small coinage.

Wages ran from eight to ten dollars a day when anybody felt like working, and it can easily be understood how unpopular a new arrival became if he showed symptoms of possessing frugal habits, always mistaken by the good old 'forty niner' as evidence of a mean disposition.

I remember driving up the wagon road with a load of tenderfeet from